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Clunch View.

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Faringdon,  
Bucks.

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FEB 1913

1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 1913

Dear Sir,

I am greatly obliged to you for your interesting letter about the Historical Medical Exhibition. I am sorry that I have no curios connected with medicine among the many I brought from abroad. Archdeacon Peckham informs me that Bishop Gore - ex Bishop of Singapore & Sarawak & now living near Guildford, has a curious box used by the medicine-men among the Dyaks, in which amulets and charms for use on the sick are kept. I have no doubt he would lend it & write a description of its contents, if he were applied to.

In a letter to Dr Leonard  
Skill, in answer to one from  
him in which he referred  
to the new method of resuscitating  
the drowned by the operator  
applying his mouth to the mouth  
of the patient; I questioned the  
newness of the method, and  
referred him to two occasions  
when the prophet Elijah ~~re-~~  
~~ferred~~ <sup>used</sup> exactly the <sup>same</sup> method,  
cir. 910 B.C. - once at Horebath,  
and the second time at Shunem  
(1 Kings XVII. 21 and 2 Kings IV. 32-35)

In reply Dr Leonard Skill admitted  
that it was precisely the same,  
and thanked me for drawing  
his attention to the fact.

I mention this here because I  
think Elijah, and indeed Elisha  
too, (for he cured the waters of  
Serdico with salt, and the  
deadly potage with meal)  
should find a place in your  
list of Priest-Physicians. There

events were not miracles, but  
the use of the knowledge of  
healing, &c.

I have invented an apparatus  
for the mechanical resuscitation  
of the drowned which at Dr  
Leonard Hill's suggestion, I have  
placed with Messrs Siebe, Gorman  
& Co of Westminster Bridge Road.  
If the model be completed in time  
would it be accepted as an  
exhibit in your Medical Ex-  
hibition or do you only want  
historical things?

You see by this I too am  
trying to creep into the category  
of patent-physicians!

I shall be pleased to learn the  
date for the opening of your  
Exhibition and in the meantime  
wish you every success in your  
preparations for it.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

(Rev.) D. Hollander Stebbins.

Henry S. Wellcome Esq.  
Snowhill Buildings  
London.

P.T.O.

In your brochure you say "every  
little helps" I therefore mention  
that in Singapore there is a remedy  
used for dysentery known as  
Mrs Knowen's remedy. I do not know  
of what it is composed excepting that  
she made use of the juice of the  
mangosteen fruit which is a  
powerful astringent. It has been  
used, to my knowledge, by medical  
men out there although they did  
not know the whole of its composition  
and used with marvellous results  
when all else failed. I have  
no doubt a letter addressed to  
A. Knight Esq, Singapore, would  
bring you the exact recipe, if  
you think it advisable to write for it.

O.S.

Sturges

STUBBS, REV. D. HOLLAND  
SINGAPORE

May 28rd 1905.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my cordial thanks for your kindness in sending me the names of several gentlemen who will be likely to give me assistance in connection with the historical medical exhibition.

Thanking you for your kind interest in the matter,

I am,

Yours very truly,

The Revd. D. Holland Stubbs,  
Killiney House,  
Singapore,  
Straits Settlements.

Stubbs

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SINGAPORE

REV. D. HOLLAND  
STUBBS

Cy S  
to write.  
Warner  
thanks for  
great kindness

H M G

Killiney House,  
Singapore, S.S.

17. 4. 03.

Sir,  
In reply to your circular  
letter announcing your  
intention of holding a  
historical memorial exhibition  
in London shortly, asking  
my assistance in obtaining  
suitable loans as exhibits,  
I regret to say that I have  
nothing I could send you  
but I think I could put  
you in the way of obtaining  
much that would enrich  
your exhibit. If you have

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not already written to  
Dr. Kautsch, Curator of the  
Singapore Museum, formerly  
connected with the Liverpool  
University, I am sure, if  
you will do so, he would  
send you specimens of the  
medicines used by the natives  
of Malaya: the Sakis, a half  
wild tribe of the Peninsular,  
many others. He has in his  
care, medicine gods, amulets,  
charms & several of the model  
boats which the Malays fill  
with spells, charms & send  
aboard under sail to carry  
away sickness from their  
shores. This they always do

during an epidemic.

Also you might write to  
Dr <sup>D.P.</sup> Rose of Kuching, Sarawak

who could give you some  
valuable information respecting

the customs of the Dyaks of

Borneo. Also to C. B. Kloss

Curator

of Sohore Bahru, Johore <sup>Malay Peninsula</sup>

has completed recently a  
very able work on the Australian  
Islands. <sup>Andaman</sup>

From these gentlemen  
you might obtain much  
information.

Believe me, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Rev<sup>d</sup>

D. Holland Stables

Acting Chaplain to the Forces Singapore.

Henry S. Wellcome Esq

Snow Hill Bldg

London. E.C.

P.S.

X H. W. Ridley M.D. F.L.S.

Oriental Botanical Gardens  
Singapore

also Dr. Balchior Treub  
Oriental Botanical Gardens

Buitenzorg

Batavia

Java

For native medicinal plants.

Acknowledged  
MAY 23 1905  
B.T.

Letter & prospectus to  
MAY 23 1905  
each gentleman  
mentioned.

4 Feb. 1913.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your very interesting letter and for the trouble you have taken in the matter of the Historical Medical Museum.

I should be greatly obliged if you could let me have Bishop Hove's address, as I should like to write and ask him if he would loan us the box used by the Dyak medicine-men.

I was very interested to hear that you had invented an apparatus for the mechanical resuscitation of the drowned, and trust it will prove a success. As our Exhibition is confined to historical medical objects, I fear this would scarcely fall within its scope.

I thank you for the suggestion with regard to Elijah, also for the interesting note about "Mrs. Brown's Remedy".

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Rev. D. Holland Stubbs.

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