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6 J S Thompson Esq.
The Wellcome Historical
Medical Museum
54 A Wigmore Street
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LONDON. W.

In reply to your letter of
Today, I believe my brother's
instruments were bought by
the Aberdeen University &
are to be seen in the Museum
there.

Am m.

H.M.M.

28 October 1915.

Dear Madam,

In response to inquiries I had the other day, will you kindly let me know if your family disposed of the collection of Roman instruments that belonged to the late Dr. Milne, and if so where they could be seen.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Miss A.M. Milne,
16. Askew Road,
Shepherd's Bush, W.

Milne (Miss A.H.)

24 March 1914.

Dear Miss Milne,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of the 23rd inst.

On behalf of the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum I should be prepared to offer £15-0-0 for the sixty six pieces collected by your brother. This excluded the twelve odd pieces of bronze and one bracelet, which I eliminated from those your sister kindly showed me.

Please understand that my offer can only remain open until Saturday next, so will you kindly let me have a reply by the morning of that date stating whether it is accepted or not. We are re-opening this Museum permanently in a few weeks time, so I am obliged to close in any accessions within the next few days.

Awaiting the favour of an early reply,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Miss H.A. Milne,
43, Gladstone Place,
Aberdeen.

43 Gladstone Place
Aberdeen

21st Mar. 1914

Dear Mr Thompson

Many thanks for
your letter about
the instruments.

Before selling them
we promised to give
Aberdeen University
the chance of buying
them. but no one
here has any idea of

their value.

That is why I
would be very glad
if you would say
how much you would
be prepared to give for
them. It would help
us to go on with them.
I quite see what
you mean about its
not being a valuation.

Mr Swallow who
is mentioned in

my brother's book
very kindly offered
to take them to be
valued for us when
he is in London. but
he has not yet managed
to do so. Mr Inallon
was a great friend of
my brother's. and helped
him in many ways.
He knows Sir Henry
Angell of Zurich. who
has a large circle

of antiquarian friends

What I thought might
be part of a balance
was a bronze or iron
object two or three
inches in diameter. I
think 12/6 was posted
on the under side.

As we have not managed
to get the instruments
valued yet. we would
be very glad if you
made us an offer for them

Yours Sincerely

A. A. Milne

W. Ham

19 March 1914.

Dear Miss Milne,

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th inst. respecting your brother's Roman surgical instruments.

Among those your sister showed me was one spoon, but I do not remember seeing anything like the part of a balance. There were among the objects I saw thirteen odd pieces of old iron and bronze, which were of no medical interest and which I excluded.

I may say that our interest in these objects is to a large extent a sentimental one as being connected with your brother's name, and as we think it would be a slight tribute to his memory to include in the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum the instruments he gathered together. Therefore, I do not wish your father to take any offer I might be empowered to make for them in the way of a valuation, as none of the objects are of great rarity or intrinsic value.

As I understand from your letter the first offer of them is promised, your best plan would be to get the people to whom this promise was made to state what price they would give for them as a collection.

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Then if you will be good enough to let me know what they offer, I will see what I can do in the matter.

Thanking you for your kindness,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Miss H. A. Milne,
43, Gladstone Place,
Aberdeen.

43 Gladstone Place
Aberdeen

14th March 1914.

Dear Mr Thompson

My father has asked
me to reply to your kind
letter.

We are glad to think
that you are so interested in
my brother's instruments.
and will be very pleased to
have your offer for them.

We have been waiting
to get them valued by one
who knows about these
things. and your valuation
would be a great help to
us. as we are quite ignorant
of their worth. beyond
knowing that my brother
put a high value upon
them. But it is only fair
to let you know that we
have already promised to
give the first chance of

than elsewhere.

Although we had not heard of your museum before. We can see that it would be a very desirable place for my brother's collection.

Yours Sincerely

L. A. Milne.

P. S. I am not sure if my Sister showed you a Spoon and what might be part of a balance, with

the other things. They
were not in the case
with the instruments &
I do not know if they
have any medical connection
N. A. M.

116 Askew Road .

Shepherds Bush.

W.

5th March 1914.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thanks for your note
which I have just received.

I am sorry I cannot bring
the instruments at either of
the times you mention, in

any case it would not be
convenient for me to be at
Wigmore Street before 4.30.

But if Wednesday at that
time would suit you I could
call then.

Yours truly

A. A. Milne

H. Milne

13 March 1914.

Dear Sir,

Your daughter, Miss Milne, very kindly called to see me here yesterday, and showed me the small collection of Roman surgical instruments which belonged to your son, the late Dr. J.S. Milne of West Hartlepool. I was much interested in these, as some years ago when he was writing his book on the subject, he corresponded with me with reference to many of them.

I told Miss Milne we should much like to have his collection of Roman surgical instruments in the Wellcome Historical Museum. This Museum of which perhaps you have not heard, was opened last year as part of the International Congress of Medicine and closed at the end of October. By the wish of the members of the medical profession in London and others interested, it was decided by the generosity of Mr. Wellcome to make it a permanent institution. Those who lent objects of interest to it last year were communicated with, and the majority of them have allowed their objects to remain in the Museum permanently.

The aim of the Museum is to illustrate the history of medicine from the earliest times to the present day from an educational point of view, and it is our desire to make it as complete as possible. Another aim is to preserve the collections and instruments of distinguished men and to perpetuate their names in connection with the same.

We already have a large collection of Roman surgical instruments and should much like to acquire Dr. Milne's collection to place with them. In this Museum they would be kept together and always associated with his name, so that students could refer to them in connection with his book.

As I understand from Miss Milne that you wish to dispose of these instruments, I should be pleased on behalf of the Museum to make you an offer for the same on hearing from you.

Faithfully yours,

CT

Dr. Milne,
43, Gladstone Place,
Aberdeen.

Dr. Milne's Collection of Roman Instruments.

9 Probes.	3/6	1. 10 -
19 Spatulae (some broken).	3/-	2. 17. 0
2 Strigils.		1.
4 Large Spatulae.		1.
1 Pair of Shears.		8
1 Instrument with Snake.		5
1 Large double hook.		10
1 Ladle.		5
1 Tenaculum.		3
4 Netting Needles.		6
3 Pairs of Forceps.		15
9 Needles and Probes.		10
3 Needles.		3
1 Spoon.		5
1 Pin.		1
1 Bronze Pan.		4
1 Bronze Pot.		3
3 Knives.		10
1 Fork.		5
1 Bracelet and twelve odd pieces of bronze (non medical).		

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Mr. £15.00

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6 March 1914.

Dear Miss Milne,

Many thanks for your note just to hand. I shall
be pleased to see you on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30.
as you suggest.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. S.

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