

Bacon Celebration  
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Kipling to Osler  
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NOTES FROM BOOKS

REWARDS AND FAIRIES By RUDYARD KIPLING; London 1910

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(Autographed by R. K. and also in script by him is "Excellent herbs had our fathers of old".)

(Script) Burwash  
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Sussex.

*Solvo. for Rudyard Kipling.*

May 10. 1914.

Dear Osler,

I can't tell you how shocked I am to find the practice of medicine at Oxford (Roger's own university) so grossly behind The Age.

It was Galen who laid down that "anger at meat" (by which he meant all ~~mental~~ mental emotion save of the mildest) is the mother of evil: and here are you - Regius Professor - counselling me to recite my own verses "at" not before or after, but at - a bountiful meal. May I refer you to "Libellus" R. B. A. &c. &c. de retardandis senectutis accidentibus et de sensibus conservandis (Oxford 1590). But seriously much as I should love to be of use to you I fear I am no good in this matter. I don't know Bacon except from the popular legend: I have no Brewer and I can't get up to Oxford on the 10th and I am up to my eyes in work and arrears of work of all sorts. Forgive me, and send me, as soon as you can your paper on R. B. to file with my old doctors. Nicholas, who could write even if he couldn't cure for nuts, says at the beginning of his Herbal "I knew well enough the whole world and everything in it was formed of a composition of contrary elements, and in such a harmony as must needs show the wisdom and power of a great God". That seems to me to ~~present~~ <sup>cover</sup> Roger Bacon's outlook and I present it to you for a quotation.

The wife joins me in kindest regards to you both and I am

Yours ever sincerely,

Rudyard Kipling.