

From the same to W.O.

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Dear Dr. Osler,

I was glad to receive your letter of the 9th and to know that you were well and therefore happy in your charming milieu. I have just finished vol. XI of the Index-Catalogue (2nd series) but after all it does not take in the letter O. The subject of the Nervous System (from Nerve to Neuroses) alone occupies 240 pages! The Public Printer sordidly objects to printing more than the appropriation for the volume will pay for, so we end with the completion of letter N. With another year's margin of time perhaps the lacking seven reprints may be discovered and come to you singing joyously.

"O, Master! we are seven!"

I should like to meet you in Munich - I have always wished to see the famous old city. I hope it "waves all its Banners" to welcome you. I have not picked up much of rarity lately for our library - there is a Nicolaus Praepositus, 1471, so clean, and with such black ink; no pallid Mergenthaler abomination. There is another Nicolaus, N. Salicetus, 1493, also acquired. His book of Meditations is a queer collection of devotional essays all in medical terms. He was a doctor of Arts, of Medicine, and Abbot of a Monastery beside.

I again venture to express the hope that the quiet of Norham may be helpful to that much needed History of Medicine!

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT FLETCHER BOOKS

Please give my kind remembrances to Mrs. Osler.