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Turin (Italie), le 9 Februaire 1909.

Prof. C. J. P. Thompson
Monks Deen
Northwick Park Harrow.

Dear Sir.

By the same post I am venturing to send you under registered wrapper a Report of more than 600 items on Old Medicine, among which, I trust, you will find good many works that may suit you for your collection on the same subject.

I have done this handwritten list very roughly in a few days. I could not elaborate this index bibliographically, however I can assure you that all books are in good condition and guaranteed perfect, unless the contrary is stated. The prices marked with red ink are strictly net. When comparing my terms with those of other Italian or foreign booksellers you will see yourself that I have charged the lowest possible net prices, in the hope to supply you regularly with old books. I am travelling very much and I have always magnificent occasions to buy rather important libraries.

Hoping to be favoured with an early reply I remain, dear Sir,

very faithfully yours,

Giovanni Imhof.

Harrow

16th February, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 9th February, enclosing the report on the 600 old books on medicine, and also for the M.S. of Medical Secrets by D.N.Pace, which has safely come to hand. I will keep the M.S., and enclose you herewith cheque for the value of the same, namely, sixteen lira.

With respect to the old medical books in your list, I have not yet had time to go through them, but as a great deal of their value depends upon their condition, the best way would be for you to send me the whole lot on approval, and I could then select those I wanted, or make you an offer for the whole of them. They could be sent very cheaply by sea from Genoa to London direct, or by rail *Petite Vitesse*, whichever you think best, and I will pay carriage. If you are agreeable to do this I shall be glad if you will send them off at once, as I expect to be going abroad in about a month's time.

I am always open to purchase ancient M.S.S. and early printed books, especially important ones on medicine, surgery, alchemy, astrology and botany, and I should be glad if you will report to me a full description of any you may meet with, with prices, and give me the first offer of the same before including them in the catalogue or offering them elsewhere. I can give you bankers' references in London if required.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) C.J.S. THOMPSON.

Mr Giovanni Imhof,
Via Venti Settembre, 2,
Turin

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Turin (Italie), February 19th 1909.

Prof. C. J. G. Thompson, Ph. D.

Monks Dene Northwick Park, Harrow.

Dear Sir,

With my best thanks, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your fav. of the 16th inst. including cheque for 16 Francs, as payment for the medical lbs. I sent you.

I am very glad indeed to hear that you have decided to take the whole lot of the 620 Old Works on Medicine on approval. It is a fact that even good bibliographical descriptions very often cannot give a right idea about the value, condition or contents etc. of uncommon scientific books. When going through such lots of books often you may come across certain books of which you possess poor copies or which you would like to buy, because they have some supplement, handwritten additions or special plates, etc.

Everything will be carefully prepared and forwarded by the cheapest & most convenient route I shall find out, so that you can count to receive the books before your departure from Harrow.

As I have always something in view I can assure you that you will

receive

receive regularly my reports of books on your line, before they will be catalogued or offered elsewhere. Just now I am hunting after some beautiful medical MSS. of which I hope to get hold.

I have taken as principle to gain little, but to turn over quickly my business capital — and so you will always have not only first choice, but also the cheapest rates.

I remain, dear Sir, very truly yours,

Giovanni Inghis

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Turin (Italie), February 21st 1909.

Dear Sir,

Would you like me to send you on approval the following very rare
edition?

Yours very truly,

Giovanni Imhof

Messe, Johannes. *Canones univ. de consuetudine medicinarum et
confectione operationum earundem. Gradalin eiusdem Messe
medicinar. universalium quod Antidotarium nuncup. Liber
eiusdem medicinarum particularium. Additis Petri Apporti et
antidotarium Nicolai Platearii.* (at the end:) *Impressum
Venetiis, p. Gregorium de Gregoriis, Anno domini 1513, in 4^o.*
Contemporary Italian leather binding, blind tooled.

postfree Fr. 35,- net

332 unnumbered leaves, last leaf is blank.

The binding is damaged.

I. leaves slightly worn, otherwise good copy

Harrow

15th March, 1909.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th February, I note what you say respecting the library of medical books. Of course, as you are well aware, it is never very satisfactory to make a purchase of this kind without first seeing the books, but I quite recognise the difficulty of your position in the matter.

