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(To Walter Libby, Pittsburgh, Pa)

(typewritten)

FROM THE REGIUS PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, OXFORD.

30 November, 1914.

Dear Professor Libby:

I was very much interested in your letter in "Science" of November 6th. I have been a long believer that the best way to interest young men is to teach them the evolution of the leading ideas in science. We are just making an interesting experiment at the Bodleian, devoting one large alcove at the Radcliffe Camera to books dealing with the evolution of science. Dr. and Mrs. Singer are in charge, and we have already got six workers at various subjects.

I am glad to see that you refer to Dannemann which is the best book I know on the subject - only, of course, it is rather long. A good deal can be done by the individual professor in his seminar work if he makes the men approach all the problems from the historical standpoint.

I wish some broad-gauged man would write up the story in English. I am afraid of these 'polyzoan' books, as they lack unity.

Sincerely yours,

W^m Osler.