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A Doctor Kennedy prepared a list of English Medical Books to 1800--see Dict.Nat.Biog.--and died as he was preparing to print. I have sent a query to Notes & Queries about the MS. Try to find his relatives.

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Dear Prof Rushing

I have been a long time sending you the copies of the touchpiece letter and of two short personal letters. The reason is that for five weeks the College has been closed & I have been out of town; also that I have been waiting for an opportunity to visit the British Museum to renew my acquaintance with the Kennedy bibliography. This I have now done.

It is a rather big undertaking for a medical man, but seems to me very incomplete. Sir William evidently came across the notice in the Dict. of Nat. Bios. & wanted to know something about it. The title is "Athenae Medicæ Britannicæ," "the book-lore original & translated of British Medicine and the cognate sciences from the introduction of printing to the end of the 18th century, with biographical sketches of the writers MDCCC LI".

It is arranged alphabetically by authors, but
the biographical sketches do not appear to be
included. The whole consists of 24 quarto
volumes, with another volume as supplement.

Presented to the British Museum by Mrs Charlotte
Kennedy, widow of the author.

The Sydenham Society evidently contemplated
the printing of the work, for a specimen proof
of the first 32 pages was issued about the
year 1859. The project seemingly fell through.

I have spoken to two or three persons whom
I thought likely to have received letters from
Sir William, but they inform me that
such letters have not been preserved.

I am,

Yours faithfully

H. W. Barlow.