I have now gone carefully through the catalogue which you have kindly sent me, and I note that the majority of the books were printed during the eighteenth century, in fact, only fifty-six out of the entire number were printed before 1700. As you are aware, no doubt, books of this period unless of some special rarity, are of very little value, and realise practically nothing when sold by auction. The best plan will be for me to make you an offer for the lot. As the carriage that I shall have to pay from Turin to London will be a considerable item, and taking other matters into consideration, I think that one thousand lire Italian would be a liberal price for the six hundred and twenty books.

With reference to the copy of Mesue which you kindly sent me for inspection, I have already a copy of this edition, and in London it is not worth more than twelve lire at the outside. I will, therefore, return it to you on hearing from you again.

Faithfully yours,

Signor G. Imhof,

Via Venti Settembre, 9,

Turin.

Account:
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C. J. I. Thompson Esq. Ph. Doc.
Monks Dene, Northwick Park,
Harrow.

Dear Sir,

I am almost sorry to inform you that the collection of Books on Old Medicine you wanted to go through cannot be sent on approval.

Let me here, I want to be quite frank with you: When travelling abroad I discovered there 640 works on Old Medicine. As I could not dispose at once of the sum the proprietors asked from me I arranged with them to sell the collection on commission. I did that handwritten list and put down the lowest prices for you, on which the proprietors would have allowed to me a small percentage.

The day I agreed with you to send you the whole lot on approval I was quite convinced to manage everything and to induce the proprietors to let me have the whole collection "on sale or return." But now they have replied that I ought to pay beforehand the whole lot. It goes without saying that books not in good condition or damaged could always be returned, even some few books you would not like to keep for other reasons.

As I don't know how many books you would have chosen you will understand that I am now in a very difficult position. Be sure that I always shall be glad to send you on approval any valuable MS. or book from my own stock, but in the present special case I shall be very much obliged to you, if you would go through my handwritten list and state, which books (if complete copies and really in good condition) you would be prepared to take, so that I may buy them.

Asking your pardon for waiting for your kind answer I remain, dear Sir,

very truly yours,

Giovanni Imhof.

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Turin (Italie), March 23^d 1909.

Prof. C. J. Thompson
Monks Dene, Northwick Park.
Harrow.

Dear Sir.

Thanking you for your favour of the 15th inst. I beg to inform you that I have offered to the proprietors of the collection the sum of one thousand francs for the whole lot, as you asked me to do. I am sorry to say that they are not prepared to reduce as much the original net-prices I fixed with them and would rather prefer to wait for another occasion. For you may choose even some few books out of the lot probably it will be more convenient to put aside all the modern ones and to take into consideration only those fifty-six printed before 1700.

Sorry I could not arrange this time I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will kindly examine my future reports of old books from my own stock which always can be sent in approval.

I remain, dear Sir, very faithfully yours, Giovanni Imhof.

P.S. May I ask you to send me back the handwritten-list?

Harrow.

26th March, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 23rd inst., just to hand. Before closing up this matter of the collection of medical books, it would be well for you to let me know the very lowest price that the owners of the collection are willing to take for the whole lot. Kindly reply as early as possible, as I expect to go away from home in about a week's time.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Signor Giovanni Imhof,
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Turin (Italie), March 31st 1909.

C. J. G. Thompson Esq. Ph.D.

Monks Dene,
Northwick Park, Harrow.

Dear Sir.

With reference to your last favour I beg to inform you that I have obtained from the proprietors of the Collection of Medical Books the following conditions:

I can allow to you:

- 25%
- 1) a discount of 5% if the amount will come to 500 Francs at least.
 - 2) a discount of 10% if the amount will come to 1000 Francs at least.
 - 3) a discount of 12 1/2% if the amount will come to 1500 Francs at least.
 - 4) a discount of 15% if the amount will come to 2000 Francs, or more.

To be deducted
from the net-
prices on my
handwritten list.

I remain, dear Sir, very respectfully yours,

Giovanni Imhof.

Harrow.

6th April, 1909.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 31st March, in which you kindly give me the discount which the owner of the medical library is willing to give, I may say that if I bought any of the collection I should like to buy the lot, and as a great many of the books in the library are of very little value, as you might point out to him as a dealer, he could never get the amount asked for them, try as he would. If he is willing to give me a discount of 25% off the total price in taking the entire library, I may consider it, if you will kindly let me know.

