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POWER, DR. F.B.

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H.M.M.

15 October 1915.

Dear Dr. Power,

Mr. Wellcome has requested me to ask you if you could let me have the details of the academic distinctions and degrees held by the late Dr. Hoffman, and the date of his birth and death. All that I can ascertain here is that he was a Ph.D. I want these particulars to attach to a portrait of him that we are having framed.

I trust you are keeping well, and are enjoying your well-earned rest far away from the turmoils of the War which is still upsetting Europe. Things are just as usual in London, and our work goes quietly on. So many scientific men are at present absent on active service that it is a little difficult to arrange the meetings of the various Societies for the winter session.

You will be pleased to hear that our old friend Mr. E.M. Holmes was awarded the Hanbury medal last week.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Power

H.M.M.

20 November 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

Mr. Wellcome has just seen your portrait painted by Mr. Barraud this morning, and wishes me to present it to you as a gift from himself. It need not be altered in any way, but he requests me to ask you if you will kindly sit for another portrait which he wishes to have painted for himself by another artist whom he has selected, for a few mornings next week. This, as I will explain to you when I see you, is instead of having the plaster bust made by Mr. Godwin, about which Mr. Wellcome altered his mind. He is very desirous of having this other painting done at once, and wishes me to ask you to kindly consent to give the sittings as early as possible so that it may be finished before you go away. He wishes me to ask you to come to the Museum at 2.45. this afternoon when I will introduce you to the artist Mr. Webster who will be commissioned to paint the portrait, and immediate arrangements can be made for the sittings.

Trusting this will not inconvenience you at so short a notice,

In great haste,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Humm.

19 November 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

I was sorry to have to countermand by telegram to Mr. Godwin the order for proceeding with the clay bust, but from what he told me in his letter which came to hand at ten o'clock this morning, I was unable to give him permission to proceed with it.

I am very sorry you had the trouble of going to his studio a second time, especially when you are so pressed as at present, but I did not receive his letter till ten o'clock, and was unable to wire to stop you going, or otherwise should have done so. So please accept my apologies for the trouble you have had.

I am expecting the picture from Mr. Barraud here this morning, and Mr. Wellcome will see it tomorrow.

In great haste,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. S.

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16 November 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

I have made an appointment for you to be at Mr. Godwin's studio at 16 Onslow Studios, 183 Kings Road, Chelsea, on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

E. J. St

13 November 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

I have duly received your kind note together with the books which you have been good enough to present to the Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research. We shall transfer them all, and transfer them to the various libraries. Please accept our cordial thanks for your kind gift.

Since seeing you I find I shall have to be on duty for the British Red Cross Society on Monday afternoon, so shall be unable to meet you at Mr. Barraud's studio until Tuesday when I hope to be there at two o'clock. I trust this will not inconvenience you. I am advising Mr. Barraud by post today.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

H.M.M.

11 November 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

Thanks for yours of the 10th inst. just to hand. As you are engaged this afternoon and it is impossible for me to call at four o'clock, I will postpone my visit to the city until tomorrow, and I will look in and see you then about 2.30.

Trusting this will be convenient for you.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

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19 October 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

I have only just returned from the north of England where I have been during the past week, and hasten to thank you for the old Pharmacopoeias and other books that you have so kindly presented to the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum. They will form a very valuable addition to our collection of works on pharmacy, and we much appreciate your kindness.

I am still hoping to get to the city to see you at the first opportunity about the MS. I have been so pressed with work this last month that it has been impossible for me to get away from the Museum even for an hour. The first day I can arrange I will drop you a post card so as to make sure of finding you in.

Again thanking you,

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. S.

HM

13 October 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

I have just received the two parcels of books you were good enough to present to the Library. I will bring them before Mr. Thompson on his return next week.

Yours faithfully,

~~W. H. H.~~
I. W. H.

H.M. 17.

10 October 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

Mr. Huck will call at the W.C.R.L. on Monday afternoon about two o'clock to take the numbers of the books which I understand are to be transferred to the W.B.S.R.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

E. J. M.

Power.

14 September 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

Mr. Wellcome has sent by messenger the enclosed pebbles to me this morning requesting that they should be sent on to you for examination. He wishes to know qualitatively^{at} the composition of the blackened portions on the surfaces.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. C. R. L.

W. C. R. L.

Ham

16 June 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

In reply to your kind note of the 15th inst., it is very rarely I am in the City, but the first opportunity I have I will call in and see you about the manuscript of which you spoke.

We shall be very glad to have any out of date pharmacopoeias and the little American one especially for the W.H.M.M., and much appreciate your kindness in presenting them.

Trusting you are well and with kind regards,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.T.

