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From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

20, Dec. 1913.

Dear Garrison,

Your paper will be read at an early meeting and go in our transactions. Crawford is greatly pleased with it.

I shall be very interested to see your book. Thank you in advance for the copy. Our history section has been doing very well. Jastrow's lecture was a great success and we have had a good talk on Egyptian Medicine from Elliot Smith and Caton lectured this week on the Greek temples. <sup>[Selemon]</sup> My lectures have been delayed, as I have been so busy this term I have not had time to finish the proofs. They are semi-popular and represent a sort of aeroplane flight through the centuries.

I am delighted that you are undertaking the life of Dr. Billings - a worthy subject. I am glad you have all these private details of which you speak. I am pleased to hear that you are getting on with the Incunabula Catalogue. I hope before long to print my paper on the early printed books up to 1480, dealing with them as illustrating the mind of the profession during the early years of printing. I have been getting some treasures lately. A friend brought from Persia a superb Avicenna MS. and a canon written in 1190. His tomb at Hamardan needs restoration. I have written for an estimate and if within reason I shall pass round

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the hat.

Love to McCaw and other friends in the Library.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler

P. S. Just opened your envelope with the preface, which makes me very keen to see the book. I am sure it will have a great success.