I shall be glad to hear if you accept my offer for the Mesue which I still hold awaiting your reply.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) C.J.S.T.

Signor Giovanni Ishof,
Via Venti Settembre, 9,
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Turin (Italie), April 14th 1909.

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Dr. G. J. L. Thompson,
Monks Dene,
Northwick Park, Harrow.

Dear Sir.

I have seen now that it won't be of any more use to treat with the proprietors of that Collection of Medical Books, as they are very singular people. I could not obtain any further reduction and therefore I myself would rather suggest to close up the matter of this Collection. I hope I may be able to report you in the near future some more important and more convenient lot of Medical Books a. Mrs., so that this renouncement won't be a loss for your library.

As to the Merue I can easily reduce the price as you asked me to do, because the book is from my own stock. I bought it together with some other old books which are already sold and have covered my expenses.

I remain, dear Sir, very faithfully yours,

Giovanni Imhof.

Harrow

7th May, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 14th ult., and regret delay in replying as I have been away in France. I am sorry that the owners of the libraries of medical books will not accept the liberal offer I made for the same, I am afraid they will never get a similar price again.

As there are certain of these books I should like to have, will you kindly keep in touch and watch this collection for me, in case they come into the market again at a future period, and let me know accordingly.

I enclose you a cheque for twelve lira for the mesue, and shall be glad to hear from you at any time of manuscripts and early printed books on medicine and the early sciences which you may come across.

Faithfully yours,
(signed) C.J.S. THOMPSON

To

Signor Giovanni Imhof,
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Turin (Italie), May 22^d 1909.

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Dear Sir,

With thanks I beg to acknowledge your receipt of your last favour
enclosing cheque for 12 Ital. Liras, as payment for the Mesue.

Thinking over again the matter of that collection I have come to the
conclusion that you could avoid expenses by selecting out of the lot the few very good
a priceworthy items which you would like to possess. In that case you won't
have the trouble to put up for auction the rubbish-part of the collection. Anyhow
I shall watch up the whole thing, as you asked me to do, but as the proprietors are
wealthy people I don't believe that they might be in a hurry to start with.

I am preparing for you another handwritten list of old books.

I remain, dear Sir, very faithfully yours,

Giovanni Imhof

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Dear Sir,

Before sending you my new list of Old Medical Books I want to let you know
about the following works I have come across.

Believe me, dear Sir, very faithfully yours, Giovanni Imhof.

Alessio. De' secreti movimenti ristampati et in somma
diligentia corretti. 2 vols. Ven. 1620. Half calf.
Fr. 15.- net.

Faloppia. Secreti diversi e miracolosi raccolti e nuovamente
ristampati et a common beneficio di ciascuno distinti in tre libri.
Il modo di fare diversi elix, cerati, onguenti, unctioni,
dettersarii, pillole et insin altri medicamenti — di fare diversi
sorsi di Vino et acque molto salutifere — Secreti di
Alchimia, etc... Ven. 1638. Vellum.
Rare. 1650 Fr. 12.50 net

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Volum, giet.

De Secretis Lib. XII, ex variis authoribus
Brasilae, Lynceus, 1662, 128°, with many woodcuts.

Valuum, giet.

Fr. 20. - ⁰net

Mairs, T.

Bairs, P. *Herb. medicinali. Ven. Valentin. 1629, 6d.*

Fr. 14. - net.

Contains a lot of curious secrets.

1561

England.

Harrow.

22nd June, 1909.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 7th inst., I find I have already the books which you kindly offer in your letter of that date, otherwise I should have been pleased to have had them.

I am awaiting your new list of old medical books which you promised to send me.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

(signed) C. J. S. THOMPSON.

To

Signor Giovanni Imhof,

Via Cernaia, 1,

Turin.

Monks Dene, Northwick Park,
Harrow.

May 26th, 1910.

Dear Sir,

You may remember that some months ago, you sent me particulars of an old library of medical works, for which you were in treaty. I shall be pleased if you will kindly let me know if this is still for sale, and if the proprietors are likely to accept ^{my} ~~an~~ offer, if I repeated it.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed). C.J.S. Thompson.

Signor Giovanni Imhof,
Via Cernaia, 8,
Turin,
ITALY.