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Dear Sir William:-

I am glad to have heard from you and to know that you have got possession of another copy of Maxwell's Vesalius. I had not sent in a bid for it, and indeed shall in all likelihood have to curtail on book-buying if this academic post business goes through here in Boston as it has in Baltimore.

The General Education Board are after Mr. Lowell, and I have had a number of conferences with him. I wish I felt more sure of the local situation, for Halsted's acceptance of the scheme is a little different I think than would be ours here, in view of the more definite hospital and university association in Baltimore. Under present conditions, though overworked with administrative things I nevertheless feel that I am a free lance, whereas on the other basis I apprehend that it might be very easy to become enslaved by the institution and to be exploited by it. Flexner says that he heartily approves of just what I am doing here, but thinks that as an example to others it would be necessary to go on a fixed salary. On this basis the returns of course would go to the hospital; and I cannot for the life of me see why the institution, as it is at present administered, would not be just as likely to be led away by the temptation to make money out of me as I am likely to be led away by the temptation to give most of my time to making money out of patients.

Have you, by the way, any copies of your letter to Mr. Remsen? If
If by chance you have and can spare one I should be very glad to have it.

All this, however, is a far cry from Maxwell's Vesalius. I cannot
imagine a better place to put this extra copy than in Sudhoff's hands. I shall
be interested to know what he says about the proposed re-issue.

I have had a long letter from Heger, in which he tells me that they
have determined to publish a memorial volume containing, first a series of the
portraits, second of the medals, third a biography, fourth the three papers which
will be read at the commemoration, and fifth a bibliography. We shall all look
forward with interest to the publication of these things. My suggestion that I
collaborate with him in putting together the portraits does not seem to have met
with his approval, for he says that he has had the good fortune to find a
Mr. M. H. Spielmann of London, who has made a collection for him of photographs
of the twelve portraits. He wishes to know if the republication of the Tabulae
Sex could in any way be merged with their memorial volume. He feels, however,
that it would be a difficult thing to do, from several points of view, and par-
ticularly as the Government is going to subsidize the memorial volume, and he
thinks that on the whole it would be better for us to republish the Tabulae Sex
independently.

We are all well and flourishing, I am glad to say, and the children
grow apace. They would all greatly like to see you.

With best greetings for the New York from all of us to all of you,
I am,

Ever yours,

Harry Jackson

We enjoyed the Sadleira ladies. They proved delightful visitors and
everyone liked them. Our Harvard Historical Club seems to
have found a receptive group. Streeter is a great asset. We
are taking up the diseases associated with individuals, seration -
Parronian Hadgkin Infundibulum etc - as we have cases in the
hospital. Rather good for the students - to show the case with the
original description and also letters or photos or whatever else may be on hand

More for credit to in Balb.
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