

From the Regius Professor of Medicine,  
Oxford.

To Sir John MacAlister,

30 April, 1914.

Letter (Typewritten)

Dear MacAlister,

The question of organizing a Vesalius celebration has been twice before the council of the Historical Section. The Brussels Celebration will be about December, 13th, and we could have ours the week after. The Society should ask the co-operation of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons. Will you talk with the President about it? It is suggested to have

- (1) An exhibition of the works of Vesalius.
- (2) A lecture on his life and work.
- (3) An exhibition of the portraits and drawings.

It is suggested to have Prof. Harvey Cushing, who has made a special study of Vesalius and has a great collection of his works, to give the lecture, and Spielmann to give the lecture on the portraits and drawings. He is doing this for the Brussels people. It could all take place in one evening or afternoon, and it might be an occasion for the Society to have a reception and a loan exhibition of the portraits, and books, and drawings. The College of Physicians would probably lend the Calcar, and I could get the Tintoretto portrait from Christ Church.

Another matter! I see the Hodgkin sale early in May a 1478 Calvus. Could we not bleed some fellows to the tune of about £30 and send a bid? It is one of the great books of the profession, which the library should possess. I will go a fiver. Who are the men likely to help in it? I will attack them.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.