CUS417/49.4.

(Letters to Dr. Viets)
(typewritten)

21 February, 1919.

13, Norham Gardens.

Dear Viets,

Please occupy your, I hope, abundant leisure in making a study of Nicholas de Cusa, 1401-1463. The town is near Treves, and he is stated to have founded there a hospital for 33 poor men, in the Church of which is his heart (to which pay my salutations,) and in the Hospital a number of his manuscripts. (V. Heller: Geschichte der Physik, page 210,) and in the libraries you will find several works upon him.

Though chiefly remembered as a precursor of Capernicus, he really was a great experimental philosopher. I have just got his original, ed. prin. to my great delight, and the conclusion of his wonderful de docta ignorantia is appropriate - si me amas, esto diligens - vale.

Sincerely yours,

WM. OSLER.

(notes on back of letter)
(handwriting)

must be 50 - good not sick - 28
A room for each man - only men - only for men - wife has to be looked out for before they will take them
Only in last 9 years have any women been here
6 sisters now -
4 domestics & w in kitchen -
"Poor Hand Maidens of J. Christ"
St. Vincents
Burgomaster & 6 men in town sent in
Dio
Am. just here
Sitting room was used for Am. boys - 6 or 8 yesterday
Whoever forgives Germany
6 -
4 counselmen
1 rector
1 burgomaster

Christmas for Am. boys

Dr. Thomas give 20

Viets
Wales

CUS417/49.5

14th March, 1919.

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Viets,

I am delighted to hear that you are on the track of St. Nicholas; do get all details possible and photographs. He will be a splendid subject for study and you could have the special section on

Dr Staticis Experimentis

translated. Look up his literature too - there should be plenty of it in Treves.

Sincerely yours,

WM. OSLER.

(March 18, 1919)
18.III.19
CUS417/49.6

(Letters to Dr. Viets)
(handwriting)

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Viets,

On the other side are the important items about de Cusa. Try to find them at Treves. I am having the de Staticis Experimentis translated & you can use it. At the library, Bonn, you should be able to get many of the older & the recent items Get photographs. There is a picture - tableu(?) of him "dans l'eglise de Neuslift" and another in the Augusten Convent at Brixon - see Remach's Repertoire T. 11. p.657

1 Das Mosselthal zwischen Zell und Konz - Stamberg 1837
2 Serapeum, 1664 - 1885, an account of the library by Treuss
3 Das Hospital zu Cues und dessen Stifter. Wien 1841
4 Scharpff. Der Kardinal .... von Cusa 1871
5 Jacobi. Das Universum &c. Berlin Thesis 1904 with many bibliogr. references.

Yours sincerely
WM. OSLER.

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8th April, 1919.
CUS417/49.7

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

(typewritten)
Dear Viets,

Thank you so much for the de Cusa book which came this morning. I hope to hear that you have seen the hospital, and will be able to get some photograhs. He would be a very good subject for a study. As I told you I am having the "De Staticis experimentis" translated, and it will be at your disposal.

Sincerely yours,
WM. OSLER.

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(handwriting)

(8.IV.19)
CUS417/49.8

Dear Veits,

When I wrote this A.M. I had not seen your letter in the de Cusa Vol. I am so glad you are going to see the old place & the books. Order me any literature of importance about him. The book about the Library I should like very much. There may be old pictures too & could you find a copy of the Festschrift? I do hope you will be able to return via England; but I fear there may be difficulties Let us kow.

Yours sincerely
WM. OSLER.

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24th April, 1919
CUS417/49.9

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Viets,

I am delighted with the catalogue. What treasures! and so many interesting medical things.

You should make an interesting article on your visit there, and you could write a little introduction to "de Staticis experimentis" which, as I told you, is being translated. It is not long, but really very important.

When are you likely to get to England? Do let us know, and come directly here.

Sincerely yours, WM. OSLER.

(Letters to Dr. Viets)

10th May, 1919.
Cus4/17/49.10

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

(typewritten)

Dear Viets,

I do hope Welch saw the library.

The "de Staticis experimentis" is part of the large volume and should be at the back of the "de Docta Ignorantia." I have not yet got the translation: it will be at your disposal.

I have got an admirable paper here by our Professor of Pathology (unpublished) on Cusa's position as a philosopher.

Call up 206 when you reach London.

Sincerely yours,

W. O.

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(handwriting)

19.VII.19
Cus4/17/49.11

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Viets

Thanks for message - am all the better for my 70th Birthday. Pineal shadow in the monthly xray picture less intense, the very next day.

The De Staticis exper. section of Cusa translation is here - what shall I do with it? Send to Boston or are you likely to be here? You could work it in a paper very well. There is good stuff. I sent the Plaut (Plaut?) Exper. with a brief note to the Annals some time ago but have heard nothing. We had a great presentation of the Vol. Allbutt looked so well We hope to go to Jersey Aug. 1st.

Sincerely yours,

WM. OSLER

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(16.XI.19)
16 th
Cus4/17/49.12

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Viets

Here is the translation, ~~which~~ wh. use as you wish. 'Tis an interesting record - the balance, the pulse & respiration - counting & the plant - weighing
When did the balance come in again?
Did Bacon know of it?
Consult that new History of Science man at Harvard.
There is material for a good bit of work
With it is extract from an unpublished paper on Cusa by Prof. I. A. Smith of Magdalen.

Yours WM. OSLER.

I am better - still in bed & still coughing.