

Letters from Geoffrey Langdon Keynes, M.D., F.R.S. to W.O.
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My dear Sir William,

I wonder if you remember getting a letter from Cosmas and myself somewhere about last May. We sent you what we believed to be a new fragment by Sir Thomas Browne which we found in a Commonplace Book that I bought early in the year; it certainly belonged to Sir T.B.'s daughter Elizabeth and has a lot of interesting Browne matter in it. That particular fragment, "Of Consumptions", we have not yet found anywhere, and we believe it is new. I am now writing a full account of the whole book, and that makes me write to you again. For one of the other things within is a list of the books read to Sir T.B. by Elizabeth, and I want to find out how many of them can be identified in the catalogue of Sir T.B.'s Library. I tried to get at the B.M. copy of the Catalogue yesterday, but the Press-mark was all wrong, and it couldn't be found. So I am wondering if you could possibly bring yourself to lend me your copy for a few days; it would be a great help, as I haven't in any case much time for the B.M. But please don't hesitate to refuse if you think it would be risking the book too much to send it through the post (of course registered both ways). I am, in any case, making a rather impertinent request, I'm afraid.

I am not yet demobilised, but have been brought over here to learn about the after-treatment of wounds, and I am attached for the purpose to the Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Cosmas got badly wounded in the last battle, and then nearly died of influenza on top; but he has got on very well since and is nearing the end of convalescence.

I expect you have been immensely busy and I hope are not overworked.

Sincerely yours,
GEOFFREY KEYNES.