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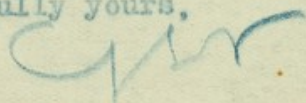
29 December 1913.

Dear Madam,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of December 3rd and am glad to learn that you are good enough to be still looking out for charms, ~~medallats~~ and other relics of primitive medicine. The objects which are particularly interesting to us for the Museum are instruments used by native medicine men and appliances used for surgical or other purposes, and amulets or talismans that appear to be worn for warding off disease. Also any appliances used in connection with midwifery or curious customs concerning births would be very welcome. Actual herbs and roots we do not require so much as we have a large collection of them, but any of the other objects that you may be able to obtain for us we should be very pleased to have. Meanwhile, allow me to thank you most cordially for the kind interest you are taking in our work.

I have pleasure in sending you under separate cover a hand book to the Historical Medical Museum and a report of the opening proceedings, and a few other brochures of historical medical interest which I trust you will accept.

Faithfully yours,



Miss Wakefield M.B.

1. Often also "medicines" are the local herbs, administered without a "medicine man".



Paito
via Mumia
N. Nigeria
Dec. 3. 1913.

The Curator of Medical Museum.

Sir

I note from your recent circular, you are still seeking charms, medicines etc. This country abounds with such, but it is not easy to get either papam or mbum, to say for what they are charms & medicines. Frequently they are for no technically medical object. Also I am no botanist, & cannot name the trees & roots from which "medicines" are extracted.

Under these circumstances do you care for anything one happens across? What about "layi" = bits of Koran or tradition sewn into leather charms?

Yours truly (Miss) F. Wakefield M.B.

Wakefield

ADDITIONAL ADDRESS

17 June 1913.

Dr. Frances Wakefield,
Paiko,
N. Nigeria.

Dear Madam,

I desire to thank you very cordially for your kindness in sending me the examples of native instruments from Nigeria for the Historical Medical Museum. They will form a valuable addition to our collection of native surgical instruments.

Again thanking you for your kindness,

I am,

Yours very truly,



Pairo
via Minna
N. Nigeria
May 16th 1913.

Dear Sir

I beg to thank you for your letter of 15 Ap. 1913 with directions & labels enclosed.

By this mail I am sending the humble instruments! as requested. When you have quite finished with them, unless anyone wants them for some museum or collection, please forward to Miss Wakefield, Birklands, Kendal England.

Yours with every good wish
for the success of the exhibition
F. Wakefield.

Wakefield

15 April 1913.

Dear Madam,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 18th ult. and for your kind offer to loan us some primitive instruments for the Historical Medical Museum.

I shall be very pleased to have the objects and should be glad if you would also send me a full description of their uses on the lender's form enclosed herewith. I should like to have them at your early convenience, as the official catalogue is now in process of compilation.

Thanking you for your kindness,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Miss F. Wakedield, M.B.,
Paiko,
via Minna,
N. Nigeria.



Paiko
via Innia
N. Nigeria
Mar. 18th 1913

Secy Med. Congress

Sir

would you care for loans for the coming
Medical Congress of a few primitive
medical instruments made by Hausa
blacksmiths & used by barbers

Yours truly,

(Paris) F. Wakefield M.B.

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