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LITTLE DALE, PROF. H

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H.M.M.

18 September 1917.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your kind letter of Sept. 12th, which, owing to absence from town, I was unable to answer before.

I am very glad to know that the reproduction of Hippocrates will be of some service to your sculptor.

I trust you will be able to call and see this Museum the first time you are in town, as I am sure from what you say we shall have many things to interest you from many points of view, besides the medical.

You will be interested to know we are making collections of drugs, apparatus and appliances used in native medicine and surgery throughout the world, and at the present time we have a friend who is working on this matter in India. I was very interested in the incident you kindly sent me of the school of native medicine, and I will keep a look-out for any Rajahs who may visit London, and try the effect of your suggestion.

Again thanking you for your kind and interesting letter, and for the sketch of the mortar which we should much like to have, were it obtainable.

Prof. H.Littledale.

Faithfully yours,  
C.J.S.T.

35 Palace Rd, Llandaff.

Sept. 12th, '17.

Dear Sir, Your letter--and one from my son in Mesopotamia--came this afternoon; the catalogue with the splendid photo of Hippocrates came this morning and I lost no time in taking it off to the sculptors, Wm Clarke's Sons, Llandaff. They were delighted with it. Very many thanks. I will certainly try to look in at your museum some day, for though only a Dr of Litt., not of Med., I am interested in such things as anthropology. I was in India many years, serving the Baroda state, and had at one time charge of all the education--my title was Vidyadhi -karia Sanskrit title!--and among my treasured cares was a school of native medicine! Every time I paid a "surprise visit" I found one

pupil squatting on the floor and slowly churning about a quart of pink powder in a boat-shaped mortar two feet long. The powder was coral, and the mortar seemed to be kept ready for surprise visits. They had an extraordinary collection of rubbish, and we abolished the concern in time. Had I then known of your institution what a chance for you!

Seriously, I think you might find that collections of both drugs and implements of medicine and surgery might be obtained from the Indian Native States, where things are more "Old World" than in British territory, by applying to the Dewan of the state through the British Resident, or perhaps direct. If you hear of any big Rajah in London you might try the effect of a call on him and an invitation to look

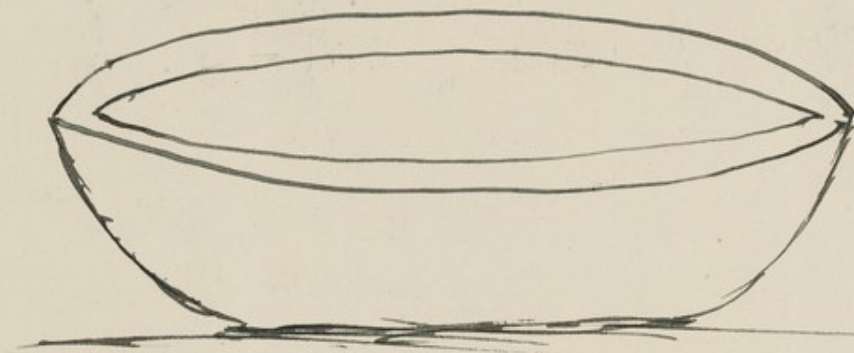
over your museum. Such potentates generally have a native doctor in their suite, and he might be interested and induced to collect things on his return.

I went to India in '78, and had not been there a month when I was put on a committee of judges to judge "native" perfumes and drugs" at an Exhibition! I learned about smells that time.

Excuse my garrulity! Sincerely Yours

H. Littledale

Littledale  
(Pres.)



Mortar.

10 September 1917.

Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co. has been forwarded to me, and I have pleasure in enclosing you under separate cover a copy of the hand-book to this Museum. On the frontispiece you will find a representation of the bust of Hippocrates in the British Museum, and I trust this will be service to you. This bust is believed to be the most authentic representation of Hippocrates extant. If the statue is to be a full length one, the arrangement of the costume could be easily taken from a contemporary figure, as I do not recall any original full length statue of Hippocrates. If I can assist you in any other way, I shall be most pleased to do so. We have several other busts of Hippocrates in bronze and marble of various dates in this Museum, but none equal the bust of the British Museum of which we have a cast. It might be worth while for your sculptor to obtain a cast (which would not be expensive) and which he can get from Messrs. Brucciani & Sons, Formatori to the British Museum, Goswell Road, London.

I am glad to learn of the other statues of eminent scientists you

also propose to erect. We shall be most pleased to have representations of these when they are available.

I am,

Faithfullyyours,

C.J.S.T.

Professor H. Littledale,  
35. Palace Road,  
Llandaff.



35 Palace Road, Llandeff, Cardiff.

For reply, see over.

Sept. 4th, '17.

Messrs Burroughs, Wellcome, and Co.

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St. Mod.

Gentlemen,

Apologising for troubling you, I should be much obliged if you could help me to secure a copy of some ancient picture of Hippocrates, the legendary father of the healing art. A medical friend tells me that you publish very interesting reproductions of antique pictures and sculptures representing medical scenes, and he thought it probable that among your series you might have some portraits of the Greek physician. I may say (privately) that I am trying to help a friend, a sculptor, who has to do various portraits in stone of ancient medicals, for a new Medical school building that is being erected in Cardiff,--he has done Aesculapius, and now Hippocrates has to be taken in hand. Full length over life size statues, for niches. He has also done panels of Pasteur, Lyster, Jenner, and others--some say you will be glad to add views of these to your series and I shall then perhaps be able to help you in my turn.

References to books where I shall be able to find what I am in search of will also be valued. Thanking you in anticipation, I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully

(Prof.) H. Littledale

M.A. list D. D. Little  
Professor of  
Eng. lang. + lit  
Univ. Coll. of S. Wales

~~1d stamp enclosed~~ J.R.

M.O.R.

*Prof. Little*

6th September 1917.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., on the subject of Hippocrates.

Your enquiry is being referred to the gentleman in charge of such matters, and we hope to be in a position to send you a reply very shortly.

Yours faithfully,  
Burroughs Wellcome & Co.,  
per

Prof. H. Littledale,  
35, Palace Road,  
Llandaff,  
Cardiff.

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*Littledale (Prof)*

Mr. C.J.S. Thompson.

We send you herewith a letter which we have received from Prof. H. Littledale.

You may wish to deal with the application yourself, but if not will you be so kind as to advise us as to how we should reply.

6th September 1917.

M.O.R.

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