

From the Regius of Medicine, Oxford.

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Dear Birkett,

I shall not come out now with all these troubles on hand. I am awfully sorry. I was not surprised that the Charleton matter had to come to a head. Poor thing! She had enthusiasm, but had never had the proper training. I have had a good talk with Casey Wood, and I think he will be most helpful in developing the ophthalmic side. As I dare say you know, I hope my collection ^{of books} will go to the College. It will be particularly rich in the rare and historical works and the original editions of the old masters of the first rank. Of course, many of these rarer things I could not myself have afforded to buy, but my brother E.B. has given me in the past two years about £1,000 for the purpose of purchasing incunabula and the more expensive editions. Let me know who has been appointed acting librarian, as I should like to keep in touch with him, or her...

It is nice to think that everybody is so delighted with your appointment as Dean.

I wonder if we could not have Shepherd's portrait painted by Guthrie in Edinburgh! Is there any example of his work in Montreal? I think he is the best portrait painted on this side at present.

Greetings to Mrs. Birkett and the girl.

Sincerely yours,
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