

Correspondence

Henry E. Sigerist – John F. Fulton

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Preface

Henry E. Sigerist (1891-1957) is recognized as the foremost historian of medicine of his time. In addition, he was an activist in the fight for a reform of the American health system and, last but not least, he was a scholar with an exceptional breadth of interests and with engaging human qualities.

John F. Fulton (1899-1960) was an outstanding American physiologist and medical historian. As a colleague he came in contact with Sigerist, then in Europe, around 1930. They then met in the U.S., and when Sigerist settled in this country in 1932, he and Fulton kept a constant and ever more frequent correspondence between Baltimore and New Haven and from 1947 on between New Haven and Switzerland.

Most of Sigerist's correspondence has been a hidden treasure for long; until recently only the incomplete correspondences with George Rosen (Viseltair 1978) and with George Urdang (Sonnedecker 1983) have been published. In 2008 an edition of Sigerist's correspondences with four Swiss historians of medicine (A. C. Klebs, B. Milt, H. Fischer, E. Hintzsche) has been published (Bickel 2008). Also published is an edition of the correspondences between Sigerist and Welch, Cushing, Garrison, and Ackerknecht (Bickel 2010a), as well as the correspondence between Sigerist and Charles Singer (Bickel 2010b).

There are several reasons that make an edition of Sigerist's correspondences worth-while :

1. Most of the correspondences are stored in only two archives in a well-organized and accessible form.
2. Stored are not only the letters collected by Sigerist, but also the carbon-copies of his own letters since about 1923.
3. These correspondences are almost complete with very few letters missing.

These three facts are rarely combined and therefore are an invaluable advantage for an edition. To this must be added the interest in both Sigerist and John F. Fulton. This correspondence is therefore likely to allow a true insight into the lives and mentalities of the two correspondents, including their private lives and scientific work, as well as relationships with persons, books, and topics. Hence the correspondence is a source for the correspondents' biographies and for many topics and features of the 20th century.

I have tried to adopt modern criteria for the edition of correspondences (Steinke 2004). The three reasons given above allowed for an edition of the letters to and from Sigerist (in a chronological sequence) and using all letters available, i.e., without a selection, which in any case would have been questionable. An unselected edition was feasible because the correspondence is limited in size and contains very few trivialities. The individual letters were transcribed in their totality too. Thus, future editors would only have to alter the annotations.

Problems of transcription are dealt with in the introduction to the edited correspondence (chapter 1.3.1.). The annotations are given in small print following the transcribed letters. A bibliography of all literature mentioned in the letters and comments is given in chapter 3. All persons mentioned in the letters are listed in the name index (chapter 4) and the major subjects in a separate index (chapter 5.).

The bulk of the letters to and from Sigerist is stored in the following archives:

- 1) Manuscripts and Archives
Yale University Library
P. O. Box 208240
New Haven, CT 06520-8240

- 2) The Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives
The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
5801 Smith Avenue, Suite 235
Baltimore, MD 21209

1) contains Sigerist's correspondences of his time in Zurich and Leipzig (prior to 1932 and incomplete) and of the years in Pura (1947-1957, almost complete). 2) contains the correspondences of his years at Johns Hopkins (1932-1947, almost complete). Both archives have lists of the correspondences under the heading „Sigerist Papers“. Certain letters of Sigerist's Leipzig years are at the Universitätsarchiv Leipzig (1925-1932, incomplete). The archive of the Department of the History of Medicine at the University of Zurich has a large collection of Sigeristiana, however, very few letters.

Both Sigerist and Fulton played a major role in medicine and academic life in the United States. Their correspondence is more voluminous than the ones previously published. It is a correspondence between two friends, showing their plans and achievements, books read and people met. The reader becomes acquainted with the two personalities and watches as the first half of the 20th century unfolds in many of its aspects.

For the present edition the editor owes gratitude to many who have helped him in many ways. The archives of Yale, Johns Hopkins and Leipzig mentioned above were kind enough to let me publish their correspondences. Their personnel's competence, cooperation, and friendly advice is highly appreciated. I extend my thanks to my colleagues of the Departments of the History of Medicine in Bern and Zurich for stimulation and help with the transcription and comments: Urs Boschung, Pia Burkhalter, Gertraud Gamper, François Ledermann, Iris Ritzmann, Hubert Steinke. Nora Sigerist-Beeson, Sylvia Bonner, Martina Fierz, and many others offered their help, and so did my wife Leni and our daughter Susanne.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Henry E. Sigerist (1891-1957)

Sigerist was born in 1891 in Paris, the son of Swiss parents. After schooling in Paris and Zurich he started out with studies of orientalistics in Zurich and London, then studied medicine in Zurich and Munich. Right after obtaining his MD in 1917 he entered the field of the history of medicine as a private scholar in Zurich, stimulated by some of his teachers and, above all, by Karl Sudhoff. As a lecturer at the University of Zurich Sigerist became so productive and successful that in 1925 he was called to fill the first chair of medical history as the successor of Karl Sudhoff at the University of Leipzig. His most important time began in 1932 as William H. Welch Professor of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. During his 15 fruitful years at Hopkins he succeeded in transforming medical history into an academic subject and in providing stimuli in matters of public health and social medicine. He eventually resigned his post in 1947 in order to find the time to write his multi-volume *History of Medicine* in the quiet of the Swiss village of Pura where he died in 1957.

An undefatigable writer, Sigerist produced many books and hundreds of papers (Miller 1966) which, combined with his rhetorical talent and his charisma, stimulated many authors to deal with Sigerist during his time. This secondary literature (Berg-Schorn 1978) (Fee/Brown 1997) has even increased in the half century since his death. It contains much biographical information. Autobiographical texts have also been edited (Sigerist Beeson 1966). In addition to his scientific work Sigerist also wrote an enormous amount of letters. They were his link to hundreds of correspondents all over the world, among them medical historians as well as representatives of a large spectrum of cultural life. We know that in the early 1950s he wrote some thousand letters per year (Bickel 1997), a fact which his friend John F. Fulton commented:

Sigerist was as greatly interested in men as he was in books - men of all lands, persuasions, and occupations - and so conscientious was he in maintaining lines of communication with his ever-widening circle of friends that, toward the end of his life, his correspondence became so vast that it interfered with his more serious writing. (Fulton 1960)

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1.2. John F. Fulton (1899-1960)

Born on 1 November 1899 in St. Paul, MN, as son of an ophthalmologist, John Farquhar Fulton obtained his B.Sc. at Harvard University in 1921. As a Rhodes Scholar he continued his studies in biology and physiology at Magdalen College in Oxford, England, which he completed with the Ph.D. in 1925. Back at Harvard he completed his medical studies with an M.D. in 1927 and became an assistant to the famous neurosurgeon, Harvey Cushing. Drawn back to the physiologist, Sir Charles Sherrington in Oxford, he continued experimental work and teaching until called to Yale University as professor of physiology as early as 1929. For over 20 years he pioneered in the physiological fields of neurophysiology, electrocardiology, endocrinology, and aviation physiology. However, Fulton's fame is also due to a second career as a historian of medicine which started as early as the one in physiology and was based on his being a bibliophile and book collector. He wrote some 100 biographies of physicians and scientists who introduced new concepts, topped by the 750 page biography of his teacher, Cushing (Fulton 1946a). Other topics of his medico-historical work was bibliography, history of physiology, humanism in medicine and science. Aided by the wealth of his wife, Lucia Pickering Wheatland, he collected a library of 7000 volumes on the history of physiology and medicine, and he successfully persuaded his friends, Harvey Cushing and Arnold C. Klebs, to combine the three libraries, which became the nucleus of the newly founded Yale University Department of the History of Medicine in 1951. This event also induced Fulton to resign his professorship of physiology and to accept the new one of the history of medicine. Unfortunately, Fulton's second professorship lasted only nine years and was ended by death on 29 May, 1960, at age sixty.

Fulton was aware that in the field of medical history he lacked Sigerist's precise philological scholarship, however, he was "both scientist and humanist, accustomed to cross and recross the invisible frontier" (Le Fanu 1962). „Despite much hurried and ephemeral work, there remains a splendid legacy of accomplishments“ (Stevenson 1961). Fulton was the recipient of several decorations including no less than nine honorary degrees. Some twenty obituaries were written after his death (Miller 1961).

The list of his over 500 publications (M.E.S./E.H.T. 1962) is part of the Fulton Memorial Number of the Journal of Medical History and Allied Sciences (17, (1), 1962) which he had edited from 1952 to 1960. For biographical information see (F.N.L.P. 1960), (Franklin 1960), (Stevenson 1961), (Muirhead 1962), (Hoff 1962), (Le Fanu 1962), (Bickel 1999), (Davey 1999).

Fulton was a very active man, a successful achiever, stimulating, generous, and a warm personality. He had a world-wide correspondence and was even a gastronome. All that, in addition to medical history, he shared with an intimate colleague and friend: Henry E. Sigerist. Both were, despite failing health, full of business up to death.

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1.3 The Correspondence

1.3.1. *Technicalities and Explanations*

There is a total of 666 letters; 57% of Fulton to Sigerist and 43% of Sigerist to Fulton, including some telegrams and some letters of their secretaries which fill gaps in the correspondents' exchange. A few letters mentioned in the correspondence are missing, however, there is no evidence of larger amounts of missing ones. The missing letters are predominantly Sigerist's, in all likelihood long-hand letters of which he did not make carbon copies.

Most of the letters are in English; very few are in French or other languages. Apparent „missing links“ in the contents may be due to telephone calls. Practically all letters are dated, and the majority of the letters are typed. Some of Fulton's letters are in long-hand, although he preferred typed letters. Sigerist, on the other hand, liked to write in long-hand, yet he used typing in order to have his own carbon-copies. Some of Fulton's long-hand letters contain occasional illegible words which in the transcription are indicated by the sign [...] or are followed by [?]. Spelling errors were transcribed as such, but are followed by the sign [sic], whereas the frequent errors in punctuation were left unchanged and unmarked as long as they did not distort the sense of a sentence. The sign [] was also used for Sigerist's signature which was missing on the carbon copies used. Literary works mentioned in the letters and annotations are given as, e.g., (Ackerknecht 1931) and listed in the bibliography, chapter 4.

The annotations are given in small print as numbered footnotes following each transcribed letter. They are meant to help understanding the contents of the letters rather than to interpret them and are therefore kept to a minimum. They also serve as links to other letters and annotations so that persons or things can be explained once only. Persons sufficiently characterized and explained in the letter may not appear in the annotations. The term “medical historian“ for the characterization of persons is used in a wide sense as, e.g., members of the American Association of the History of Medicine. A few persons, most of them mentioned only once, could not be identified and are marked as such in the annotation. However, all persons mentioned in the letters are listed in the name index (chapter 5). There is also an index of all 666 letters (chapter 3) and a subject index, containing mainly institutions and geographical terms.

