

June 5th.

(1916)

13, Norham Gardens,
Oxford.

Dear Streeter

I send this week the Raynalde 1545 a very good

copy. If you or the Library take it send cheque to J.Y.W. MacAlister 1 Wimpole St.W.London. I have added a couple of notes at the back.* One of the former owners has notes in the front. The 1542 edition to which he refers, and says he has seen, is not known. Early copies rarely turn up.

It is awfully good of you to be willing to give up that gem but I am afraid "after the war" there will be no more gems of that sort for me, with cobwebs in both pockets. The work is one of singular beauty and you are fortunate in its possession. I shall look for the description with great interest. Do stick at Aristotle. We need a few men in the profession who know the Master first hand. Have you Ogles edition of the de partibus animalium? If not it would be easy to pick one up for you.

And did you see D'Arcy Thompson's Aristotle as a Biologist?

He would send a copy. That is a fine bit of work by Curtis, which shows how important to go back to Aristotle.

We are making plans here for a summer School in the History of Science, -after the war. Dr Singer and his wife have come here and we have arranged a Science room at Bodley, to be the center of the work

I am so glad you have got Sarton at Harvard, as he knows the subject well. Dear old Sudhoff! I suppose he loathes us all here. This war is digging a great gulf between us and the Germans.

So glad you saw Warren's treasures. Nice to have such families in the profession. Please look forward when the war is over to a good long visit here. I have all sorts of schemes in my war-added brain. We are looking to the future with courage and hope.

Ever yours,

Wm Osler.

* (these Ms notes cover a page and a half of the end leaves and as they are twice signed with his signature I give them in full as typical)

Ms notes of W0) referred to in letter of Jun.5,1916.

"this of 1545 is the first edition of Raynalde as the 1540 edition was a translation of Rosslin by Jonas.

Rosslins original edition was in 1513 - "Der Schwangern frauen und habamen Rosegarten"

see for literature; Klein Zur Bio und Bibliographie Rosslins und seines Rosengartens. Aechiv f.d.Gesch.d.Medizin iii,304, and- Ballantyne "The Byrth of Mankynde" Jr.of Obst.& Gynach. 1906-7 and -"Rosslin's Rosegarten" by E.Ingerslev. Jr.of Obst. & Gynaecol. Jan.&Feb. 1909.

(signed W.O.)