

(Mackall)

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Dear L.L.M.

That was really a great gift - (Browne's Miscellany Tracts 1683 - L.L.M) - went direct to the spot - filled a gap, and bowled me over for a few minutes. It was so good of all you dear fellows to give me this pleasure. That Round-robin was A.1. Send a brief memo that I may put in book, as to provenance, &c. Is it the 1902 ed, that was sold at ~~Solity~~^{Sotheby}? or have I not an idea of one since then on which I bid and missed? It must be an excessively rare item. And who got it up? beautifully done & such a credit to the binder, whose name should have been put somewhere.

I have been on the point of writing several times but there has been such a succession of calls - I have never had a year with so much to do outside & so many worries. I have not been able to finish my paper on the Med. Incun. to 1480 but I have the list & the books done & some of the text ready. I wish little ~~Cours~~^{Cours} was available as there are items hard to identify. I think I shall have an interesting study.

Could you not get us something for the Bibliographical Society? Our Science room & Seminar at Bodley is thriving & we have as first fruits a Vol. Studies on the History of Science, which should be ready in a few months.

My library grows - Catalogue complete but I have very little time for real study.. A splendid copy of Ambrose Paré Anatomie Générale, 1560, of which there were only two copies known when Malgaigne^(?) wrote his big treatise - 250 francs! It was the first Anatomy in the vernacular & has been 'thumbed' away. (X)

A 1673 apocryphal ed. of Le Malade Imaginaire came in yesterday -

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I can find no reference to one of that date. I am struggling with my Bibliotheca prima - for which I have a great scheme.

Revere has become an abandoned bibliophile - & is getting a very good collection - Walton & his friends & the Elizabethans. He has a keen love of the best in English literature. He is in the Royal Field Artillery pounding away on the Ancre. It is a devil of a mess. I often wonder if we shall ever see the end.

Excuse pad - I am in bed with a heavy cold. Thanks, a thousand times for your kind offices - re the Miscellanies!

Yours ever

W^m Osler.