1.3.2. *Topics of the Correspondence*

The correspondence of 666 letters begins in 1930 and lasts with an increasing density all the way to the year before Sigerist's death in 1957. In 1930 Sigerist is professor of the history of medicine in Leipzig, 40 years old, and Fulton, eight years his junior, is the new Professor of Physiology at Yale University in New Haven, CT. Fulton's early interest in medical history is shown in his first letter, asking to see Sigerist and the Leipzig Institute of the History of Medicine. The correspondence then leads to Sigerist's first tour in the U.S., his lecture at Yale, receptions by the Fultons, and his last temporary return to Germany.

From 1932 to 1947 Sigerist is head of the Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine, and during this whole period there is a regular exchange of letters between Baltimore and New Haven, in addition to many personal encounters. Most letters of that period are short, with business problems, part of which are handled by the correspondents' secretaries. However, there are also personal news, showing goodwill, help, and esteem.

Among other topics of the total correspondence Sigerist and Fulton discuss matters of the history of medicine, plans and achievements, common projects, encounters, conventions, and persons. A total of about 200 books and papers are discussed and over 600 persons are

mentioned (see chapters 4 and 5). Travels, so important to both correspondents, are reported in detail. Sigerist muses about his study tours in Europe, Russia, South Africa, Canada, India:

I like to do some field work from time to time. It is most refreshing and every such trip provides new material for my "Sociology of Medicine". (Letter 333, 17 October 1944)

Both correspondents are strongly interested in politics and comment on the situation and aspects of the Nazi years, World War II, and the post-war years. The letters also tell about the correspondents' spouses and children. Among special topics repeatedly discussed are Fulton's Historical Library at the Yale Medical School, the newly founded *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, and Sigerist's American-Soviet Medical Society. There is also an exchange of reprints, books, and other materials.

The correspondence begins as one between the two colleagues, Dr. Sigerist and Dr. Fulton which, during their common years in America, gradually reflects a close friendship with the letters beginning with "My dear John" and "My dear Henry". Both correspondents not only provide mutual help, but also try to help other colleagues such as refugees from Nazi Germany. Fulton not only understands Sigerist's 1946 decision to leave Johns Hopkins University but also provides the means for his living as an independent scholar in Switzerland and makes him a member of the Historical Library of Yale University Medical School.

More than half of the total correspondence covers the decade 1947 to 1957 with Sigerist now living and working in Pura, Switzerland. The letters become longer and more frequent, showing the two personalities in full profile. Both show admiration of the other's capabilities and achievements, yet without flattering. There is mutual stimulation and touching empathy. Close people such as Ackerknecht, Cushing, Lloyd Stevenson are characterized in a warm, yet critical way, other people in a very critical, occasionally in a rather satirical way. The correspondence reflects a give and take. It is an exchange of ideas, an exchange of news, but there are also jokes and anecdotes.

The correspondents' work in New Haven and Pura is discussed and unfolds with all that is connected to it. Sigerist describes his life as an independent scholar in his new surroundings in Pura. Details of work on his monumental *History of Medicine* are reported and show his unending optimism, i.e., his miscalculations about the future progress of the work. Even in print and as late as 1954 he wrote in his annual report:

Volume II I have practically finished, and the preparation of Volume III is so well advanced that I shall also write either the entire volume, or certainly the major part of it. (Sigerist in Fulton 1954a)

Fact was that Volume II was not even finished at his death in 1957. When it becomes obvious that a completion of his planned eight volumes is out of the question, he proposes that the work should be terminated by colleagues and pupils. He also provides reasons for the slow progress: An isolated situation, poor health, a multitude of other publications expected from him, also streams of guests except for the winter months. Sigerist tells about chairs offered to him (universities of Zurich, Bern, Leipzig, Basel), his lecture tours, particularly those in England, a country he had increasingly become fond of, so much so that he changed his spelling from American to British. He also reports on the history of medicine and of medical historians in Switzerland, Italy, and Britain. When the three-years contract with his Yale funds had not automatically been renewed, it was Fulton's energetic action which drew Sigerist out of financial worries, at least for a few years.

Fulton too is an enthusiastic traveller. After WWII he spent considerable time every summer in Britain, France, Belgium and other places. He and his wife used to dwell for weeks in expensive London and Paris hotels, and several times these summer trips were extended for a happy encounter with the Sigerists in Pura. A special event and a source of happy feelings is

the foundation in 1951 of a department of the history of medicine at Yale with Fulton as its head. The precarious health of the two correspondents in the 1950s is also an occasional topic.

As with Sigerist's correspondences with his colleagues and friends Charles Singer and Erwin H. Ackerknecht, the correspondence with Fulton is a document reflecting many cultural aspects of America and Europe in the first half of the 20th century and the first decade after WWII. In particular, it reflects the friendship of two congenial friends and can be seen as a double biography covering the mature years of Henry E. Sigerist and John F. Fulton.

2. The Letters

1

Fulton to Sigerist, Oxford, England, 3 April 1930¹

Dear Dr. Sigerist,

I hope to be spending several days in Leipzig some time early in the week of April 21st. I should very much like to see the Institute as I am interested in the Library and in the way in which the Institute is organised. I am not sure whether Dr. D'Irsay² will be there then for he did not tell me just when he was returning from Baltimore. If he is there do tell him that I am looking forward to seeing him.

Yours very sincerely

J. F. Fulton

¹ F., professor of physiology at Yale University, was on one of his sojourns at Oxford, England. Sigerist was director of the Institute of the History of Medicine in Leipzig.

² Stephen D'Irsay (1894-1934) physiologist and medical historian of Hungarian origin, S.'s former coworker in Leipzig (Sigerist 1934b).

2

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, CT, 12 October 1931¹

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

We all sincerely hope that you will be able to come to address us in New Haven sometime in the near future. I believe that Dr. Oughterson, the secretary of the Yale Medical Society is attempting to arrange a date with the International Institute of Education.² I am writing to say that I hope when you come to New Haven that you will be able to stay with me. If you will wire me the train, I shall be at the station to meet you.

With kind remembrances,

Yours very sincerely,

John F. Fulton

¹ S. is on his study tour in the U.S. of 1931/1932 which resulted in the call to Johns Hopkins University, i.e., he was on leave from the University of Leipzig. F. is professor of physiology at Yale University in New Haven, CT.

² Ashley Webster Oughterson (1895-1956) professor of surgery.

3

Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 October 1931

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 12. I had a letter from Dr. Oughterson at the same time, asking me to address the Yale Medical Society on Tuesday, October 27.¹ As I have to read a paper in Baltimore before the Medical Historical Club on Monday the 26th, I shall take the night train and expect to be in New Haven at 10.15 A.M. Do not trouble about coming to the station. I shall take a taxi and meet you at your department. Unfortunately, I will not be able to stay long in New Haven, as I must be back in Baltimore for my lectures. I will have to return on Wednesday. I would very much like to meet Dr. Kahn of the Institute of Human Relations.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to meeting you.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Dr. Oughterson see letter 2.

² Eugene Kahn, Yale professor of psychiatry 1930-1946.

4

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 19 October 1931

My dear Dr. Sigerist:

I was very pleased indeed to receive your letter of October 17th, bringing the very welcome news that you will be able to address the Yale Medical Society on Tuesday, October 27th. I shall meet you at the train Tuesday morning at 10.15, and we can spend the morning looking at books.¹ You did not mention what the subject of your lecture would be, but I believe Dr. Oughterson suggested “Renaissance Medicine”; if you prefer to take up some other topic and would let us know, we would announce it accordingly. If I do not hear from you, I shall understand that it is “Renaissance Medicine”.

Dr. Kahn is much interested to learn that you are coming, and he too is eager to see you.

Yours very sincerely,

John F. Fulton

¹ “Spend the morning looking at books”: F. was a bibliophile and book collector.

² Oughterson see letter 2.

³ Kahn see letter 3.

5

*Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 28 October 1931*¹

My dear Sigerist,

Your paper last night was a source of very great pleasure and inspiration. May I, on behalf of the Yale Medical Society and the School of Medicine, extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude. I am sending you, under separate cover, the “Clio Medica Physiology” and reprints I promised. I was sorry not to have given them to you directly.

With kindest remembrances,

Yours very sincerely,

John F. Fulton

¹ Addressed to S. at The William H. Welch Institute [of the History of Medicine] in Baltimore.

² Clio Medica Physiology (Fulton 1931).

6

Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 30 October 1931

My dear Fulton:

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the day spent with you at Yale. I want to thank Mrs. Fulton and yourself most cordially for your charming hospitality.¹ I think you have the most delightful home I have ever seen.

I was very pleased to get Dr. Steiner’s address and I am looking forward to receiving your reprints and your book.²

I hope very much to see you soon in Baltimore. With kindest regards to Mrs. Fulton and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Mrs. Fulton: Lucia Pickering Wheatland.

² Dr. Steiner, possibly Walter, member of the American Association of the History of Medicine. “Your book”: (Fulton 1931).

7

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 March 1932

My dear Sigerist

Welcome back to Baltimore, and my salutations to Mrs. Sigerist in prolepsis ! ¹ We are keenly looking forward to seeing you here in New Haven, if possible for a day or two, any time except March 18-20 when I am to be in Montreal giving a lecture.

I have been reading the proof of your book, and I am most enthusiastic about it, and I deeply appreciate the privilege of being allowed to peruse the galley.² I have found a few inconsistencies in [?] spelling which have been corrected, and one error of date - 1767, for 1761, of the De Sedibus.³ I have also drawn up a few obscurities of translation. The translation, however, is excellent and for the most part reads very smoothly. It is a great book !

With best wishes and many thanks for your letter

Yours sincerely

John Fulton

¹ Mrs. Sigerist: Emmy Escher, of Zurich. Before accepting the call to Johns Hopkins, S. let his wife come and see America.

² "Your book": *Man and Medicine*, the translation of *Einführung in die Medizin* (Sigerist 1932).

³ *De sedibus* (Morgagni 1761).

8

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 March 1932

My dear Professor Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter of March 9th.¹ My wife and I will be most delighted to have you with us on Wednesday and Thursday, March 16th and 17th. If you come in time on the 16th to attend my history seminar, I sincerely hope you will do so.² We meet at five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, and one of the men is reading a paper on Helmholtz.³ It occurs to me that you might like to take over the seminar for the day and talk about something else, or if you would not care to have this responsibility, would you feel free to discuss the paper on Helmholtz after it is read ? The paper will probably occupy 25 to 30 minutes and I expect to show some of the early editions of Helmholtz' works.⁴ We had a very successful session yesterday on Claude Bernard; we are working through the various important figures of physiology in the 19th century.⁵

Would you care to make any more formal appearance while you are in New Haven, e.g., giving a lecture, or meeting some of the other groups in the school ? I should be delighted to arranged [sic] anything that you would care to do. Perhaps after all the lecturing you have done, you would prefer to take things easily, and if this is the case, I shall understand.

