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STEWART, REV. E.

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BOYTON RECTORY,

GODFORD,

WILTS.

24 January 1914

My dear Sir

Thank you so much for
that interesting photograph.

It shall be hung up in the
Vestry at Sherrington.

Should you be in the
neighbourhood, I hope
you will pay us a visit

Yours truly
Edw Howard

"Boston with Sherrington"

BOSTON RECTORY,

CODFORD,

WILTS.

Newyears Eve '13

My dear Sir,

Your letter that James's
Cough had to be put temporarily
on one side.

I am very interested in our
patron Saints of Sherrington -
more especially to find out
why the church in a village
as the I am sure should have been
dedicated to them.

There was a large Roman
castle there and one of the
Lords - Alexander Giffard
went with William Longespée
on Crusade in 13th or 14th Cent.

It seems true & probable that
the church may have been built
in gratitude for recovery from
illness (by some Crusader?) &
dedicated to patron Saint
of medicine (? St. Simeon,
connected with the Sazeram

Lord, the Earl of Salisbury - Longespée
who were closely connected with
the Cathedral (built 1220)
?? and who subsequently put up
2 figures of Cosmo & Damian
on the west front of the Cathedral.

This is guess work to account for
such unknown (in England) Saints
having figures in our Diocesan
Cathedral.

There are several small
◇ painted panes of glass
in the window - but I have
not found any figures of these
two Saints

I should very much like to
see the paintings in your
Museum. Are there any
photographs of them also?

I should value them to put
upon the vestry of the
Church - if they are permanently
fixed (unfading)

Should you care to visit
Sherrington at any time I
hope you will take luncheon
here. I am yours faithfully
Edmund Steward

I show that I spell

the name "Cosmas".

Surely it is "Cosmo".

(Cosmo the medic)

They were ^{adopted} ~~Flavian~~ ^{Flavian} patron

Saints especially at

Flavio.

There were two

Saints called 'Cosmas'

1. an Egyptian merchant
a great navigator
about AD 535

2. of Jerusalem and
a hymn writer
about 730 AD

Our Cosmo & Saurian
were martyrs in the
4th Century (Diocletian)

It seems important
Not to confuse them
with a Cosmas.

23 January 1914. ? 1915

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in enclosing you herewith a photograph of two of the most important oil paintings in the Historical Medical Museum representing St. Cosmas and St. Damian. I regret I have not got the negatives, so cannot make a halatinotype print, but I think you will find this will keep without fading.

Again thanking you for the kind interest you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Rev. E. Steward,
Boyton Rectory,
Codford,
Wilts.

W. St. John

6 December 1914.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for so kindly replying to my letter with reference to St. Cosmas and St. Damian. We have many representations of the saints in the Museum in the form of oil paintings, water colour drawings from ancient miniatures, and early wood cuts, and I will shortly forward you a permanent print taken from one of the drawings that I trust you will accept.

I was not aware there were two figures of the saints on the west front of Salisbury Cathedral. This is most interesting if they are ancient ones, and as soon as I am able, I will make a point of examining them if they are accessible. Your theory of the building of the church as a votive offering seems very probable.

With reference to your note as to the spelling of the name, I may say 'Cosmas' is the one generally used in medical literature. 'Cosmo' which is the Italian contraction of 'Cosimus' is, I know, commonly employed in Italy, and the Christian name is frequently used by the Italians today, as also in the time of Cosmo de Medici. As the saints were not

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of Italian origin, I think it is probably more correct to adhere to the Teutonic rendering which is 'Cosmas', a spelling which I find used in all the early German works on medicine. In France of course they use the name St. Come.

I thank you very cordially for your kind invitation to visit Sherrington. Should I be able to do so later on, I shall be sure to let you know.

Again thanking you for the information you have kindly given me,

I am,

Faithfully yours,



Rev. E. Steward,
Boyton Rectory,
Codford.