

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

13 Norham Gardens
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Dear Jacobs,

So glad to hear of you all from Lady Osler and to have such good accounts. Was it not fortunate that she had not left before Mrs Reverè's sudden attack and death? Such an ending at 85 is a great mercy.

I hope Mrs Jacobs is quite herself again. We have had great excitement here over the Huth sale, the prices were shocking and all previous records broken, as the average for a thousand volumes, excluding Shakespeare which were sold separately, was £50. I got the only book I wanted, for a song, Astruc's study of Genesis, from which dates all modern Biblical criticism. He was the famous Montpellier and Paris physician of the first half of the eighteenth century, and a great figure in his day. Nobody apparently knew of the extraordinary rarity of this book which was published anonymously. I got it for 17^s/. Welch will know about it as he is an old friend of Astruc's. I got one or two other less important things; and am waiting now for the second part of the Hoe catalogue, there may be something in that.

I wish the Trustees would do something for Miss Bonner,



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who deserves a good pension. She has done splendid work for the Hospital, particularly in the early days, when she was a bond of peace. I am writing to Smith about it.

Sincerely yours,

Love to Mrs Jacob.

M Osler