With best wishes,
Yours ever,
John Fulton

¹ S.'s letter of 9 March is missing; possibly it was a short note of which S. did not make a copy.

² F., in addition to physiology, already taught medical history at that time.

³ Hermann L. F. Helmholtz (1821-1894) German physicist and physiologist.

⁴ "Show early editions", from F.'s collection of works on the history of physiology.

⁵ Claude Bernard (1813-1878) French experimental physiologist.

9

Sigerist to Fulton, Leipzig ?, 10 June 1932

My dear John,

your bibliography of Boyle is a wonderful piece of work.¹ I admire it immensely and I am trying to imitate it in preparing a bibliography of Haller.² Haller is a very hard job. There are at least 600 volumes to be indexed and I would like to include the manuscripts and letters.

I hope that we shall have the pleasure to meet you during the summer. We are leaving Leipzig at the end of July and intend to spend August somewhere in Switzerland. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the congress in Bukarest [sic]. It is too late. As we have no apartment in Baltimore yet I would not like to arrive there too late in September and so we will probably sail on the Deutschland leaving Cherbourg on September 9.⁴

Mrs. Sigerist and myself remember with great pleasure the days we spent with you. We both hope to see you soon again.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Fulton and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours

[Henry]

¹ Robert Boyle (1627-1691) Irish philosopher, scientist, and inventor.

² Albrecht Haller (1708-1777) Swiss physiologist, botanist, poet.

³ Bucharest: Site of the Congress of the International Society of the History of Medicine 1932.

⁴ Back in Leipzig from his U.S. tour S. had accepted the call to Baltimore.

10

Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 5 October 1932

My dear Fulton:

I was so glad to receive your paper on Robert Boyle. It reminded me of the delightful meeting we had in Minneapolis last year.¹ I suppose that you have come back from your trip

by now and I am most anxious to hear about the Congress in Bucharest.² I have not heard about it as yet. I would have liked to have attended the Congress myself, not so much on account of the Congress itself as rather for the fine trip through the Mediterranean sea, however, it was impossible this year. We arrived a fortnight ago and are getting settled by and by.³ We found a very nice house and moved into it a few days ago.⁴ Mrs. Sigerist likes Baltimore very much and the children are perfectly happy in their new school.⁵

I hope that Mrs. Fulton is well and that we will have the pleasure of seeing you in Baltimore soon. With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ In Minneapolis, end of 1931, S. received the call to Hopkins.

² Robert Boyle and Congress in Bucharest see letter 9.

³ “We arrived a fortnight ago”: S. and his family had moved from Leipzig to Baltimore in September 1932.

⁴ The house was in Cloverhill Road.

⁵ S. may sound too optimistic with regard to the children’s feelings.

11

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 October 1932

My dear Sigerist:

It is simply delightful to know that you are in Baltimore with your family settled in a new house. We only hope that you are going to be as happy living among us as we are to welcome you here. I look forward to great things happening now that you are in Baltimore, and those of us who are interested in the advance of medical history are eager to cooperate with you in any way possible for we realize but too well that your interests are our interests.

The Congress at Bucarest [sic] was a very amusing affair.¹ Most of the hours of the day and night were spent in dining and the sessions were scheduled to begin at 7:30 in the morning which proved to be a little trying in view of the fact that the dinners beforehand never began until midnight. There was much said about the pest in central Europe, Sweden and the South Seas, but unfortunately no one attempted a synthesis. When I come to Baltimore in November I may be able to give you a more detailed account of the proceedings. Dr. Oliver very generously wrote me during the summer that he would like to have me address the medical history club and I believe he is arranging a date about the middle of November.² I am going to talk about the Warrington Academy.³

I much appreciate your generous references to my paper on Boyle.⁴

I am happy to say that Mrs. Fulton is quite well again and she asked me to send you and Mrs. Sigerist her best remembrances,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Congress at Bucharest see letter 9.

² John Rathbone Oliver (1872-1943) MD, PhD, psychiatrist and associate professor at the Institute of the History of Medicine in Baltimore, also novelist and priest.

³ Warrington Academy: Early dissenting college (1756-1786) in Warrington, UK, based on religious liberty, in contrast to Oxford and Cambridge.

⁴ Boyle see letter 9.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 12 November 1932

My dear Fulton:

All of us are looking forward with so much pleasure to seeing and hearing you soon. Please let me know what your plans are. How long can you stay here ? Will Mrs. Fulton accompany you ? We sincerely hope to have you dine with us either on the evening of your lecture or whenever it suits you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 November 1932

My dear Sigerist:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 12th inviting me to dine with you when I am in Baltimore. I very much regret to say that Mrs. Fulton cannot come with me, so that I shall be alone. I have no engagements, and I should be delighted to dine with you on any evening that seems appropriate. I shall probably arrive Monday morning and will be leaving by the midnight train Tuesday. Curt Richter has asked me to speak at a meeting of the Neurological Club, and I believe he is expecting me to do so on Tuesday evening, though I have not yet heard definitely.¹ Possibly you could get in touch with him.

With kindest remembrances,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Curt P. Richter (1894-1988) biologist at Johns Hopkins.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 16 November 1932

Dear Fulton:

We very much regret that Mrs. Fulton will not accompany you. Please keep Monday evening free. We would like you to have dinner with Dr. Welch and a few others at our house, at six o'clock, before your lecture.¹ If you will let me know when your train is due, I will gladly meet you at the station and if there is anything else I can do for you just let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ William H. Welch (1850-1934) pathologist, hygienist, medical historian; first director of the Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine, i.e., S.'s predecessor.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 21 November 1932

My dear Fulton:

Just a line to tell you that Dr. Welch will make arrangements for you to stay at the Maryland Club while you are here.¹ He and other medical historians will be at our house for dinner on the evening of your lecture.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Welch see letter 14.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 November 1932

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you so much for your two recent letters. I am keenly looking forward to my visit in Baltimore next week, and I am trying, rather desperately, to put a few finishing touches on my paper. I never finish such things which I think I am going to, and it generally requires the stimulus of the last few days, to bring it to completion.

I am not yet quite certain what train I shall arrive on, but at all events I shall go directly to the Maryland Club, probably late Sunday evening, and come and see you at the Institute Monday afternoon. It is most kind of Dr. Welch to arrange to have me come to the Maryland Club.¹ Please do not tell anyone that I am arriving Sunday evening as I shall want to work on my paper Monday morning. I am sure you will understand !

Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Welch see letter 14.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 November 1932

My dear Sigerist:

I cannot possibly tell you how thrilled I was to see you so completely established at Baltimore. For some years I had hoped that this might come about, but I was never really willing to believe it possible until I saw you in Minneapolis a year ago.¹ We are all feeling the stimulus of your presence in this country, and it makes us all very very happy.

I am enclosing with this a short note to Mrs. Sigerist telling her how much I appreciated her very generous and charming hospitality. Will you be good enough to give it to her as I have carelessly mislaid your Baltimore street address ?

With kindest remembrances and many thanks,

Yours very sincerely
John Fulton

¹ Minneapolis see letter 10.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 30 November 1932

My dear Fulton,

It was just delightful to have you here and I enjoyed your talk very much indeed. I wanted to talk to you yesterday about the publication of this paper, but had no opportunity for it. I would very much like to publish your paper in the Bulletin, where we are beginning on January 1st a supplement to the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin. As the subject of your paper is so closely connected with our library, I think this would be the most suitable place and I would appreciate very much having your paper there. I would like to bring it out in our February issue, the manuscripts of which go to press by the middle of December. If you could let me have your paper not later than December 20th, it would be fine.

With kind regards, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 December 1932

My dear Sigerist:

I was greatly pleased to receive your nice letter of the 30th. I was extremely sorry on Tuesday afternoon before leaving, that I did not have more of a chance to visit with you. There were so many things that I should liked to have discussed.

I shall of course be only too pleased to send you the manuscript of the Warrington paper for the February issue of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin Supplement.¹ I am having certain parts of it re-typed now, and if it is ready by the end of the day, I shall have it sent with this letter. I only hope it will not be too long for you as it is likely to come, with illustrations, to about 30 printed pages.

The recollections of my visit in Baltimore linger very happily. Do give my kindest wishes again to Mrs. Sigerist.

Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Warrington see letter 11.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 12 December 1932

My dear Fulton:

It was awfully good of you to send me your manuscript.¹ It will go to press soon and will come out in the February issue of our Bulletin.

I was delighted that you left me the book by N. D. Davis on the Manchester college.² I am reading it with great interest.

With kind regards, I am,
Very sincerely,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Manuscript: on the Warrington Academy (Fulton 1933a).

² Davis' book on the Manchester College not identified. The Warrington Academy became Manchester Academy.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 18 January 1933 (Telegram)

PEIESTLEY PORTRAIT FRONTIS PIECE [sic] WARRINGTON PAPER NOT INCLUDED WITH PROOF DID PRINTERS RECEIVE IT.¹ FULTON

¹ F.'s Warrington paper (Fulton 1933a) with illustrations and portrait. Joseph Priestley (1733-1804) British natural scientist and political theorist.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 February 1933

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Our local undergraduate medical history society The Nathan Smith Club is about to issue as their first publication a translation made by Dr. C. P. Rhoads of Billroth's surgery.¹ The translation has appeared in installments in the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine. I am enclosing the reprints for your perusal. On behalf of the Nathan Smith Club and the School of Medicine, I have been asked to enquire whether you would be willing to contribute a foreword to the volume. I sincerely hope you will feel able to do this as it would lend an air of distinction to the volume that we could not secure in any other way. If you feel able to do it, could you let us have the foreword sometime before April ?

With kindest remembrances to Mrs. Sigerist and best wishes to yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

John F. Fulton

¹ The translation is probably (Billroth/Winiwarter 1863).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 February 1933

Dear Fulton:

Thanks for the reprints of Billroth's Surgery. It is splendid that your club is doing such work, and if a foreword can be of any help to the book I will gladly write it and let you have it sometime in March.

With kind regards, I am,
Sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Billroth's Surgery see letter 22.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 February 1933

Dear Sigerist:

We are delighted that you will find it possible to write the preface for our first publication of the Nathan Smith Club.¹ I shall communicate this at once to Dr. Smith and Dr. Burr who will be very grateful to you, as we all are.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
John F. Fulton

¹ Nathan Smith (1762-1824) physician, founder of several U.S. medical schools.

² Dr. Smith, probably George H., editor of the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine; see also F. to S. of 12 November 1943. Dr. Burr, probably Charles W..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 February 1933

Dear Sigerist.

Haller's Bibliotheca Anatomica¹

I believe that the only one of the four Haller Bibliothecae lacking in the Welch Library is the Anatomica.² I have just found a copy offered for five pounds in Lewis' last catalogue, page 33, and I am enclosing the page for your reference. The Anatomica must be very rare as I know of only one copy that has turned up anywhere in the last five years apart from this one. I wish that I were able to get it for the Library but I fear that my days of philanthropy are over. They are, at least, for the time being !

