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14 May 1913.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your of the 10th inst., this Museum, which is to be opened on June 24th next, is in connection with the Section of the History of Medicine of the XVIIth International Congress of Medicine, which meets in London this summer. It will not be open to the public. It is hoped that the collection will form the nucleus of a permanent museum.

This is all the information I can furnish you with at the present time.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Bather Esq,
46, Maryat Rd.,
Wimbledon, S.W.

TERRA SIGILLATA.

2 May
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A MEDICAL MUSEUM.

An historical medical museum organized by Mr. Henry S. Wellcome is to be opened in London at the end of next month.

Among the exhibits in the science section will be a collection of the original apparatus used by Galvani in making his first experiments in the eighteenth century. Ancient microscopes and optical instruments, gathered from all parts of Europe, will form another feature of the museum, which is to include a selection of instruments used by famous surgeons when operating on historical personages. There will also be a collection of amulets connected with English folk medicine, votive offerings for health, including Greek and Roman examples in silver, bronze, marble, and terra-cotta, and manuscripts and printed books dealing with medicine from earliest times.

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46 Marryat Road, Wimbledon S.W.

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I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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46 Marryat Road, Wimbledon S.W.

15 May, 1913

Dr. C. J. S. Thompson,
24 A Wigmore Street. W.

Dear Sir,

Historical Medical Museum

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of 14 May, giving me information with regard to this museum. When the plans for giving it a permanent character have taken shape, we shall be very glad to receive further information.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. a. Bather

THE MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION.

The Museums Association was founded in 1889, with the object of improving and extending the work and usefulness of museums, the word being used in its widest sense to include collections illustrating pure and applied art, archæology, technology, the natural sciences, etc. Originally confined to the institutions of Great Britain and Ireland, the Association has been joined by leading museums of all types in every part of the world, and now includes members from France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Brazil, the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and the Federated Malay States.

The Association holds an annual conference in July, when papers are read and discussed, common action with regard to certain aspects of museum policy determined on, museums in or near the place of meeting inspected, and members provided with abundant opportunities of personal intercourse for the discussion of their own immediate problems. The place of meeting is changed each year; a list of the centres visited up to the present will be found on page 3.

The names of the past-Presidents, given in this list, indicate that many eminent men have interested themselves in the work of the Association.

For each of the first twelve years of its existence, the Association published a Report of its proceedings. These Reports contain the presidential addresses, various notes and reviews, and a large number of papers on the methods, policy, and working of museums in general, with technical descriptions of museums in all parts of the world. Many of the papers are illustrated by views, plans, and drawings of detail, and their value is proved by the constant reference made to them by writers on museum subjects.

In 1901 the Association superseded its annual Report by a monthly publication, *The Museums Journal*. In addition to matter similar to that formerly contained in the Reports, the *Journal* contains notes and news of interest to all in any connected with museums, and its pages are open to correspondence on subjects coming within the scope of the Association. The *Journal* year commences with the July number.

A Directory to the museums in the British Isles has been issued as a supplement to the *Museums Journal*, and is shortly to be re-printed in a separate and extended form.

The Association's publishers are Messrs. Dulau and Co., Soho Square, London, W., from whom the annual Reports and *Journal* may be obtained. The prices of the Reports are: 1890-1-2-3, 5s. each; 1894, 10s.; 1895-6-7-8-9-1900, 5s. each. The *Journal* is published at one shilling per number; eight complete volumes have now appeared.

A museum may become a Member of the Association by paying an annual subscription of not less than one guinea, in return for which it receives the *Journal* as issued, and may be represented at the annual conference by three delegates, each having a vote. An individual may become an Associate by an annual payment of ten shillings and sixpence, with the right to attend and vote at the annual conference and to receive the *Journal*.

Subscriptions are due in July for the ensuing twelve months, and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, cheques and postal orders being made payable to "The Museums Association."

All correspondence relating to the *Journal* should be addressed to the Hon. Editor.

E. E. LOWE, Hon. Secretary,
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