

From Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

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C O P Y

Dear Dock:-

I am delighted to hear that you have got the Beaumont collection. After all, it is more appropriate with you than at the Surgeon General's.

See if you have got the photograph of St. Martin at 81. I think I must still have the negative of the one Judge Bauby had taken for me. Send me an account of the Proceedings that I may put it in my volume of Meyer.

We are having a busy time here medically. I have been greatly interested in this cerebro-spinal outbreak in various parts of the country. I was at Salisbury last week for a couple of days. The disease has spread there from the camp to the civil population. I saw some 15 cases, and lectured to nearly 250 doctors from the country. Naturally the public is very much stirred up about it.. I am struggling, too, with this typhoid inoculation question, against which the anti-vaccination cranks are making a strong fight. About 95% of the men are protected. It is curious that the paratyphoid is prevailing so extensively. We only had about 12 cases here at the Base Hospital, 7 of which were paratyphoid, and I hear that among the Indian troops in France it is almost entirely paratyphoid. I lectured at Chester, too, last week to the North Wales Medical Society on the soldier's heart. There are a great many instances of the old-fashioned irritable heart of DaCosta - of worry, tobacco, and too much exercise.

The library continues to grow. I have made several great hauls lately-- the Withering paper, (letters and journals, etc.) a MS Perigrination of Andrew Boorde, a unique copy, from which Hearne printed in 1733 -- Aristotle ed. Prin. Aldine. Revere has joined the Canadian Contingent, and has been

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assigned to Clevedon Hospital as orderly officer. He will go over to France with the McGill unit, with Campbell Howard, Birkitt and Billy Francis. He has taken hard to books and to literature. I enclose you a copy of the bookplate he has just drawn for himself. It will be very good when properly engraved.

How are the boys? Lady Osler is well. We have got 22 Belgian professors here and their families, all living on good American money. Things are beginning to look hopeful, but it is a long and worrying business.

Love to Mrs. Dock and the boys.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Wm. Osler.