We are all looking forward keenly to the preface you are preparing for our translation of Billroth.

John Oliver is in New Haven this weekend and is coming to be with us tonight.³ He is addressing our Medical History Seminar this afternoon and we are all keenly looking forward to it.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Sigerist,
Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Albrecht Haller see letter 9; his four monumental *Bibliothecae* are bibliographical tools for the history of medicine (Haller 1774).

² Welch Medical Library of the Johns Hopkins University.

³ “Preface” and Oliver see letter 22 and 11, respectively.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 March 1933

Dear Sigerist:

George Smith has just reminded me that he is holding the material for the Billroth translation until he has your foreword.¹ They are very eager to issue the volume before the first of April. I hope you will be able to let us have your manuscript at an early date.

We are all very much concerned about Dr. Welch.² Do let me know how he is.

With best wishes, Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ George Smith see letter 24. Billroth translation see letter 22.

² Welch see letter 14

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 24 March 1933

Dear Fulton:

Thank you for your notes. I thought you expected my preface some time in April.¹ This is why I had not yet written it. However, I will write it in the course of next week, so that you will have it before April 1.

Very sincerely yours
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Preface see letter 22.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 1 April 1933 (Telegram)

PREFACE WILL BE MAILED MONDAY. SIGERIST

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 3 April 1933

Dear Fulton

Here is my preface to the Billroth book.¹ I made it as short as possible, as the introduction and preface by Dr. Harvey say nearly everything about the man and his work.²

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Billroth and the book see letter 22.

² Harvey, probably Samuel C., has written about the history of surgery.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 4 April 1933

My dear Sigerist:

The preface to Billroth has arrived and I think it is truly delightful. You have touched off very briefly and I think very graciously the idea that the man who practices medicine may make a fundamental contribution to the history of medicine. I am sure that this will please many people and on behalf of the Nathan Smith Club, I am hastening to send you an expression of warmest gratitude for your prompt and generous cooperation.¹

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Billroth and The Nathan Smith Club see letter 22.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 5 April 1933

My dear Fulton:

Thanks for your very kind note. I am glad you liked my preface.¹

As to Dr. Welch, I am glad to say that he is doing comparatively well.² In the last few days, he was much more cheerful. He can sit up several times a day, of course, we are all very worried and miss Dr. Welch terribly. Last week we had a meeting of our history club.³ It was the first time in many years that he failed to preside.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Preface see letter 22.

² Welch see letter 14.

³ Medical History Club of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 7 April 1933

Dear Fulton:

Just a line to thank you for your reprints. I am reading them with the greatest interest. They cover an enormous field.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 25 April 1933

My dear Sigerist:

I should very much like to introduce Mr. W. L. Peltz, a first year medical student in the Yale School of Medicine, who plans to spend several days this week in Baltimore. He is writing a paper on Halsted for our history seminar and is much interested in everything that relates to medical history.¹ If you happen to be holding any seminars or giving lectures while he is in Baltimore, I am sure that Mr. Peltz would look upon it as a particular privilege to be able to attend.

With warm regards,
Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ William S. Halsted (1852-1922), professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 1 May 1933

Dear Fulton:

It was a great pleasure to have Mr. W. L. Peltz with us.¹ I only regret that he came during a very busy period, so that I could not devote as much time to him as I would have liked. He is a very nice boy, and we all had a most favorable impression.

Mr. Brasch writes me that you had not received an announcement of the meeting of the American Society of Medical History, which will take place in Washington on May 8th.² I cannot give you any details about this society, as it is the first time that I am attending one of its meetings. As far as I know, Dr. Riesman in Philadelphia is the President. I am sure he will gladly let you have a program.³

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Peltz see letter 33.

² Frederick E. Brasch, secretary of the History of Science Society. "American Society", correct: American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM), founded 1925.

³ David Riesman (1867-1940) medical historian; he was not president of the AAHM but presided the meeting of 1931. President in 1933 was James B. Herrick.

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*Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 October 1933*¹

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

I have just read with much pleasure the review of your book, Great Doctors, which appeared in The Times Literary Supplement, Thursday, October 5, 1933, on page 633.² I wonder whether you have seen it.

With warm regards,
Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

We all hope you can be with us for the Beaumont Club Lecture.³ Lucia and I will of course count on having you and Mrs. S. stay with us.⁴

J. F.

¹ S. had spent the summer of 1933 in Europe.

² *Great Doctors* (Sigerist 1933a).

³ Beaumont Club: Yale's medical club.

⁴ Lucia Fulton.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 24 October 1933

Dear Fulton:

Thanks for your note of November [sic] 20th.¹ Yes, I saw the review of my book in the Times Literary Supplement.²

I hope that you have received a copy of the book, as I asked the publisher to send you one. I am mailing a copy of my new book on American medicine in the same mail.³

I have just written to Dr. Thoms, accepting his kind invitation to give a lecture at the Beaumont Medical Club, and I will be delighted to stay with you while in New Haven.⁴ I do not know whether Mrs. Sigerist will be able to accompany me or not, but we will let you know in time.

Castiglioni is with us, and we enjoy him and his lectures very much.⁵

With kind regards to Mrs. Fulton and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ "November 20th" clearly should read October 20th.

² "Review of my book" (Sigerist 1933a)

³ "Copy of my new book" (Sigerist 1933b).

⁴ Herbert K. Thoms (1885-1972) Yale obstetrician.

⁵ Arturo Castiglioni (1874-1953) Italian medical historian.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 October 1933

My dear Sigerist:

This is just a line to acknowledge your most exciting book Amerika und die Medizin.¹ I look upon it as the most remarkable of volumes which, with your characteristic insight, sums up tendencies and trends that would be impossible for anyone who had been brought up in

this country to visualize or evaluate. I am sure that the book will do much to bring about in Europe a more intelligent understanding of the contributions America is making in the broad field of medicine. You are cautious, and rightly so, in giving praise to laboratory medicine, but you have recognized that the great contributions have come more from individuals than from institutions, and that where institutions and foundations have succeeded they have done so through recognition and support of the individual. To my mind this is the most important lesson of the history of another [?] medicine, particularly when one couples with it the fact that the great failures of American medical enterprise have arisen from the peculiar blindness of those persons who have felt that medicine could be advanced solely through organization and socialization of common enterprise. The latter group have devised holes of odd shapes which they have proceeded forthwith to fill. These have been our gravest errors and it is heartening to find someone who sees it all as clearly as you have.

With best regards and warmest congratulations,

Yours very sincerely,

John F. Fulton

Your comments concerning the Institute of Human Relations and concerning Dr. Winternitz are much appreciated [?]²

J. F.

¹ *Amerika und die Medizin* (Sigerist 1933b).

² Institute of Human Relations: At Yale University School of Medicine. Milton C. Winternitz: Dean of Yale School of Medicine; see also letter 489.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 October 1933

My dear Sigerist:

When writing you yesterday I had intended to mention a very remarkable book on medical ethics which has just been published by the Oxford Press.¹ It is by A. G. Gibson of Oxford and is entitled The Physicians [sic] Art, and it reprints the little-known manuscript of John Locke entitled De Arte Medica.² Gibson has made it the text of a discussion of medical ethics, and it is one of the most stirring books I have seen in many a day. The Oxford Press in New York (114 Fifth Avenue) has it.

We are all looking forward intensely to your visit the end of this month.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ (Gibson 1933).

² John Locke (1632-1704) English physician and philosopher.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 2 November 1933

My dear Fulton:

I was perfectly delighted in reading your letter of October 30th, and I am so glad that my book on American medicine interested you. I felt that I had to write it before I became part of American medicine. But I am, of course, well aware that it was a rather bold undertaking.

I appreciate your reference to “The Physician’s Art” by A. G. Gibson, very much and will get a copy of it.¹

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ (Gibson 1933).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 November 1933

My dear Sigerist:

Dr. Cushing got back yesterday from Europe and he insists upon my relinquishing you on Friday night.¹ I reluctantly consented because I know that he has a great many things to talk over with you, and I felt sure that you would understand.

The Beaumont Club is foregathering at my house between five and six on Friday to meet you before the dinner. They are giving a dinner for you at the School of Medicine at seven, so I shall try to persuade you to come away a little early in the afternoon in order to have a visit with you before the Beaumont Club arrives.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Harvey Cushing (1869-1939) neurosurgeon (Fulton’s teacher) and historian of medicine, at that time holding a professorship at Yale University.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 November 1933

Dear Fulton:

Just a line to tell you that I intend to arrive in New Haven on Friday morning 10:15. Mrs. Sigerist very much regrets that she will not be able to accompany me. I have to be back in Baltimore on Sunday, and I shall probably have to go to New York on Saturday, although this is not quite settled yet.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you soon, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 November 1933

My dear Dr. Sigerist:

Your letter of the 20th has come during Dr. Fulton's absence. He is in Boston reading a paper at the National Academy and expects to return tomorrow in time to meet Professor Castiglioni. I note from your letter that you will arrive in New Haven Friday morning at ten-fifteen. Dr. Fulton will be very happy to learn this and will meet you or if this proves impossible at the last moment, will have his chauffeur Lawrence in a red Buick at the station to bring you out to the medical school.

Yours very truly,

Elizabeth S. Colman

Secretary to Dr. Fulton

Castiglioni see letter 36.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 28 November 1933

Dear Fulton:

It was delightful seeing you again, and I came back full of new ideas.

I looked up the BIBLIOTHECA GERMANORUM EROTICA & CURIOSA by HAYN & GOTENDORF, but Fracastoro is not mentioned there.¹ It seems that his poem was not considered as erotic literature, at least in Germany.

I hope to see you soon in Baltimore, and I do hope that the next time you come Mrs. Fulton will accompany you.

We had a nice meeting in commemoration of Sudhoff's birthday yesterday.² You may be interested in seeing the program.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ (Hayn/Gotendorf 1912). Fracastoro, Girolamo (1478-1553) Italian physician, anatomist, poet; he wrote a didactic poem on syphilis (Fracastoro 1530).

² Karl Sudhoff (1853-1938) medical historian in Leipzig, S.s teacher; he had his 80th birthday.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 November 1933

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your very gracious letter of November 28th. Your visit with us, and particularly your address, has been a source of the greatest possible satisfaction to all of your many warm friends in New Haven; so much so that already I believe they are trying to persuade you to come again in January !

