

13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford.

Dec. 17th, 1909.

Dear Jacobs;

Thanks for the sketches for which I was waiting before ordering the 'Aesculapius'. I do not think it would be too high, but I suppose it should have a small pedestal.

As I mentioned the 'Dolet' books went en bloc.

I saw the Harvard Treasure room this year, and was much delighted to see the Norton books very well arranged, and his English literature treasures are wonderful.

Have you ever seen Plimpton's collection in New York, chiefly of the old arithmetics? The Catalogue 'Rara Arithmetica' has just been published. He is a member of Ginn and Company, and a very interesting man. He happens to be in Oxford just now, and lunches with us today.

We are deep in a Bodleian fuss over the new under-ground storage room, whether to have fixed or moveable cases, and the whole scheme of a new policy.

I enclose you a slip about a big gift by one of the South African diamond merchants. (Otto Beits' memorial to his brother, Alfred Beits, £215,000, for Medical Research Fellowship)

We had a dinner last night of the Trustees of the advisory Board, a most interesting gathering.

I hope you may have a good Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.