Dr. F.B. Power, Ph.D., LL.D.,
Wellcome Chemical Research Laboratories,
6, King Street, Snow Hill, E.C.

W H Allen

19 May 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

Your kind letter of the 18th inst. just to hand.

I shall be most pleased to give Professor Edward Kremer any information or assistance I can in connection with the proposed reprint of the first edition of the P. L. of 1618.

As you may imagine I am exceedingly busy just now finishing off the Museum for re-opening next week, but I shall be very pleased to see you on Thursday afternoon if you can call about 2 o'clock. We can then go into the matter of Professor Kremer's letter. I shall be delighted to show you also a few of the recent additions to the Museum before it is opened.

Trusting you are well and with kind regards,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

E. T.

THE WELLCOME CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES

FREDERICK B. POWER, Ph.D., M.D., Director

9, KING STREET
SNOW HILL
LONDON, E.C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

18 MAY 1914

I have recently received a letter from Professor Edward Kromers, of the University of Wisconsin, containing a request for information concerning the possible production of a reprint of the first Pharmacopoea Londinensis, of 1618, and somewhat similar information to what he now desires was, I believe through your kindness, obtained for him several years ago. There is some detail connected with the enquiry which I cannot well explain in writing without copying the entire letter, and it is also impossible for me to take the time to go to the British Museum or the Royal College of Physicians in order to secure the information. I can imagine that you are also now very busy with preparations for the re-opening of the Historical Medical Museum, but as the matter is not a particularly urgent one, I have thought that a little later there might be an opportunity when the desired information could conveniently be obtained. I have an errand in the immediate neighbourhood of Wigmore St., and if you could spare me about five minutes on Thursday of this week, or some other day if more convenient for you, I would be pleased to call and show you Professor Kromers's letter, of which you could perhaps make a copy for future use. If this arrangement can be effected, will you kindly send me a line to indicate the time at which I may call!

Very truly yours

F. B. Power.

Power

W. J. S. T.

22 October 1913.

Dear Dr. Power,

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., I should be very pleased to help Professor Kremers in any way possible in obtaining copies of the papers he requires. I will write to him telling him what I can do and how to get them.

Trusting you are well,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. J. S. T.

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20 OCT 1913

Dear Mr. Thompson.

I am today in receipt of a letter from Professor Edward Kromer, of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. U.S.A., in which he expresses a desire to obtain copies of the following papers:

1. "Relations between art and the history of medicine", by Hollander, which was read before the International Congress of Medicine.

2. The following papers, which were announced to be read before the Royal Society of Medicine, Oct. 10th 1913.

M. Jastrow, Babylonian Medicine

E. Smith, Egyptian Medicine

R. Eaton, Greek Medicine.

I have observed that the lecture by Professor Jastrow has appeared in the "Lancet" of Oct. 18th, but with a foot-note that it will be published in full in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine.

I have informed Professor Kromer that I would write to you concerning the above papers, and I am sure that he would be greatly obliged if they could be obtained for him. He no doubt would also be glad to meet any moderate expense connected therewith.

Very truly yours,

F. B. Power.

C. J. S. Thompson, Esq.

S. 459

54 a Wigmore St. W.

Power

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H. M.

18 September 1913.

Dear Dr. Power,

In reply to yours of the 17th inst., I have pleasure
in enclosing you a copy of the Guide-Book to the Historical
Medical Museum for your friend.

Trusting you are well, and with kind regards,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Dr. R.E. Power, Ph.D., LL.D.,
6, King Street,
Snow Hill, E.C.

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21 April 1903.

Dear Mr. Power,

I enclose herewith a further instalment of the first proofs of the Hand-book for the Historical Medical Museum. I trust you will be able to spare a few moments to glance over them for me, as you so kindly did before.

I should be glad if you would kindly return the proofs to me at your early convenience, and oblige,

Faithfully yours,

Power

I.M.C. (without heading).

31 March 1913.

Dear Mr. Power,

I enclose herewith the first galley proof pulls of the Handbook for the Historical Medical Museum. You will see I am taking you at your word when you kindly offered a short time ago to look through them for us. I trust it will not make too great a demand on your time.

The copy for the part I enclose was set up very hurriedly and there are several gaps to fill in, as objects have come in since, but I was obliged to get on with it otherwise the book would not be ready in time.

I shall be grateful for any suggestions you may make, and should be obliged if you would return the proof to me at your early convenience.

Thanking you for your kindness,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

(continued from p. 10)

Power

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SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

17 SEP 1913

Dear Mr. Thompson :-

I have a letter from a professional friend in Switzerland, who very much desires to possess a copy of the "Handbook of the Historical Museum", or descriptive Catalogue. I am not sure of the exact title. If you have a copy of this to spare, and will kindly send it to me, I shall be glad to forward it to him.