Since you stayed with Dr. Cushing while you were here, you will undoubtedly have felt very much concerned by the accounts in the paper of his illness.¹ I think you were aware that he was a little 'off color' while you were here, and on Monday we persuaded him to come into the hospital for G. I. tests and a rest. Unfortunately, a telegram sent to Boston telling his daughter Betsy to come to New Haven was caught up by the papers and the Boston Globe all but buried him the next morning. Actually, the x-ray studies have been most reassuring, indicating nothing beyond an old [xxxx] which he has had for some little time.² The emptying time of the stomach was normal and everything else seems to be functioning properly. If, therefore, you have occasion to discuss the matter with any of his friends in Baltimore, do reassure them. With a few week's careful supervision of diet I feel sure that he will be alright, although I fancy he will probably go away for a month or two, possibly to the south. He naturally feels quite unable to assume responsibility of the 150th Anniversary Address to the Connecticut Medical Society and as soon as this was known, everyone connected with the arrangements for the centenary immediately thought of you as being the one person in the country who would be really qualified to do justice to the occasion. With your interest in the influence of the 18th century English and continental schools of medicine upon the development of medicine in this country, I feel sure that it will be no effort to you to tell something of the background of the early medical societies in this country, and of the Connecticut Medical Society in particular. It is a fascinating theme and no one would handle it as authoritatively and with as great charm as would you. We feel just a little guilty in inviting you so soon after you have been with us, but I guess you realize that we all want you and that your audience for the meeting of the Connecticut State Medical Society will be quite different from your audience of the other night. There will be three or four hundred practitioners of the state and a number of public characters, bishops, governors, librarians and what not !

It was very good of you to think of sending me the program of your meeting on the 27th held in honor of Sudhoff's 80th birthday.³ I do wish I had known of it in advance as I should have liked to have sent him a cable.

Yours very sincerely,
John F. Fulton

¹ Cushing see letter 40.

² [xxxx] Protected Health Information (Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore).

³ Sudhoff see letter 43.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 December 1933

Dear Fulton:

I want to thank you for your letter of November 30th, and I am delighted to hear that Dr. Cushing is doing well. It certainly was very wise to bring him to the hospital for a certain length of time.

I have accepted the invitation to address the New Haven County Medical Society on January 5th and will speak on MEDICAL SOCIETIES PAST AND PRESENT. I have a few ideas on the subject which, I think, may be interesting to the audience.

As I told you before, I would be delighted to have a photo of yours for my office. I shall send you one of mine, as soon as I have a good one made.

With kind regards, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

Cushing see letter 40.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 7 December 1933

Dear Fulton:

Thanks ever so much for that delightful photo of yours. It is being framed, and will be placed in my office right near Cushing's picture.

I send you enclosed my photo. It is all I have at the present time.

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 27 February 1934

Dear Fulton:

We are considering starting a kind of a chronicle in which all the events of the Institute will be registered.¹ I have been looking for a good paper, but could not possibly find such in Baltimore. I remember that the manuscript of your Fracastoro bibliography is written on an excellent paper.² Would you let me have a specimen of it, and would you indicate the firm where a decent paper can be found ? I certainly would appreciate your help.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ "Chronicle": Reports on the activity of the Institute were published in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine from 1937 on.

² Fracastoro see letter 43.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 28 February 1934

Dear Sigerist:

I am delighted to send you a sample of the paper on which we are typing the Fracastoro bibliography, although I rather doubt whether it is good enough for what you want.¹ It came from a local printer and stationer here in town and we have put the name on the sample. The other sample which I am enclosing is an all rag paper which is used by the hospital for all autopsy reports when finally typed and ready for filing. That may possibly be more suitable for a chronicle which you wish to preserve. I am sorry not to be more helpful, but I doubt whether New Haven boasts better paper than Baltimore !

I think that the paper on which the Boyle bibliography is printed is probably most satisfactory, but about that you would have to write John Johnson at the Oxford Press.²

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Fracastoro see letter 43.

² Boyle see letter 9.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 3 March 1934

Dear Fulton:

I just received the additions to your Boyle Bibliography. It is again a fine piece of work, and I shall have the two volumes now bound together.¹

Thanks also for your letter of February 28 and for the different samples of paper.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Boyle bibliography (Fulton 1932a), addition to it (Fulton 1933b).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 24 March 1934

My dear Sigerist:

I am very eager to have Dr. Donal Sheehan, Rockefeller Fellow who has been spending the winter in my laboratory, see something of the Welch Library.¹ He is much interested in the history of medicine and particularly in the history of anatomy. He expects to spend about a week in Baltimore and I fancy that he will have occasion to use the library while he is there.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Welch Medical Library of the Johns Hopkins University.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 26 March 1934

My dear Sigerist:

Beaumont Facsimile.

Thomas has just written me that you have consented to prepare an introduction for a new facsimile of Beaumont's book.¹ I am simply delighted and I judge that you will base the introduction upon the Beaumont Lecture which you gave here last November. If you will allow me to do so, I should like to mention it at the next meeting of the Beaumont Club.²

With best wishes,
Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Thomas: Possibly the publisher Charles C. Thomas. William Beaumont (1785-1853) U.S. Army surgeon, physiologist; his book (Beaumont 1833).

² Beaumont Club: Yale Medical Club.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 28 March 1934

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Thanks ever so much for your kind note. I am looking forward with great pleasure to writing an introduction for the new edition of Beaumont.¹ I will base it upon the lecture which I delivered in New Haven, and include some additional material.

You will be interested to hear that an American student at the University of Berlin asked me to suggest a subject in American medicine for his dissertation.² I advised him to study the European repercussions to Beaumont's work.

From what I heard, I guess he has found a good deal of material, and I, of course, will include his results in my introduction.

I would appreciate if you would tell the Beaumont Club about the new edition.

With kind regards,
Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Beaumont see letter 51.

² The American student was George Rosen; his dissertation (Rosen 1935/1942).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 March 1934

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th which I find awaiting on my return from the Federation meetings in New York.¹ What you say of the European repercussions to Beaumont's work is indeed interesting. I am so glad to learn that your introduction will be based on the paper which you read in New Haven. I have already informed the Beaumont Club of the new edition and needless to say everyone is delighted.

We leave on Monday for the West.- St. Louis, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles returning April 28

Yours, sincerely

John Fulton

P.S. Chauncey Leake is here and I have conveyed your good wishes to him. He is in excellent spirits.

¹ Federation, of the American Societies for Experimental Biology, comprising biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology etc..

² Chauncey D. Leake (1896-1978) pharmacologist and medical historian in San Francisco, friend of S. and F., see correspondence Sigerist/Leake.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 May 1934

My dear Sigerist:

You were more than kind to us yesterday and I just wanted to let you know how deeply I appreciated all that you and Mrs. Sigerist did.¹ Will you convey to her my greetings and warmest thanks ?

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Fulton was S.'s guest in Baltimore, possibly on his return from the West.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 May 1934

My dear Sigerist:

When I saw you in Baltimore the other day I had not read your most attractive outlines of the teaching of medical history which appeared in the April number of the Bulletin.¹ It is a most admirable survey and I am sure that it will exert a wide influence. Incidentally, it is very pleasing to find that you include my two works on the history of physiology in your bibliography.² You were very generous.

I should like ten reprints and I note at the end that they are available at ten cents a copy. If your secretary will bill us in the usual way I shall see that the check is sent.

In going over my reprint list I find that the card giving the record of those which you have received has disappeared. How long it has been gone I do not know and I therefore have no idea when you last received reprints from the laboratory. Would your secretary be good enough to let me know which the last ones were that you received, if they happen to be readily available and I will send you anything which has appeared since then.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Teaching of medical history (Sigerist 1934a). Bulletin, of the History of Medicine, journal founded by S. in 1933, still the leading periodical on the history of medicine.

² History of physiology (Fulton 1931, 1930).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 10 May 1934

Dear Fulton:

I greatly appreciate what you wrote about our Bulletin.¹ I am sending you under separate cover 10 reprints of my Syllabus.² Please accept them with the compliments of the Institute. If you want additional copies do not hesitate to let me know.

Unfortunately, there are a few errors in printing, but I had them corrected in the reprints.

The last reprints that we got from your Department were the ones that included your paper on the Warrington Academy, since then no reprints came, but I, of course, would be delighted to receive whatever your Department publishes.³

It was very nice having you here the other day, and I only regret that your visit was so short.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Bulletin see letter 55.

² Syllabus (Sigerist 1934a).

³ Warrington Academy (Fulton 1933a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 May 1934

My dear Sigerist:

How nice of you to send me the ten reprints of your Syllabus with the compliments of the Institute.¹ I deeply appreciate it, but I feel just a little guilty about accepting them.

I am also grateful to you for the note about our reprints. I shall send you under separate cover everything that has appeared since the Warrington Academy group reached you.²

With warmest regards and my kind remembrances to Mrs. Sigerist,
Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Syllabus (Sigerist 1934a).

² Warrington Academy (Fulton 1933a).

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Fulton's librarian to Sigerist, New Haven, 12 May 1934

My dear Dr. Sigerist:

I am sending you under separate cover the reprints about which Dr. Fulton wrote you yesterday. I have given them the numbers which we use in our records. You will notice that no. 102, the Handlist of the editions of the poem Syphilis, and no. 106, Addenda to the bibliography of the Honourable Robert Boyle, have not been included since you have, I believe, already received these.¹ Nos. 109, 110, 111 have appeared, but we have not yet received reprints. These will be sent you later.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte H. Peters
Librarian to Dr. Fulton

¹ *Handlist* (Fulton/Baumgartner 1933). *Addenda* (Fulton 1933b).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 16 May 1934

Dear Fulton:

Whatever comes from your department is always extremely welcome, and I was delighted to receive your reprints. Thanks ever so much.

We are busy preparing for our trip.¹ My work this summer will be rather complicated, as I have to go through the small provincial libraries in France where the working conditions are rather bad. We are sailing at the end of this month.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ From 1933 to 1939 S. spent the summer months in Europe.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 22 May 1934

Dear John:

I have just read your paper on “The Principles of Bibliographical Citations“ and am perfectly delighted with it.¹ Every word you wrote found a strong echo in my heart as I am fighting the same fight. It is incredible what perfectly rotten references are submitted to one every day.

I would greatly appreciate if you could let me have three reprints of it. One I shall have bound in the finest Morocco I can find, and whoever wants to submit a paper to me will have to learn it by heart and to pass an examination in it. You certainly have rendered all of us a great service.

Sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ *The Principles* (Fulton 1934a). S. liked to have even reprints bound, however, „learn it by heart and pass an examination“ is ironic.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 24 May 1934

My dear Sigerist:

Your very charming letter about the paper on the „Principles of bibliographical citation“ is balm for my soul for I have had no end of troubles in connection with its publication.¹ I didn't realize in the first place how badly the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association was printed, and you will probably not believe me when I tell you that the editor took it upon himself to read the proof sheets and issued a thousand reprints without my ever having seen the proof ! They were full of mistakes (the editor had decided that the English spelling of ,tumour' was wrong and changed it), and where ever I had talked about journal citations in italics, he had carefully put them in bold face !!! I declined to accept the reprints and very modestly drew his attention to the last sentence in the paper about verifying references in page proof rather than the galley. I had finally to pay to have another set of one thousand reprints issued, but on this set a garbled reference was given to the journal in which the paper appeared. All of this made me feel quite strongly when [sic] the paper itself was needed !

