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H.M.M. Official

25 July 1917.

Dear Mr. Blandford,

On behalf of the Museum, I wish to thank you very cordially for your generous gift of the two old stethoscopes, ~~and~~ ^{and} even early printed books on medicine and kindred subjects, the two old surgeons' cards and the menu card of the college club.

I can assure you I much appreciate your kind thought in placing them at our disposal where they are sure to prove of value to all interested in the history of medicine who visit our Museum.

With renewed thanks,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

W.F.H. Blandford Esq.,

6. The Paragon,

Blackheath, S.E.

H.M.M. Official

25 July 1917.

Dear Mr. Blandford,

On behalf of the Museum I wish to thank you very cordially for your generous gift of the two old stethoscopes and the seven early printed books on medicine and kindred subjects.

I can assure you I much appreciate your kind thought in placing them at our disposal where they are sure to prove of value to all interested in the history of medicine who visit our Museum.

With renewed thanks,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

W.F.H. Blandford Esq.,
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H.M.M. Official

23 July 1917.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of the 20th inst., and am very pleased to learn that both your wife and self so much enjoyed your visit to this Museum. It is very kind indeed of you to offer us such interesting gifts to add to the collection, and I shall be very pleased to accept the stethoscopes, and also any of the books you mention. I do not think we have any of them, and I need hardly say we shall greatly appreciate your kindness.

I trust to meet you the next time you are able to pay us a visit if you will kindly ask for me at the entrance, and it will give me the greatest pleasure to show you anything that may interest you which may have escaped your notice.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

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TELEPHONE-LEE GREEN, 705.

6, THE PARAGON,
BLACKHEATH, S. E.

20th July, 1917

The Curator,
Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co's Museum,
Wigmore Street,
W. 1.

Dear Sir,

My wife and I have just had the pleasure of visiting the Museum under your care for the first time. As the son and grandson of medical men, I found it extraordinarily interesting, and had no idea that the collection was of such magnitude. It would take many visits to examine it properly.

Since my visit I have been looking to see whether I have anything worthy of acceptance by the Museum. Though I have seen and possessed a certain number of articles of medical antiquarian interest, most of what I now own is not of importance, or is fully represented in your collection.

If of sufficient interest, however, I shall be very pleased to give to the Museum two stethoscopes. One is a very early pattern of the ivory-ended type, with a stem fully an inch in diameter, and, I think, a little earlier than those of the type shown at the Museum. The other is a later ebonite stethoscope, with the stem divided in the middle, so that the chest half can be inverted and screwed down over the ear half for convenience of carriage. This type is, I think, not shown at all.

I shall also be glad to give the Museum any of the following printed works which it may desire to possess. I have a number of early books but omit those which I happened to notice in the collection.

HARVEY, WILLIAM: Anatomical Exercitationes, London, 1653.

PAYNEBB, THOS: Regimen Sanitatis Salerni, London, 1575.

CELSUS: Aldus, Venice, 1528.

HENRY VIII. Acts of Parliament 14 & 15 Henr. VIII,

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The Curator,
Burroughes & Wellcome Museum,

containing the Act establishing the College of Physicians
Printed by T. Berthelet, London, 1524.

The above are, I believe, all perfect copies and
(except the Acts of Parliament) in the original bindings,
or I should not offer them.

Will you kindly let me know at your convenience
whether any or all of the above will be acceptable
additions to the collection.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

W. F. H. Blandford

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