Sincerely yours,

F. B. Power.

C. J. S. Thompson, Esq.

54 a Wigmore St.

W.

Power

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LONDON, E.C.

23 JUN 1913

To the Secretary,

Historical Medical Museum

54 a Wigmore St. W.

Dear Sir,

If you should chance to have a ticket available, I would be glad if an invitation to the opening ceremony of the Museum could be extended to my friend,

Dr. Wm J. C. Swift, M. R. C. P.

4 Gordon Square, W.C.

who is much interested in the subject.

Should it be possible to issue a second ticket, I would like to suggest sending one to

Dr. James Oliver, M. R. C. P.

18 Gordon Square, W.C.

Very truly yours,

F. B. Power.

Power

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6, KING STREET

SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

25 JUL 1913

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

As you suggested a few days ago that I should remind you by a written note of a request made to me by Professor Edward Kormers, of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A., I will now take the opportunity of doing so.

In a letter under date of July 4th he has requested 3 copies of the publications relating to the Historical Exhibition, and I presume that the description booklet would be what he desires. If you could send him 3 copies of this, I am sure that he would greatly appreciate the favour. I do not think it would be worth while to send more than 3 copies, and these could probably be sent most cheaply and expeditiously by book post.

Very truly yours

Stv. 458

C. J. S. Thompson, Esq.

F. B. Power.

Power

54 A Wigmore St.

23 May 1913.

Dear Mr. Power,

I am enclosing a complete but uncorrected set of the third proofs of the Hand-Book for the Historical Medical Museum, which I thought you might like to run through. As they have to go to press next Monday morning, I should be glad if you would kindly return them at your early convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

the lecturer on this occasion. And perhaps I may venture to say that there are not many people in this room better qualified to do that than I myself am—(applause)—for this simple reason. In the first place, I spent five years in the study and practice of pharmacy, or four years in practice, and one year in the school here, and I spent upwards of a year in the laboratory of a chemist who was famous in his day, and whose name, I am sure, is familiar to Dr. Power if not to everyone present—I mean Dr. Stenhouse. Stenhouse was a man who devoted himself to just that department of chemistry which Dr. Power so ably represents. Stenhouse made his great reputation in consequence of having isolated from vegetable sources probably the largest number of definite principles that, I think, can be claimed by almost any body, or any chemist, in the whole range of chemical literature. (Hear, hear.) In 1862, I remember, at the Great Exhibition, he had a case of products of his own discovery—I hope they have not been dispersed. It was a remarkable case of products of all sorts, which were the results of his own original research. It was a great advantage to me to be associated with Dr. Stenhouse, and to learn from him something of his ways. And I think, in a sort of way, it influenced my work in after-life, because I have always been interested in this sort of plant chemistry. When I was a young demonstrator in the school here—(“hear, hear,” and applause)—more than five-and-forty years ago, I did what I could to carry on little researches in connection with vegetable products, and perhaps I may venture to congratulate the Council to-day upon the enormous difference of aspect, the enormous difference of spirit, which prevails to-day in reference to that kind of work. (Hear, hear.) I remember writing a little paper on decoction of aloes, and it was read at an evening meeting, or at the conference. It was thought to be all right, but when I tried to find the constitution of aloin and other somewhat novel products, I was told that probably the Council would not like that as it was a little too scientific. (Laughter.) Now I think the Council may claim that all that has now changed. (Applause.) You have here a school in which the principles are applied to pharmacy, and you have a considerable body of purely scientific work in the laboratories of the school. You have a fellow, whose business it is to find out the constitution of aloes, but to find out the principles that take place, and I think the spirit in which the

C.F. 57 call on Mr Groves
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Life Maund :-

8 OCT 1913

With reference to your note of the
4th inst. and Mr. Wellcome's inquiry
concerning Mr. Stenhouse, only the following
information is at present available
to me.

The statement by Sir William Tildes
refers to Dr. John Stenhouse, F.R.S.
who died Dec. 31st 1880. An account
of his career and work is given in the
Journal of the Chemical Society, 1881. Vol. 39
p. 185. The one now living who probably
knew him most intimately and worked
for some time with him is:

Mr. Charles E. Groves, F.R.S.

Kennington Green, S.E.

Mr. Groves might possibly know whether
the case of specimens exhibited by Dr.
Stenhouse is still in existence or
what has become of it. If Mr. Wellcome
would like to write to Mr. Groves, a letter
addressed as above would reach him.

