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28 May 1914.

Dear Professor Thane,

We have recently added to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, which has been opened as a permanent institution today, a series of twelve remarkable anatomical pictures painted in oil about one hundred and forty years ago. I should much like you to see them when you can conveniently pay us a visit, and have pleasure in enclosing you a ticket of admission.

Faithfully yours,

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THANE, PROF.

Thane

6th August 1913.

Dear Professor Thane,

Many thanks for your kind note giving me the references with respect to the lunettes. It confirms what I thought, that they are not of the date placed upon them by M. Paul Gaudin, and I am having the label altered accordingly.

Many thanks also for your kind appreciation of my little book on the 'History of Inoculation.'

Again thanking you,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Thane

Harrow,

31st July 1912.

Dear Professor Thane,

I have much pleasure in enclosing you a copy of the little book on "Anglo-Saxon Leechcraft", and also a previous production on the "Evolution of Antiseptic Surgery" which I trust you will find of some interest. Of course they do not claim to be exhaustive studies of either subject.

May I have your permission some time later on to have a model made for the Historical Medical Exhibition of the Operating Table on which Liston performed the first operation using ether which you have in the Museum at University College Hospital.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am

Yours faithfully,

G.J.S.T.

Easley Mews.

25th July 1912.

Dear Sir,

In conversation the other afternoon, when you called here with Dr. Derry, you mentioned the fact that you were interested in the urolog^{sts} of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. I do not know if you have already seen the little book I enclose, which I think perhaps will interest you, XXXXXXXXXXXX
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Could you loan us any objects of medical interest for the Historical Medical Exhibition, which will be held at the time of the Meeting of the International Medical Congress next year. If so, I am sure Mr. Wellcome would greatly appreciate your kindness.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Professor Thane,
University College,
Gower Street, W.

H.M.E.

7th June, 1910.

Dear Sir,

I am desirous of having a picture painted for the Historical Medical Exhibition, which will be held in London in 1913, depicting the first surgical operation under ether, ^{in Great Britain,} performed by Robert Liston in the operating theatre of the old University College Hospital, on December 21st, 1846. I should be glad if you would kindly inform me if you know of any picture of the old operating theatre, and if so, if it would be possible to obtain the loan of the same for the artist.

I also understand that the original apparatus devised by Dr William Squire, and used at the operation for administering ether on that occasion is still preserved in University College, and I should be glad to know if the artist might make a drawing of it. I have already collected portraits of the leading surgeons, who were present on this historic occasion, including Liston, Sir R. Reynolds, Sir John Erichsen, Lord Lister and others. I intend giving the commission to an artist of repute, and the result should be a picture of great historical, medical interest.

Awaiting the favour of your reply,

I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Henry S. Wellcome.

Prof. Thane,
University College Hospital,
Gower Street. W.C.

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