I shall probably have it set up again by the Yale Press in order that I may have a few reprints of it properly printed. Meanwhile I send you several from the second lot from the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, 1934, N.S. 22, 183-197.

With warmest regards and many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ *Principles* see letter 60.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 31 May 1934

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Your reprints on “the Principles of Bibliographical Citation“ arrived too late for Dr. Sigerist to tell you how glad we are to have them.¹ I'm pretty sure that, if he could, he would have a thousand reprints made, to give to all the aspiring contributors to our Bulletin, whether professors or students. He has given me one, for which I am extremely grateful - Dr. Sigerist always hands over all the contributions to me, for correction and for checking the references, and I know that your reprint will be invaluable to me in my endless struggles with the latter. I've found that even Ph.D.'s [sic] are not infallible in the matter of bibliographies !

Very sincerely yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

¹ *Principles* see letter 60.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 24 September 1934

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

This is just a line to tell you that I have sent you a bound volume of papers on the history of medicine and bibliography which represent the papers that have appeared from the laboratory during the past four years. A number of them I believe you have not had before and I trust that they may possibly be of some use to the library. If we bind up another volume sometime later I shall see that you have it.

Sometime I should like to discuss with you the feasibility of creating a channel of publication or using some existing channel of publication for bibliographies of important personages in the history of medicine. I am especially interested in the physiologists and I hope in the next few years to do a series of them along the lines of Boyle, but with less bibliographical detail, and possibly more detailed annotation.¹ At the moment I have in mind Stephen Hales, Thomas Willis and Richard Lower and John Mayow, but of course there are many others. ²You have pledged yourself to do Haller and I am wondering whether it might

be feasible with a little additional financial support to have them appear as a part of the Supplement of your bulletin.³ Mayow and Lower are almost completed and I am flirting with the Oxford Bibliographical Society because they were both Oxford men, but I would much rather work of [sic] this character began to appear on this side of the water because I believe more people here are genuinely interested in scientific bibliography than abroad.

We have now had all the galley proof of Fracastoro and Klebs has written a breezy and most charming introduction.⁴ I wormed it out of him this summer while I was in Nyon. I was of course most disappointed not to see you, but Klebs' driving over the Alpine passes gives me the jitters and had we driven to Zurich I should have had a neurosis when I got there.

With best wishes

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Boyle see letter 10 and Fulton (1932a).

² Stephen Hales (1677-1761) English physiologist. Thomas Willis (1621-1675) English physician and anatomist. Richard Lower (1631-1691) English physician and scientist. John Mayow (1643-1679) English chemist and physiologist.

³ Haller see F. to S. of 20 February 1933.

⁴ Fracastoro see letter 43. Arnold C. Klebs (1870-1943) son of Edwin Klebs, physician and medical historian in the U.S. and Switzerland; after WWI he lived in Nyon on the Lake of Geneva.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 October 1934

Dear Fulton:

I just came back and found your letter of September 24. We all regretted very much not seeing you in Switzerland, But I can understand it very well. Driving over those Alpine passes gives me the jitters too, and I always avoid them whenever I can.

It was awfully good of you to send me a volume of your paper on the history of medicine and bibliography.¹ That volume will be extremely useful to us, and I certainly appreciate your generosity.

As to the bibliographies, I feel sure that with a little additional financial support they could be published either in our Bulletin, or as separate volumes, or as separate books in the second series of our Institute publications which will be started under the title, "Texts and Documents". This series will be launched this winter with an iconography of Doctor Welch.² This second series will contain texts, translations, bibliographies and all kind of materials concerning the history of medicine.

I am very much in favor of your idea of publishing bibliographies of the leading physiologists, and welcome it if this could be done on this side of the Atlantic. Perhaps we can talk the matter over some day.

With kind regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ „Paper on the history of medicine and bibliography“ not clearly identified; it could be (Fulton 1934a) or (Fulton 1932b).

² Welch see letter 14.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 October 1934

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th. I am so glad that you feel as I do about the desirability of approaching important characters in the history of medicine through the channel of bibliography. Sometime soon I hope to be able to chat with you about it more in detail. It was good of you to acknowledge my letter so soon after you returned.

A letter has just come from Klebs this morning saying he was being distracted by Dick Light's Bellanca motor which was roaring in the port at Les Terrasses.¹ Light, as your [sic] probably know, flew over from New Haven a few weeks ago by way of Iceland and Greenland and has been making a holiday tour of surgical clinics.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Klebs see letter 63. Richard U. Light, Yale surgeon and seaplane pilot. Les Terrasses, Klebs' residence in Nyon on Lake of Geneva.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 5 November 1934

Dear Fulton:

I was terribly sorry to hear that you are sick. Harvey Cushing certainly is a great master and leader, but you should not follow his example in this respect. I did not know about your illness until Winternitz wrote me, and I was glad to hear at the same time that you are doing very well. I sincerely hope that you will recover soon and completely. You are too young to be handicapped by disease.

With all good wishes, I am
Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

Cushing see letter 40. Winternitz see letter 37.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 November 1934

Dear Sigerist:

How nice of you to write. I am glad to report that, though still in hospital, I am much better and I expect to be at work again in December. Dr. Cushing has accused me of stealing all his thunder and of being a plagiarist because my [xxxx] is in almost the same spot as his !¹

I was greatly interested in the last number of the Bulletin. I am so glad you are supporting Lufti Sa'di. He seems to me a most unusual fellow and is a first-rate scholar. He and Reynolds are abroad, as you probably know, looking into some of the libraries of Southern Spain.⁴

Two or three days ago I received from Izquierdo, professor of physiology at Mexico City, a manuscript describing the first physiological text to be published in the New World.⁵ The material is quite well handled, but the English needs attention. I have written him for further details on one or two points and he hopes I will be able to find an appropriate channel for publication. I did not know whether you would regard it as fitting for the Bulletin, but knowing of your interest in early Spanish American medicine I thought you would like to see it. When I have heard from him I will send it along to you, and if you would prefer to have it go to the Annals, I think that also would be a suitable place.⁶

Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Cushing see letter 40. [xxxx] Protected Health Information (Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore).

² Bulletin, of the History of Medicine.

³ Lufti Sa'di had an article in the Bulletin (Sa'di 1934).

⁴ Reynolds possibly Lawrence, member of AAHM.

⁵ José Joaquino Izquierdo, Mexican physiologist.

⁶ Annals of Medical History, the journal existed from 1917 to 1942.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 November 1934

Dear Fulton:

I was so glad to hear that you expect to be back at work in December. What about writing the History of the Yale ulcer ? It seems to be of an epidemic character.

Izquierdo's manuscript interests me very much, and I would appreciate it if he would let me see it.¹ If it is an original contribution, as it seems to be, I will be glad to publish it in our Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Izquierdo and his manuscript see F. to S. of 7 November 1934.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 12 November 1934

Dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter. I will see that you have the Izquierdo manuscript as soon as I hear from him.¹

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

P.S. Do you know of a good Russian grammar ? I want to try to pick up the rudiments of the language before the Congress.²

When I last wrote Winternitz had not told me of your lecture in January - I am thrilled by the good news !³

¹ Izquierdo see letter 67.

² The International Congress of Physiology 1935 was to take place in Leningrad and Moscow.

³ Winternitz see letter 37.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 14 November 1934

Dear Fulton:

I have used a half dozen Russian grammars, but I found the most convenient are:

Bondar's Simplified Russian Method, 4th edition, London 1934

Hugo's Russian Grammar Simplified, Philadelphia David McKay, publisher

I have found the latter particularly useful, and I would recommend this to you for the beginning.¹

I would also strongly recommend that you get a linguaphone course. It consists of sixteen phonograph records, each side of which is one lesson. To the records are added two books, a short grammar, and the illustrated text of the lessons. The great advantage of this method is that your ear gets accustomed to the sound of the language, and that it helps you in getting the correct pronunciation. The Linguaphone Course may be obtained through the Linguaphone Institute, Rockefeller Center, New York. It costs fifty dollars. I am hearing these records daily and learn a great deal in this way.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ In preparation of his 1935 study tour to the Soviet Union S. was learning Russian. (Bondar 1934). The *Russian Grammar Simplified* was originally published from 1916 on by Hugo's Institut in London.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 November 1934

My dear Sigerist:

How nice of you to send me the information about Russian grammars. I am ordering both Hugo's and Bondar's on your recommendation.¹ The linguaphone course is an excellent suggestion. I remember hearing you speak of it last April. As soon as I am out of the hospital I shall try to get in touch with the Linguaphone Institute. I have just discovered a Russian nurse in the hospital who gives lessons and she may be able to do something for my ear.

With warmest thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Hugo's and Bondar's Russian grammars see letter 70.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 December 1934

Dear Sigerist:

Norton generously sent me a copy of American Medicine which arrived yesterday afternoon and kept me awake much too late.¹ I had read a good part of the German edition but reading the new translation is a sheer joy. You have caught so much of the spirit of the country and have expressed it all in terms that no American could possibly command. The book thrills me and I could write you much more in detail about it, but I shall spare you.

Hugo's Russian grammar has come and I have made a little progress with the alphabet and a few simple words but I am afraid I shall have to resort to the linguaphone before making any real progress.² I envy you your natural linguistic gift and your two year head

start ! When do you leave and how long do you expect to stay your first trip. I take it you will be there during the International Congress.³

I find myself still in the hospital making slow progress. It seems that I have not developed the requisite spiritual calm to heal [xxxx].⁴ I had page proof yesterday of our paper on experimental gastric ulcers in monkeys.⁵ With this off I think real tranquility should be possible.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Norton, publisher in New York. *American Medicine*, translation of (Sigerist 1933b).

² Hugo's Russian grammar see letter 70.

³ „International Congress“ of Physiology 1935 in Russia.

⁴ [xxxx] Protected Health Information (Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore).

⁵ “Our paper on experimental gastric ulcer“, not identified, possibly the work of a pupil of F..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 2 December 1934

My dear Sigerist

I was much shocked to read of D'Irsay's death this morning in the N.Y. Times.¹ No details were given, apart from the fact that he died in the American Hospital. Had he been ill long ? Have you any other details ?

He was eccentric but a really good scholar when he applied himself - I wonder if the second volume of his „Universities“ was finished.²

Yours sincerely

John Fulton

¹ Stephen D'Irsay see letter 1. American Hospital in Paris.

² "Universities" (D'Irsay 1933).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 December 1934

My dear Fulton:

Many thanks for the last two letters. I am always delighted to read what you have to say, but honestly, you should not do so much. This is not the right way to get rid of [xxxx].¹ You should lie on your back and read poetry and let the rest of the world be damned.

I too was extremely sorry to hear of d'Irsay's death.² I met him last June and found him in rather poor health. He apparently had a chronic [xxxx] for quite a while. Last year he had a bad [xxxx] and had to spend some time in the hospital. Last month he wrote me that he had a blood-pressure of [xxxx]. He then had to go to the American Hospital, where he died under tragic circumstances. He was conscious to the last minute, became [xxxx]. He asked to be buried in Italy.