H. B. Jones.

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SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

15 JUN 1914

Dear Mr. Thompson:-

If you happen to be in this neighborhood some day, and could spare a few minutes to come to the laboratories, I would be glad to give you the M.B. and the little American Pharmacopoeia of which I spoke to you recently.

I have a few other foreign Pharmacopoeias, now out of date, which I am not likely ever to require, and if they are of any value for your collection I should be glad to give them to you.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

F. B. Power

C. J. P. Thompson, Esq.
54 Wignmore St.
W.

THE WELLCOME HISTORICAL MEDICAL MUSEUM.

54A Wigmore Street, W.

18 June 1914.

Dear Dr. Power,

I am returning to you herewith the original letter from Professor Kremer referring to the reproduction of the first edition of the London Pharmacopoeia. I will take the matter up as soon as I possibly can.

Faithfully yours,

THE WELLCOME CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES

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6, KING STREET

SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

Dear Mr. Thompson :-

10 NOV 1914

Your card of the 9th inst. has been received this afternoon.

I find that an appointment of a rather urgent nature has been made for me for tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2.30 P.M., which is just the hour you suggested calling, but I can arrange to be here at about 4 P.M. Perhaps you can quite conveniently plan to come in at the latter hour, otherwise I can arrange to give you the M.S. etc. at some other opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

F. B. Power

C. J. S. Thompson, Esq.

54 St. Wigmore St. W.

THE WELLCOME CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES

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6, KING STREET

SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:-

13 NOV 1914

I am sending to you, by Messenger, as arranged, 3 volumes of the "Proceedings of the American Pharmaceutical Association", viz 33 (1885), 35 (1887), 37 (1889), which you may kindly place with other odd volumes of this publication in your library. There is a complete set of it in the library here.

I am also sending to you the following works, as a donation from me to the library of the Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research, viz Vols I. II & III of "Reynolds's System of Medicine" (Hartshorne), and 1 vol. "Die Physiologie des Geruchs, by Jwaardemaker."

The last-mentioned books I trust will be acceptable to the Wellcome "Bureau", and I may ask you to kindly hand them over to that library after indexing.

With my kind regards, I am
Sincerely yours,

H.

STV. 458

C. L. P. Thompson, Esq.
54 A. Wigmore St.

F. B. Power

Power.

535 Warren St.

Hudson, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1915

C. J. P. Thompson, Esq.
54th Wigmor St.
London, W.

Dear Mr. Thompson :-

Your letter of the 15th inst. has been duly received, and I was glad to hear from you. It also gives me pleasure to be able to supply the information desired respecting the late Dr. Hoffmann. Fortunately, I am able to send you herewith a copy of an Appreciation which I wrote for the "Chemist and Druggist" subsequent to his death. From this you will see that Dr. Hoffmann was born June 20, 1832 and died December 30, 1904.

To the best of my knowledge the only academic degree that Dr. Hoffmann possessed was that of Ph. D. (University of Jena, 1859). He was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an Honorary Member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association, and the Pharmaceutical Society of St. Petersburg (Petrograd). His other achievements and the general course of his career are quite

completely set forth in the printed article,
of which I enclose a copy, and trust that
this may meet all your requirements.

I had seen in the "Christian and Druggist",
which I receive regularly, a notice of the award
of the Stambury Medal to Mr. E. M. Holmes,
and am delighted to know that he was the
recipient of this honour.

Please extend my very kind remembrance
to Mr. Willcome, and, with best wishes for
yourself, believe me to remain

Very truly yours,

Frederick P. Power.

535 Warren St.

Hudson. N. J. Jan. 22, 1915

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

I have thought that you would be interested to know that the portrait painted by Mr. Barrand arrived safely in this country, and, having been provided with a handsome frame, now hangs in the parlor of my home here. If you deem it suitable to let Mr. Barrand know of its destination, perhaps you would kindly do so, and also tell him how pleased my family are with the portrait.

As the second portrait by Mr. Webster was not quite finished when I left London, it would be of considerable interest to know whether it was.

satisfactorily completed and how Mr. Wellcome liked it.

The progress of the war, and especially the conditions caused thereby in England, have been carefully followed by me, day by day, through our New York newspapers. It seemed to me that the struggle was likely to be one of long duration, and present conditions would appear to confirm that view. Although missing greatly the many good friends in London, I am glad to enjoy for a season the quietude and rest which the more peaceful surroundings of my old home afford, and am still in excellent health. If you have the opportunity of seeing Mr. Wellcome, please convey to him the warmest regards of myself and family. Trusting that you continue well, and with every good wish for your welfare, I am Sincerely yours J. B. Power.

