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MARTIN, REY. E.O

AKBARPUR, INDIA

1911

Aug. 31st, 1911.

Dear Mr. Martin,

I desire to thank you very cordially for the small box of Hindoo remedies which you have been kind enough to send me. They are a very interesting selection, but a number of them we have had before, as we are constantly getting samples of native drugs forwarded from the East.

The objects that would be of the greatest value to us are native surgical instruments, ancient and modern; and models or pictures of Deities associated with healing.

Again thanking you very heartily for the trouble you have taken on our behalf,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Rev.

~~Mr.~~ E. O. Martin,
Akbarpur,
Dt. Fyzabad.

Akbarpur

Dt: Fyzabas.

July 5th /11.

Dear Mr. Thompson.

In continuation of my letter by last mail I have pleasure in sending you a small assortment of Hindustani Remedies for certain well known complaints. I send these as a sample of a fairly wide field of research. As you know the practice of medicine was well developed in India when ours in England was in its infancy.

If you will kindly let me know I will send you a further assortment, but I first would like to know if these I send are of any possible use. Possibly so well-known a firm as Messrs Burroughs Wellcome has already secured all available specimens. The parcel goes separately & usually takes a week longer to reach destination.

Yours very sincerely

L. O. Martin

C. J. S. Thompson Esq

Easley Mews.

25th July 1911.

Dear Mr. Martin,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of the 28th June last, and am pleased to know that the medicines, etc., I forwarded to you will be of use in your work.

I was much interested in your letter, especially in the reference to the rough wooden obstetrical instruments which you say are used by the village midwives. We should greatly appreciate a set of these for the Historical Medical Exhibition, if you could obtain the same. The Obstetrical Section is to be a very important one, and anything in the way of instruments or other apparatus used in obstetric cases, especially by the natives, would be of the greatest interest.

The pictures or models of deities invoked in cases of disease will also be most acceptable, and any other objects connected with pharmacy, surgery, and medicine, it does not matter how crude, would be of great interest to us.

I shall be prepared to recruit you any reasonable expense you may be put to in sending us a collection of these objects. Will you kindly address them as above.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindness,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Akbarpur.
District Fyzabad.
June 28th/11.

Dear Mr Thompson.

I fear you will think me very remiss in the acknowledgment of your letter dated May 25th and the very useful assortment of medicines and bandages sent by Messrs Burroughs Wellcome & Co. The fact is I waited until the parcels containing the tablets & dressings actually came to hand before acknowledgment. I remember once some years ago suffering under the mysterious dispensation of our Babu-worked Indian postal system for nearly 3 months after I had written home thanking the friends for the parcel that was coming! Often we don't get things at all if a Babu on route takes a fancy to the article in question.

Am glad today the consignment came safely to hand this morning and it was very, very welcome. The Blank Pills in particular are most useful as we have mainly a women's Dispensing work & use them extensively. Every single thing will be speedily requisitioned by our Hospital Assistants and put into use. With the

large attendances we are getting we simply
"swallow up" medicine. I have to plan and
cut down in other directions in order to keep the
supply up to the demand. I am very grateful
to you for the interest you have taken in getting
me this excellent consignment of medicines.

I have already set my people to work
to get some of the native remedies, &c. which
Mr. Wellcome wants for the Medical Exhibition.
A set of rough wooden instruments is used by
the ignorant village midwives in cases of difficult
labour. I hesitate about sending it as it may
be outside a Druggists' service. I will get it
& send it if you will kindly tell me if it is
useful. Has the Exhibition an obstetrical section?
In any case I am sending a collection of
native remedies only prepared for such diseases
as Dysentery, Spleen, Mal. Fever, &c &c. & in addition
specimens in the rough of drugs from which these
remedies are prepared. It trust these will be
useful. A consignment shall be sent in a few
weeks. Pictures of diseases involved for disease &c.
I will try to get & may be able to send a few.
Will coloured representations or photographs be
more acceptable? I take a personal interest in
this latter branch, but living in such an out-of-the-

way place it is difficult to do all I should like to.
Kind convey to Mrs. Burroughs
Welcome my appreciation of this kind gift
And with many thanks to yourself.
Believe me,

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.

Yours very sincerely,
L. Oron Martin

P.S. I venture to send you our yearly Report
for your kind acceptance.

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de manu. Lue

EASLEY MEWS,
WIGMORE STREET, LONDON. W.
May 1911.

Dear Sir,

While I was in Folkestone a short time ago, Miss Holden showed me the letter you had sent her pleading for a supply of medicines for the mission at Akbarpur, and I promised her to do what I could to help you in the matter.

I have brought the matter before Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co., and am pleased to say that they have kindly consented to forward you a stock of 'Tabloid' drugs, dressings, etc., which I trust will be of service to you.

In return for their kindness I should like to point out a way in which you might give assistance that would be much appreciated. At the time of the **Meeting of the International Medical Congress**, which will be held in London in 1913, Mr. Wellcome is organising an Historical Medical Exhibition, a syllabus of which I enclose you herewith. He is anxious to gather together from all parts of the world objects of interest connected with ancient medicine, surgery, folk-lore, pharmacy, and kindred subjects. If you could procure for him any native surgical instruments, pictures or models of deities connected with disease or the art of healing, and would forward them to me at the above address, they would be greatly appreciated, and I would willingly pay carriage on anything of the kind that you may send. I may leave the selection of such objects to you, when I tell you what a wide field they embrace. Any object connected with the art of healing or disease, especially of native work or that is used locally, would be much appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation, and trusting that the medicines will reach you in safety, and prove what you require to carry on

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your work.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

The Rev. E. Osborne Martin,
Wesleyan Mission,
Abkarpur, District Fyzabad, U.P.