He certainly was an extremely talented man of exceptionally broad culture. If he had been better balanced and disciplined, he would have achieved great things; but he was never able to adapt himself to any environment. I had him two years with me in Leipzig, and knew him very intimately.

We will make a number of the Bulletin a memorial number for d'Irsay.³ I have an unpublished paper of his here, and will try to give a picture of the man and his work.

I don't wonder that you have troubles with your Russian. It is a very difficult language. With the help of a dictionary, I can read any book now; but I still find talking pretty hard, and what I find still more difficult is to understand it when someone is speaking rapidly. I have very good lessons now, and practice [sic] speaking.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ [xxxx] Protected Health Information (Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore).

² D'Irsay see letter 73.

³ D'Irsay memorial number Bulletin of the History of Medicine 3, 431-482, 1935 with articles of S. and J. R. Oliver and an unpublished paper by D'Irsay.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 December 1934

My dear Sigerist:

Your letter about d'Irsay has just come. I had had no knowledge of his illness and I am terribly upset to hear that he died in such tragic circumstances, especially as I might have been able to see him last summer. I had always suspected that he had a [xxxx]² but I had never thought to mention it to anyone.

I am very happy to hear that you are having a memorial number of the Bulletin for d'Irsay.³ I wrote a line to Sarton suggesting that he do something in *Isis*, and I enclose his sympathetic reply.⁴ If I were able to, I should like to do a notice, but I suggested that Viets prepare something and that I would go over whatever he did.⁵ Your memorial number of the Bulletin will of course be the official tribute, but I feel that notices ought to appear in the other journals as well. Although he often exasperated me, I had a real affection for d'Irsay and great admiration for his attainments as a scholar.⁶

Although you may not believe me, I am really following your good advice by doing almost no work except for an occasional letter such as this. The account of your progress in Russian makes me green with envy.

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ D'Irsay see letters 73 and 74.

² [xxxx] Protected Health Information (Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore).

³ D'Irsay memorial number see letter 74.

⁴ George Sarton (1884-1956) Belgian-American historian of science. *Isis*, a journal for the history of science.

⁵ Viets, Henry R. (1890-1969) medical historian.

⁶ Common interests in physiology and its history had brought D'Irsay and F. together.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 10 December 1934

Dear Fulton:

I was glad to read Sarton's very charming letter, and I am returning it to you enclosed.¹

I was glad to hear that you are having a real rest now. I hope you will stick to it.

Sanford Larkey will be here soon.² He is talking at the History of Science meeting in Washington, and will spend some time with us. I am very fond of him.

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Sarton see letter 75.

² Sanford V. Larkey (1898-1968) medical historian at the University of California in San Francisco, from 1935 on head of the Welch Medical Library in Baltimore.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 21 January 1935

Dear John:

It was such a pleasure seeing you again and in such good shape. I was afraid to find you still on a milk-and-cracker-diet, but was very happy to find that this is not the case. You were extremely good to us, and both Mrs. Sigerist and I enjoyed the evening at your home very much.

I hope that you have seen our new Bulletin. In the meantime, you know that any article of yours will always be highly welcome.

With kind regards to you both, I am

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 January 1935

My dear Henry:

I intended to write you soon after you left to tell you how much we all appreciated your wonderfully stimulating series of lectures.¹ No one, as far as I know, has ever brought out three such large audiences for a series of medical lectures since I have been in New Haven. Everything you said was stimulating and you have given us food for thought for many a day. We hear such pleasant comments about the lectures from all sides.

I was very glad you were with the Winternitzs just at that time because they have had so much to contend with of late with illness and other tribulations, and your diversion meant so much to them.²

Your nice letter has pleased us both immensely and I hope you will convey our warmest greetings to Mrs. Sigerist and tell her how very much we enjoyed seeing her once more.

The new number of the Bulletin has not yet reached me but it is on order and will come any day. I very much enjoyed the account of your erudite (!) summer travels in Europe which appeared in the December number.³

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ S. delivered three lectures at Yale University on the Social Aspects of Medicine; these were not the Terry Lectures (of 1938).

² Winternitz see letter 44.

³ A report on S.'s work in France, Belgium and Italy (Sigerist 1934c).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 25 February 1935

Dear Fulton:

Thanks ever so much for the most interesting reprints, of which I have read quite a few so are [sic]. Your paper on Darwin is very delightful, and I always very much like your historical introductions as, for instance, the one in your paper on "Paralyses of Cortical Origin".¹

Such introductions are extremely useful and help a great deal.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Darwin (Fulton 1934b); Charles Darwin, son of Erasmus, has an early description of the therapeutic action of foxglove in his medical thesis of 1780. Paralyses (Fulton 1934c).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 28 February 1935

Dear Fulton:

Dr. Garrison just draws my attention to the fact that we have not got the papers of

J. Willard Gibbs in our Library, and he told me that you knew from where these papers can be obtained.¹

I quite agree with Garrison that they ought to be here and would therefore greatly appreciate it if you would let me know where I could find them.

With kind regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,
[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ Fielding H. Garrison (1870-1935) medical historian, at that time librarian of the Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins; see correspondence Sigerist-Garrison. J. Willard Gibbs (1839-1903) physicist and chemist.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 2 March 1935

My dear Sigerist:

I think that copies of the Connecticut Academy Proceedings are still available and I am writing at once to the Yale Library asking them to send you a set for the Library. We have just gotten a set recently for Dubois in New York.¹ I believe Dr. Garrison has one and Dr. Cushing has also recently obtained one.² It is extraordinary that these numbers have remained available so long.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Dubois, possibly Philip H. (1903-1998) professor of psychology.

² Garrison see letter 80. Cushing see letter 40.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 13 March 1935

My dear John:

I just received the three volumes of the Transactions of the Connecticut Academy through the Yale Library.

I am delighted to have them, and wish to tell you how much I appreciate your help.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 March 1935

My dear Sigerist:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just had from J. I. Davis & Orioli, 30 Museum Street, London, W.C.1 inquiring whether you would wish to carry advertising of his medical books in the Bulletin of the Institute. I don't know quite what your policy is in this regard, but in case it would help the Bulletin, why don't you get in touch with him directly ?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. Fulton

P.S. Many thanks for your letter acknowledging the Gibb [sic] item.¹ I believe they were almost the last copies available.

¹ Gibbs item see letter 80.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 25 March 1935

Dear Fulton:

Thanks for your letter of March 21st. I just write Davis and Orioli telling them that we do not accept any advertisements. As far as I know, the Annals of Medical History has the same policy. Medical Life, of course, would be glad to publish advertisements.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 2 May 1935

Dear Fulton:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter of May 1st.¹ We are all very much upset about Garrison's death.² It came quite unexpectedly. He did not feel well during the winter, but as he always complained about his health, we did not think this was particularly alarming. It is perhaps better that he did not survive the operation. He would have had a miserable time. His loss will be greatly felt all over the country and particularly here.

I happen to be on the committee that is looking for a new librarian. If you have any suggestion to make, I would greatly appreciate it. We do not want a scholar, but a young and energetic man who would devote his entire work to the library. Garrison was not interested in administrative matters at all. His principle was to let things take care of themselves. They did not; and the library therefore is in a mess. We are therefore looking for a man who would be able to straighten things out and to make the library really serve our medical group.

I know Miss Coffman's Haller list, and I have been corresponding with her.³ As a matter of fact, I asked her to send one of her reprints to Luckhardt.⁴ Although not complete, it is a very useful list.

My collection is developing slowly.⁵ There are a few items that I have been hunting for years without ever finding them. As for instance, *De musculis diaphragmatis*, of which there are three editions.⁶ As to the bibliography, I have not made up my mind yet on how to handle it.⁷ I want to include the manuscripts and letters, which makes it rather complicated.

I have 41 editions of the *Poems*, and found an amazing copy in Rome last year.⁸ It is interleaved; the leaves being covered with Hungarian poems in manuscript. I thought it was an unknown Hungarian translation of Haller's *Poems*, but a close examination showed that my copy was the original manuscript of an 18th century Hungarian poet, Versegthy, who wrote his poems in jail.⁹ He was mixed up in a rebellion against the Austrian crown and spent a good many years in the prison of Kufstein where he had that interleaved copy of Haller's *Poems*, into which he wrote his own poetry.¹⁰ I paid only ten dollars for that copy.

We are sailing on the Champlain. The family is going to the old place in Switzerland, and I will take a Soviet boat in London for Leningrad. I expect to be in Switzerland by the end of August and will attend the Congress in Madrid.¹¹ I hope to see you there, or if not, earlier in Switzerland.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

¹ F.'s letter of¹ May is missing.

² Garrison see letter 81. Haller see F. to S. of 20 February 1933.

³ Coffman's Haller list (Coffman 1934).

⁴ Luckhardt, probably Arno B., medical historian.

⁵ "Collection": S. had a considerable collection of Halleriana; both S. and F. were interested in Haller.

⁶ *De musculis* (Haller 1733).

⁷ S. intended to produce a bibliography of Haller's works; a complete and scientific bibliography is (Steinke/Profos 2004).

⁸ "Poems": In addition to a physiologist Haller was a poet who strongly influenced German classical literature.

⁹ Ferenc Versegthy (1757-1822).

¹⁰ Kufstein, town in Tyrol.

¹¹ "Congress", International of the History of Medicine in Madrid.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 May 1935

Dear John:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of May 4th.¹ I greatly appreciate your suggestions.² All we can do at the present time is to get a list of men who may be considered for the post. We have a meeting of the Library Committee today, and I am sure that all the members will be very grateful for the information you have given us.

As I told you the other day, we are most anxious to get the best possible man for the job. The library is in such a condition that it requires a very energetic and skillful administrator to straighten matters out.

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry]

¹ Like the last one, F.'s letter of 4 May is missing.

² F.'s suggestions: Concerning a successor as head of the Welch Medical Library in Baltimore.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 June 1935

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I have just returned the review copy of your excellent bibliography to the publishers, as our Bulletin does not publish ordinary book reviews.¹ However, I wanted you to understand that when Dr. Sigerist comes back in the fall, the Institute will get a copy, as he will want to discuss the bibliography more fully, in the usual Bulletin section called "Notes and Comments", than the usual book review would permit.

I will be writing the weekly report to Dr. Sigerist in a few days, and will tell him that the book is in print. He will be very anxious to see it !

He takes the boat from London to Leningrad in a few days, and we are all hoping that he will get as much from the trip through Russia as he hopes. He certainly is well preparted [sic] !

Very Sincerely yours,
[....]
Research secretary to Sigerist

¹ F.'s Bibliography is likely to be either (Fulton 1935a) or (Fulton 1935b).