Easley Mews

18th March 1913.

Dear Dr. Power,

Could you kindly have a quantitative estimation made of the enclosed sample of earth? I know the sample is very small, but it is all I can obtain, and it is very important to us in connection with the Historical Medical Museum.

Trusting you are well,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

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SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

25 MAR 1913

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of the 18th inst., enclosing a sample of earth.

The amount of this material is much too small for a complete quantitative analysis, but we will accomplish as much as is possible with it. In view of the very limited amount of material, I have, however, thought it well to ascertain whether there is any particular element or substance which you would deem it important to seek for, or whether it is only desired that its general characters should be determined.

Sincerely yours,

C. F. Thompson, Esq.

F. B. Power

Easby Manor.

Wigmors St. W.

H.M.M.

26 March 1913.

Dear Dr. Power,

Many thanks for your kind note of the 25th inst. with reference to the sample of earth. I am very sorry it is impossible for me to get any more of this material as it has come down to us from the 16th century. The substance, I believe, is somewhat similar to 'Armenian Bole', and was believed to be endowed with mystic powers in the Middle Ages. It was prescribed largely as an absorbent and an antidote to poisons, so I do not think there is any particular element I can mention, but we should like to state as far as possible all the constituents we can find and their percentage.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

31st March 1913.

Dear Dr. Power,

Many thanks for the report on the sample of earth which will
answer our purpose very well.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

Easley News

19th February 1913.

Dear Mr. Power,

Very many thanks for so kindly sending the replica of William Harvey's diploma and the copy of 'Observationes et Historiae! The latter I find I already have among the Harvey books, so I am returning it to you with many thanks for the trouble you have taken in sending it.

With kind regards,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

Noted by Dr. Rindholm

Power

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Easley Mews.

19th June 1912.

Dear Dr. Power,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 18th inst, with reference to spurge. The plant I alluded to in the old Italian M.S. is simply called "Catapucia", which was apparently a generic term that could be applied to several species of spurge. I have since discovered that Catapucia Semen was the old Italian name for castor oil seeds which are known to contain a poisonous principle. You may be interested to know that this plant is now put forward as being the active ingredient in the famous Borgia Poison! Personally I have considerable doubts about it. However many thanks for the information you have so kindly given me.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

G.J.S.T.

THE WELLCOME CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES

FREDERICK B. POWER, Ph.D., LL.D., Director

6, KING STREET
SNOW HILL
LONDON, E.C.

18 JUN 1912

Dear Mr. Thompson.

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been duly received. With reference to your enquiry, I may say that there are considered to be about one thousand species of the genus Euphorbia, or "Spurge", distributed throughout the world. I am not quite sure which species would be regarded here as the "common spurge", inasmuch as Euphorbia cyparissias, E. peplus, and E. lathyris are all rather common in Europe. The only product from this group of plants which seems to have been somewhat fully examined is the so-called "Euphorbium", which represents the dried milky juice of Euphorbia resinifera, Desf., a plant indigenous to northern Africa, especially to Morocco. The poisonous principle of this plant, and apparently of other species, so far as known, is an acid resin.

I may note, confidentially, that I have planned for a complete chemical investigation of Euphorbia pitulifera, a plant which has been used to some extent medicinally in recent years, and for which very valuable properties are claimed. The material for this purpose has already been obtained, and is now being extracted.

I am not sure that the above information will be of much interest, but it seems to be all at present available on the subject, and if I can be of any further service please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. P. Thompson, Esq.

F. B. Power.

Easley Mews.

17th June 1912.

Dear Dr. Power,

Would you kindly inform me if the lacteal juice extracted from the common spurge has ever been chemically investigated.

As I daresay you know, in folk medicine it was commonly used as an escharotic for removing warts, and latterly I have found mention of its being used as a poison in the fifteenth century.

It would be interesting to know what the poisonous principle consists of. I do not remember seeing any chemical investigation of it. Perhaps you may know of something of the kind to which you could refer me?

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Duplicate.

Snow Hill Buildings, E.C.

22nd March 1910.

Dear Dr Power,

I send herewith two typewritten copies of the monograph on *Calotropis Procera* for Dr Balfour.

They have been checked but the words in Arabic type have been omitted and we **have** left them to be added by yourself.

I made enquiries yesterday respecting the purchase of a copy of the *Pharmacographia Indica*, and find that they are not often met with. We could probably obtain a copy after a little trouble for about 70/-.

I return herewith Dr Balfour's letter and the copy of the *Pharmacographia Indica*.

Yours faithfully,

G.J.S.Thompson,

per

Dr Power.

Basley Mews.

30th December 1911.

