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MARTELL, HENRY FIELD.

BALLARAT, AUSTRALIA

1912

H.M.E.

Replied

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1913.

29th April 1912.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th ult. to my firm, in which you kindly offered me the loan of a copy of a picture of Vesalius, after Hamman, I should have been most pleased to have availed myself of your kind offer, but I have already accepted a copy of this picture for the Historical Medical Exhibition.

If you could get me any primitive objects of medical interest or instruments from the South Sea Islands, as an exhibit, as you suggest, I should much appreciate your kindness.

Trusting to hear from you at a later date,

I am,

Yours very truly,

H.S.W.

Dr. H. F. Martell,
C/o F. J. Martell Esq.,
Ballarat,
Victoria,
Australia.

Mr. C. J. S. Thompson.
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RECEIVED.
18 APR 1912

Attached is a copy of a letter from Dr. H. F. Martell of Ballarat, together with a copy of our reply. Will you please deal with the marked portion and either reply direct or furnish me with the necessary particulars to enable me to do so.

17th April 1912.
MSV.

M.O.R.

Copy of letter from Dr. H. Henry Field Martell

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C/o F.J.Martell Esq., Ballarat,
Victoria. Australia.

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"Cluney",

Hillgrove, March 10th 1912.
N.S.W.

Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co.
L O N D O N.

REPLY SENT.
29 APR 1912

Dear Sirs,

Some weeks back I was in receipt of your Yearly Diary, which I think most Practitioners now find indispensable. I would like to suggest that your firm if possible add to the present contents of their Diary, a page made up of "Tallqvist's Haemoglobin Scale", this I feel sure would be appreciated beyond telling by the Profession generally who daily wish to make Haemoglobin Tests but do not find it convenient to carry round either a Tallqvist's book or an Instrument.

This I would suggest should be placed on the LAST leaf of the Diary the stiff one opposite page cxii, full directions could be given pointing out that that the test could be carried out with white Filter paper or a thin piece of white blotting paper, I myself have used this dozens of times, and when checked by an Instrument found to be quite correct for all practical purposes.

I would also like to inform Mr. Wellcome that I have a copy of a picture of Andre Versalius the great French Anatomist, I have been told that the picture is a rare one, it represents the Anatomist in his dissecting room in a cell of the Monastery, a body is on the table and he (Versalius) in the attitude of picking up a knife, and his whole attitude is one of fear as though he hears a step coming, it is from a picture by E.HAMMAN.

If Mr. Wellcome has not a copy of this picture and it is of any interest for his Exhibition I will be only too happy to forward it to London to him.

I will be leaving here very shortly and I am most anxious to go to the South Sea Islands to do some work there, I was there in the Solomons some years back with an Exploring Party and I was most interested in their modes of Medical & Surgical Treatment in fact I dont mind admitting I learnt at that time which has been more or less useful ever since, if I get back there I will try and get an exhibit together.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) H. HENRY FIELD MARTELL.

MSV.

L.R.C.P. & S Ed. & Glas.

Copy of letter sent to Dr. Henry Field Martell.

L.D.N.

17th April 1912.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of March 10th, for which we thank you.

With reference to your suggestion that we should insert Tallqvist's Haemoglobin scales in the Medical Diary, we regret we cannot make use of it for next years diary owing to lack of space, but we shall consider the matter again in connection with a subsequent issue.

With reference to the remaining part of your letter we shall reply in a few days.

Yours very respectfully,
Burroughs Wellcome & Co.
per

Dr. Henry Field Martell
C/o F. J. Martell Esq.,
Ballarat,
Victoria,
Australia.

MSV.