

To: SIR JOHN MACALISTER

Letter Typewritten.

13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford.

October 23rd, 1907.

Dear MacAlister:

I would like to have a talk with you when I get the details I have asked for about the other Medical Library buildings. I thought it would be useful to present to the Council a brief statement, with lantern slides, illustrating just what has been done elsewhere. Of course the Hanover Square building represents a large amount of good, solid effort, but it is quite evident that the building is not adapted for so large and important a Society, and it will be wholly inadequate as the library grows. I should say a plan of campaign should be carried out — first, in the profession; a committee in each section of the Society actively taking up the work; secondly, the families of notable old members, who might not only subscribe, but would help fit up certain rooms in the building; thirdly, the public at large; and lastly, I feel quite certain that if we go to Mr. Carnegie with a statement of what has been done and show the position the library holds, he will put down a lump sum just as he has done for the new building at Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.