Dear Dr. Power,

In reply to yours of the 29th inst., re samples of earth, rock, etc., which I forwarded to you from Mr. Wellcome, I may say he did not leave me any definite instructions, as to the extent these materials were to be examined, but I should judge from what I know of the matter, that a qualitative estimation of each would answer his requirements.

With respect to the samples 1, 3, and 7, which are accompanied by duplicates, his instructions to me were to send two samples from the same parcel, each of which was to be examined, in case they might differ, so I think it would be necessary to analyse each sample sent.

With respect to the sample 12, the portion of stone to be tested, I should judge this only applied to chemical tests.

I trust that this information will meet your requirements, if not, I could put any query from you through to Mr. Wellcome, but it would take from four to five weeks to get a reply, and I know he is anxious to have the report sent out to him as early as possible.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Easley Mews.

19th January 1912.

Dear Dr. Power,

I desire to thank you for Mr. Tutin's report on the further samples of minerals, also for the unused portion of the material, which has duly come to hand.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.F.

THE WELLCOME CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES
FREDERICK B. POWER, PH.D., LL.D., *Director*

6, KING STREET
SNOW HILL
LONDON, E.C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

18 JAN 1912

In accordance with your letter of the 11th inst., I am sending you herewith a report by Mr. Tutin on the samples of minerals numbered 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

The unused portions of the material I am also returning to you by the same messenger.

Very truly yours.

F. B. Power.

C. J. S. Thompson, Esq.,

Earley Mews.

Wigmore St. W.

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10 JAN 1912

Dear Mr. Thompson :-

Your letter of this date is just at hand, and, in accordance with your request, I am sending by Messenger a parcel containing all the unused portions of specimens which have been analysed.

Sincerely yours

F. B. Power

C. F. A. Thompson, Esq

Easley News

Wigmore St. W.

Easley Mews.

11th January 1912.

Dear Dr. Power,

Your note together with the remains of the samples which you have had for analysis duly to hand.

Since writing you five more samples have come to hand, enclosed herewith, and numbered 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, which Mr. Wellcome would like examined in the same way. I should be glad if you would kindly therefore let me have a report as early as possible on these, returning the portions of samples left in the original boxes.

I am holding Mr. Tutin's report back until I receive the additional one from you.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Easley Mews.

10th January 1912.

Dear Dr. Power,

I desire to thank for the report by Mr. Tutin of the analysis made by him of the samples I sent for Mr. Wellcome. I am forwarding a typed copy to him, and I should be glad if you would return to me as early as possible the unused portions of the specimens in the boxes in which they were sent, as I wish to send them out to him together with the report.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

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LONDON, E.C.

9 JAN 1912

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

I send you herewith a report by Mr. Tutin of analyses made by him of material sent by Mr. Wellcome, as requested in your letters of the 28th & 30th ultimo.

I may suggest that it would be well to have the report typed, and to send a typed copy to Mr. Wellcome, preserving the original, as the report might become lost in transit or misplaced.

The unexamined portions of the specimens sent will be retained here, subject to any disposition that you may wish made of them.

Sincerely yours,

F. B. Power.

C. J. A. Thompson, Esq.

Essex House

Wigmore St. W.

Easley Mews.

28th December 1911.

Dear Dr. Power,

Mr. Wellcome desires me to send you the enclosed samples for analysis, a report on which he wishes me to send on to him in Egypt as soon as possible.

In making your report, will you kindly place against each sample the exact numbers and inscriptions that appear on each box. I enclose a list of the samples which I send herewith.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

28th December 1911.

Dear Dr. Power,

Mr. Wellcome desires me to send you the enclosed samples for analysis, a report on which he wishes me to send on to him in Egypt as soon as possible.

In making your analysis, C. D. 2. 3.

Yours faithfully,
C. D. 2. 3.

List of Samples.

1. Sample from Case 76.
2. Ditto.
3. Sample from Case 94.
4. Ditto.
5. Sand for analysis.
6. Yellow pigment for analysis from Case 68.
7. Red pigment from Case 68, large sack.
8. Ditto.
9. Crimson pigment for analysis from Box A.
10. Rock from site of the berashar.
11. Rock from South end, E.G.Trench.
12. Portion of stone to be tested, Gebel Moya.

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30 AUG 1911

Dear Mr. Thompson: —

I am duly in receipt of your favour of the 29th inst., and would be greatly obliged if you will kindly loan me for a day or two the work of Hernandez which you mention. It can be given to the braver (Lambert), who will also return it to you as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

F. B. Power

C. J. P. Thompson, Esq.

Esley Mews.

Wigmore St. W.

