

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

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Dear Garrison,

So glad you have got Billing's Life finished. I wish the Boston people had taken it. I do not think there was any special financial risk. I predict a great success from your state of cortical humility! I will send on your letter to Miss Acland, who will be delighted.

Your extract from Emerson about England<sup>+</sup> is splendid. I am sending it to one of the papers.

Very glad to hear that you are doing a sketch of Gaskell, whose good work was never fully appreciated in this country. I hear everywhere such good accounts of your History, which must have caught on in this country very well. It was an encouraging sign to see it the other day in the room of one of the young surgeons at the Haslar Hospital. I will send you before long a list of typographical or chronological errata!

What an interesting programme you have got for your Historical Club this winter! I am suggesting ~~to-day~~ at the Council Meeting of our Historical Section to have a series of bibliographical demonstrations and talks illustrating the evolution of naval and military hygiene. I have been reading Baron Larrey - a fascinating life!

We are very full of work. Between 600 and 700 wounded have passed through our base hospital here - only one death; that from tetanus. We have 14 Belgian professors in Oxford, all but one stranded financially and even sartorially. They are a eugenic lot, with large families. Lady Osler has roused her American friends and got a very good bank account for them, and the Rockefeller Foundation has made a splendid offer for the Louvain science men. But it is an awful tragedy! The country is in fine form, and nearly 700,000 recruits have come in, and I do not think there can be any doubt as to the outcome; but there is a long road ahead.

Do not forget my anaesthesia wants.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.

+ Conclusion of Emerson's English Traits