

(Letters to Dr. Viets)
(typewritten)

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13, Norham Gardens.

Dear Viets,

Please occupy your, I hope, abundant leisure in making a study of Nicholas de Cusa, 1401-1463. The town is near Treves, and he is stated to have founded there a hospital for 33 poor men, in the Church of which is his heart (to which pay my salutations,) and in the Hospital a number of his manuscripts. (V. Heller: Geschichte der Physik, page 210,) and in the libraries you will find several works upon him.

Though chiefly remembered as a precursor of Copernicus, he really was a great experimental philosopher. I have just got his original, ed. prin. to my great delight, and the conclusion of his wonderful de docta ignorantia is appropriate - si me amas, esto diligens - vale.

Sincerely yours,

WM. OSLER.

(notes on back of letter)
(handwriting)

must be 50 - good not sick - 28
A room for each man - only men - only for men - wife has to be looked
out for before they will take them
Only in last 9 years have any women been here
6 sisters now -
4 domestics & w in kitchen -
"Poor Hand Maidens of J. Christ"
St. Vincents
Burgomaster & 6 men in town sent in
Dio
Am. just here
Sitting room was used for Am. boys - 6 or 8 yesterday
Whoever forgives Germany
6 -
4 counselmen
1 rector
1 burgomaster

Christmas for Am. boys

Dr. Thomas give 20

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14th March, 1919.

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Viets,

I am delighted to hear that you are on the track of St. Nicholas; do get all details possible and photographs. He will be a splendid subject for study and you could have the special section on

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translated. Look up his literature too - there should be plenty of it in Treves.

Sincerely yours,

WM. OSLER.