Power

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28 AUG 1911

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

I believe you have in the library a work by Hernandez, as Mr. Wellcome recently told me that he possessed it, which, in the Spanish translation of the Latin original by Fr. Ximenez, Mexico, 1615, bears the title:

"Quatro libros de la naturaleza y virtutes de las plantas ... en la Nueva España."

The work is said to contain a notice of the Mexican plant, Ocimum basilicum or "gafote blanco", and if you can kindly confirm this, I should like to refer to it.

Very truly yours,

F. B. Power.

C. J. P. Thompson, Esq.

1651

Broadway Museum

herbario Antio.

Tiki. Rerum indicarum
nova ^{novae Hispaniae} plantarum
~~americanarum~~ et
~~indicarum~~ Mexicanaorum.

Thesaurus seu
plantarum etc.

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SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

1 APR 1911

I am in receipt of a letter from Professor Edward Kormers, of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc., stating that they would like to obtain for their library the "Annals of Pharmacy and Practical Chemistry", which was edited by Wm. Bastick and Wm. Dickinson, and published in London in 1852, '53, '54.

I am under the impression that the above journal was started by some disaffected members of the Pharmaceutical Society, and that it was the precursor to the "Chemist and Druggist", having had a very brief existence. It would doubtless be difficult to find at the present time, but would be glad to have your suggestion as to what I should write to Professor Kormers, who has thought it might be obtained through "some London antiquarian who makes a specialty of pharmaceutical literature". So far as I know there are no such people in London. Sincerely yours

C. F. P. Thompson, Esq.

F. B. Power

EASLEY MEWS,

6th March 1911.

Dear Dr. Pöser,

Your note referring to the letter you have just received from M. Reber of Geneva just to hand.

It is very difficult for me to get down to Snow Hill just now, as I am exceedingly busy getting our new premises straight, and in order. If you will forward the letter on to me I will go through it, and can then get on the telephone to you if necessary. If there is any urgency I think this will be the best thing to do.

Will you kindly address any communications here to my name, Easley Mews, Wigmore Street, and not to Burroughs Wellcome & Co., 54 Wigmore Street.

Sincerely yours,

C.J.S.T.

22 JUL 1910

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

In acknowledgment of your
Memo of this date, I may say that
if you, in Mr. Wellcome's name, would
write to Mr. Thomas Tyrer, the recipient
this year of the medal awarded by the
Society of Chemical Industry, there would
probably be no difficulty in obtaining a
cast of it.

Another source of application that
I might note is the secretary of the
Society, Mr. Chas G. Crosswell

Palace Chambers

9 Bridge St.

Westminster, S.W.

As I am very pressed for time to day,
in account of leaving for America
tomorrow, it would not be possible for
me to give this matter further immediate
personal attention, but this I do not apprehend
will be necessary, as Mr. Tyrer is known as
well to Mr. Wellcome as myself, and would, no
doubt willingly respond to his request.

Sincerely yours F. D. Jones.

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SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

29 DEC 1911

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

Your letter of the 28th inst. is duly at hand, together with the package containing a dozen samples of earth, rock, stone, etc. for analysis.

It would be desirable to know to what extent these materials are to be chemically examined, that is, whether the analyses should be qualitative only or quantitative, for in the latter case the work would require many months for its completion. Samples 1, 3, and 7 are each accompanied by samples marked "Ditto", namely Nos 2, 4, & 6, which would indicate that the latter are duplicates of the preceding ones. If so, is it important that each set should be analysed? Sample 12 is marked "Portion of stone to be tested", but I do not know whether this implies any test other than chemical ones.

Trusting that you may be able to give me some further information concerning the above inquiries, I am sincerely yours F. B. Power.

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SNOW HILL

LONDON, E.C.

Dear Mr. Thompson: — 18 DEC 1911

As you have previously received from these laboratories a number of volumes of "Nature", I am now sending to you by messenger the following five volumes, unbound, namely: Vols 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27, all of which are quite complete.

Will you kindly preserve these with the preceding volumes in your library, and oblige

Yours very truly

F. B. Power

C. J. P. Thompson, Esq
Easley House,
Wigmore St. W.

Aug. 29th, 1911.

Dear Dr. Power,

In reply to yours of the 28th just to hand re work by Hernandez, I find that we have not the edition of 1615 that you mention in the library, but we have a complete edition of Hernandez's works bound together, including the Setany, Natural History, etc., entitled:- "Rerum Medicarum Novae Hispaniae Thesaurus Seu Plantarum, etc.". Printed 1651.

I have not had time to search through to see if the Mexican plant you mention is referred to, but I can loan you the work if you wish.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. F. B. Power,
The Wellcome Chemical Research Laboratories,
6, King Street, Snow Hill, E.C.

