

(From secretary's notebook)

(To Dr. H. S. Birkett)

Dear Birkett:

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I shall not come out now with all these troubles on hand. I am awfully sorry.

I was not surprised that the Charlton matter had to come to a head. Poor thing she had enthusiasm but had never had the proper training. I have had a good talk with Casey Wood about the library and I think he will be most helpful in developing the ophthalmic side. As I dare say you know, I hope my collection will go to the College. It will be particularly rich in the rarest historical works and the original editions of the old masters of the first rank. Of course many of these rarer things I could not myself have afforded to buy, but my brother E. B. has given me in the past two years about £1,000 for the purpose of purchasing incunabula and more expensive editions. Let me know who has been appointed Acting Librarian as I should like to keep in touch with her from here.

It is nice to think that everybody is so delighted with your appointment as Dean. Greetings to Mrs. Birkett and the girl. I wonder if we could not have Shephard's portrait painted by Guthrie in Edinburgh. Is there any example of his work in Montreal? I think he is the best painter on this side at present.

Wm. Osler.