EASLEY MEWS,

3rd April 1911.

Dear Dr. Power,

In reply to yours of the 1st inst., re Professor Kremer's query, you would find great difficulty in obtaining at the moment any bound volumes of the "Annals of Pharmacy and Practical Chemistry" for 1852-54.

There are two ways I would suggest by which they might be got. First, by advertising in the Chemist and Druggist, or Pharmaceutical Journal, in the "Want" column, as it is probable that some old chemist in the country may have some volumes in his library, and would be glad to sell them for a small sum. The only other method I would suggest is to watch the second hand booksellers' catalogues as they appear; there is just a possibility that some of the volumes might be included for sale.

There are no antiquarian bookdealers in London who make a speciality of pharmaceutical literature.

Trusting my suggestions may be of service to you,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

March 11th, 1908.

Dear Dr. Power,

I enclose you copies of two letters from Mr. Wellcome, dated February 25th and March 4th, with reference to some investigations he wishes you to make respecting ergot.

I have underlined with red the paragraphs referring to you. Kindly let know, after reading them, if you can give me any assistance in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Power,
Wellcome Chemical Research Laboratories,
King Street,
E.C.

4 MAR 1911

Dear Mr. Thompson:—

I have just received from Mr. O. Reber, Geneva, a letter relating to a portion of his medico-pharmaceutical Museum which has been procured by Mr. Wellcome. The purport of the letter is, however, not quite clear to me, and I would be glad therefore if I could see you for a few minutes at your early convenience before acknowledging it.

Sincerely yours,

J. O. Power

6 King St. Snow Hill

E. C.

22nd July 1910.

Dr. Power.

Mr. Wellcome has requested me to ask you if you would use your good offices in obtaining for us a cast, wither in plaster or bronze, of the medal that has recently been designed for the Society of Chemical Industry, and a block of which was reproduced in the Chemist and Druggist on 9th July. Mr. Wellcome would much like to have a copy of the medal to exhibit in the H.M.E., and thought perhaps you could assist him in obtaining one. Will you kindly let me know?

CJST

Power

Ref. C.T.

28th July, 1909.

Re Richter's Lexikon

Dear Sir,

The German Chemical Society are publishing
a biennial supplement to the above. Will
you kindly let me know as early as possible,
as the matter is urgent, if this book will be
essential to you in your work, as I understand
it will be an expensive one.

I am,

Yours very truly,

HENRY S. WELLCOME

To

per C.T

Dr Power,

W.C.R.L.,

King Street, E.C.

Dr Power.

23rd February, 1909.

Asa Gray's New Manual of Botany by Robinson and Sarnald, last edition 1908, is in the library at the British Museum. To save you trouble, I enclose a ticket made out giving press mark and other particulars ready for putting in the basket.

C. J. S. T.

Dr Power.

18th February, 1909.

With reference to Professor Kremers' request conveyed on his card, which I return to you herewith, the British Museum will only permit the reproduction of a printed book in the library by photography, and by special permission, to be obtained of the Director. I have no doubt that the Director would permit the pages of the first London Pharmacopoeia to be photographed if it was done by the official photographer. His fees are for a whole plate negative, about ten shillings per plate, so Professor Kremers will be able to form an approximate idea of the cost on this basis.

C. J. S. T.

Nk November 19, 1907.

Dear Dr. Power,

Could you loan us a microscope that you are not using for a few days? The oldest that you have will do, and no objectives are necessary. We want it for the artists to make a drawing from, and can return it to you in about a week's time if you can oblige us with the loan of it for that period.

~~We should~~ be much obliged if you could also loan us some apparatus - a few flasks and a beaker, such as are shown in the photograph.

Faithfully yours,

Power



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14 OCT 1908

Mr. C. J. I. Thompson:—

I am sending you herewith
five volumes of "Natur", nos 73-77
inclusive, which I should be glad
if you will kindly place with the
preceding volumes from our Library.
As these volumes appear to be quite
complete, I think that, for the purpose
of permanent preservation, it would be
well if they could be bound uniformly
with the others.

F. B. Power

W. B. R. L.

June 27th, 1907.

Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith our copy of
the Wellcome Chemical Research Library.

Will you kindly have this compared
with your catalogue, and return to us as soon
as possible, with any necessary alterations.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Power,
Wellcome Chemical Research Laboratories,
King Street,
E. O.

Power -

Dr Power.

Mr Welloome would like you to read the enclosed letter.
Kindly let me know what you think of the matter contained therein at your
early convenience.

May 23rd 1905.

C.J.S.T.

Power -