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 29 July 1935

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I am returning the "Handlist of Editions of the Poem SYPHILIS", which you sent us some time ago.¹ Unfortunately it was put among the reprints in Dr. Sigerist's own collection and hence the three words stamped on the cover. I wish to apologize for its having been stamped and secondly, for the delay in our returning it to you.

May I thank you for sending it to us, and sincerely hoping that the delay has not inconvenienced you, I am

Very truly yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

¹ "Handlist of" (Fulton/Baumgartner 1933).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 30 October 1935

Dear Fulton:

I came back very late this year on account of the Medical History Congress in Madrid which lasted until September 29th. When I came back, I found your splendid bibliography of Lower and Mayow. Thanks ever so much for it. All your bibliographies are marvelous and a tremendous help.

I was very disappointed not to see you in Madrid. Scientifically you did not miss much; the papers were pretty rotten but Spain was lovely at this time of year and we were received in a most delightful way.

I am most anxious to hear about your Russian impressions. We must come together some day and discuss our experiences. I was nearly three months there and had an exceedingly interesting time.

With kind regards, I am

Always yours,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

"Bibliography": (Fulton 1935b). It was Spain's last year before the Civil War of 1936-1939.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 October 1935

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your nice letter. You have been much in my thoughts the last few weeks but I hated to write you knowing what an accumulation you would have on returning from Europe. I am very eager to discuss Russia with you as my impressions are not yet fully sorted out.

I have Izquierdo's manuscript still with me and I remain rather depressed by the English.¹ However I shall try to knock it into shape and send it down for your inspection. It is rather an interesting story, but the tale as set down is a little amateurish - and I am not quite sure whether you will want it but I have kept the man waiting six and [sic] it is beginning to get on my conscience.

Larkey is coming up this year to give the Carmalt lecture which you gave several years ago.² We are all looking forward to seeing him.

With best wishes

Yours very sincerely,

J. Fulton

¹ Izquierdo see letter 67.

² Larkey see letter 76.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 December 1935

Dear John:

You will have noticed that our Bulletin has a special section devoted to medico-historical activities in the United States. I am getting more and more information on what is going on in the field in this country, and I am anxious to develop [sic] this section into a panorama of medical history in America.¹

I would greatly appreciate it if you could write me a short note on medical history at Yale University, particularly on the courses which you are giving. I would like to know when you started these courses, how often they are given, to what students, on what subjects, etc.

The Bulletin is widely read abroad and I am anxious to have people realize how much good work is being done in America. I am writing to Dr. Thoms at the same time, asking him to write a note on the Beaumont Club.²

With best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to yourself and Lucia, I am
Yours ever,
[Henry]

¹ Section on medico-historical activities in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine 4, 264-269, 1936.

² Thoms see letter 36.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 2 January 1936

Dear John:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of December 23rd and the information it contains about your courses.¹ Needless to tell you that it interests me tremendously.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ F.'s letter of 23 December is missing.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 January 1936

Dear Sigerist:

I think you may possibly be interested in the enclosed correspondence concerning Darmstaedter, who it seems, is having serious difficulties in Germany.¹ Possibly Singer has already brought the case to your attention.² I do not know him personally and have no idea how he would fit into a group. A good historian of chemistry is much needed in this country and if we could in any way secure outside funds for his support, he might prove attractive for you.

I am glad the material I sent you the other day was useful.

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Darmstaedter, probably Ernst (born 1877) German chemist and historian of science (the historian of science, Ludwig Darmstaedter, died in 1927). "Difficulties in Germany": because of the Nazi rule.

² Charles Singer (1876-1960) English historian of medicine. Singer and Sigerist helped many German refugees to immigrate into Anglo-Saxon countries.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 14 January 1936

Dear John:

I know Darmstaedter quite well, and I feel very sorry for him.¹ He used to be quite wealthy and devoted all his time to research in the history of chemistry; but then after the war he lost his money and had to sell most of his library. He has been looking for a job ever since. He's a fussy old maid, grumbling all the time; and I certainly would not like to have him on my staff. However, it is a pity he can not continue his work as he certainly has a good knowledge of the history of chemistry.

I am returning the two letters and, with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Darmstaedter see letter 93.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 January 1936

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your helpful note about Darmstaedter.¹ You have told me exactly what I wanted to know and while one has the greatest possible sympathy for men in his position, we cannot crucify ourselves because of their misfortune.

My warm congratulations to you on your open letter to Sarton.² I think you have clarified a good many issues and I hope he will take it in the spirit intended. He is a very touchy fellow and he may be offended even though he has in the first instance given much more cause for offence than you have in your diplomatic reply. I am not sure how he will like your enjoining him to cheer up at the end, but I don't [sic] think he can possibly take offence.

That paper by Schumaker [sic] on the history of the adrenals is really first-rate.³ I wonder who he is - a bright medical student or some more senior person? I should very much like to have a reprint or two if he or you are to have them available. It is also nice to see Larkey making his maiden contribution to the Bulletin.⁴

I am just off to our history seminar for a paper on Haller by a very bright woman from Herbert Evans' laboratory, named Morveth Joyce Gwendolyn St. Clair McQueen-Williams.⁵ She wants to know more about your projected bibliography of Haller.

With best wishes,
Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Darmstaedter see letter 93.

² Sarton see letter 75. *Open Letter to Sarton* (Sigerist 1936a).

³ Shumacker see letter 96; (Shumacker 1936).

⁴ Larkey see letter 76; his paper (Larkey 1935).

⁵ Haller see F. to letter 25. Evans, Herbert McLean (1882-1971) anatomist at Johns Hopkins and UC Berkeley. S. had edited a volume of letters by Haller (Sigerist 1923); in the 1930s and 1940s he planned a book on Haller and a bibliography which did not materialize. McQueen-Williams see also letter 97.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 16 January 1936

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter. Dr. Schumaker's [sic] paper is very good indeed.¹ Dr. Schumaker [sic] was Fellow in Surgery at the Hospital. He has left now and is in your Surgery Department at Yale. I have no reprints of his paper, but I am sure that he will be glad to let you have as many reprints as you like.

I was delighted to read your comments on my open letter to Sarton.² He wrote me a very charming letter about it, and I think that he took the matter in the right way. I know that he is very touchy and I would hate the idea of offending him; but his attack on medical history was so silly that I felt I had to reply.

My Haller bibliography is developing very slowly in connection with my collection.³ I would like to include the manuscripts and to give an index of the many Haller letters preserved. However, it would take many more years before I get through and, at the present time, I have much more urgent work to do. If your student intends to do some bibliographical work on Haller, I will be delighted to help her.⁴ I am not at all anxious to do the bibliography myself.

I am going to spend the next week in Boston and New York, having to deliver six lectures in five days. It will be quite a job, but I had to concentrate everything in one week. I shall be in New Haven some time in March, and it will be a great pleasure to see you then.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry]

¹ Shumacker see letter 95.

² Sarton see letter 95.

³ S.'s work on Haller see letter 95

⁴ „your student“ (Morvyth McQueen-Williams) see letter 95.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 January 1936

My dear Sigerist:

It is a joke on me to discover that Dr. Shumaker [sic] is in New Haven. I had heard that a person of that name was coming the first of January, but it had never occurred to me to associate him with the man who was writing in your Bulletin.

With regard to Miss McQueen-Williams [sic] work on Haller, I dont [sic] know whether she would be quite up to collaborating with you on the bibliography. It is conceivable that she might, but I think you ought to meet her first and talk with her before you propose such a thing. She is obviously a good scholar and as far as we can predict, she will probably lead her class in the medical school. She has the highest academic average that any woman has ever had in the University of California. She obtained her Ph.D. under Herbert Evans when she was 24. (On the physiology of maternal behavior). I enclose with this the seminar sheet on Haller which is a little too full of secondary sources; but she selected wisely and the material presented was in every way first-rate.

We shall look forward to seeing you here in March.

With best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

Shumacker, McQueen-Williams, and Evans see letter 95.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 January 1936

Dear Sigerist:

When writing you previously about Darmstaedter I had not realized that the Academic Assistance Council merely hoped that we might send Darmstaedter commissions of a scholarly nature. I don't know whether you ever do things of this sort, but I pass on the suggestion for your information. Please don't trouble to reply but just let me have the papers again sometime at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

Darmstaedter see letter 93.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 28 January 1936

Dear John:

It was such a pleasure seeing you and Lucia the other day in New York, and I only regretted that it was so short.¹

I am returning the letters concerning Dr. Darmstaedter, and I regret that we can not do anything for him.² We have hardly enough money to keep our place going here, so that we could not possibly commission him to do any work for us abroad.

I was very interested in what you wrote about Miss McQueen-Williams, and I hope to be able to meet her and to have a talk with her in March.³

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Lucia Fulton.

² Darmstaedter see letter 93.

³ McQueen-Williams see letter 97

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 3 February 1936

Dear John:

Could you do me a great favor ? I received the enclosed manuscript for publication in the Bulletin. It is written by Dr. Henry Laurens, professor of physiology at Tulane. The paper is not finished and would have to be revised carefully before going to print, but I do not feel competent enough in the field of American physiology to judge whether I should accept the paper or not.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would read the manuscript and let me know what you think of it.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 February 1936

My dear Sigerist:

Laurens Manuscript.¹

I have perused Laurens notes on the History of Physiology in America and I feel just a little nonplussed about them. I can't imagine how he could submit materials, even for a tentative decision on your part, in such shape. The notes are awfully disorganized and the story told is in no sense continuous from the point of view of simple chronological development. I like what he says of Newell Martin and his comments about a number of other individual workers are quite well conceived; but then again when one turns to his comments on Cannon they seem almost amateurish.² On the whole, I don't see how you could pass judgement on the basis of what he has submitted.

Much more serious, it seems to me, is the fact that the author has cheerfully quoted seven or eight paragraphs from my *Clio medica History of Physiology* without putting the passages in quotation marks [sic].³ Thus pages 77 and 78 are transcribed with a number of minor changes in phraseology. At the bottom of page 4 of his manuscript the passage on Brown-Sequard is taken from pages 104 and 105 of *Clio Medica*.⁴ Undoubtedly Dr. Laurens will make due acknowledgment but it seems such a curious thing to do, especially as my book is in no sense a scholarly product -- just a pot boiler written for students - and while I am flattered to have him lean so heavily upon it, I think it rather impeaches his judgment as a scholar to make use of secondary source material in this manner.

Please remember that the situation is a rather delicate one as far as I am concerned and I don't want you to mention to Laurens that I have seen the manuscript. He was my predecessor in Physiology here in New Haven and his wife is the daughter of Dexter, the well known historian of Yale.⁵

Laurens himself is a good fellow whose scientific work has always been well received.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

John Fulton

¹ Laurens manuscript see letter 100; it has not been published in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*.

² Newell Martin (1848-1896) and Walter B. Cannon (1871-1945), American physiologists.

³ *Clio Medica History of Physiology* (Fulton 1931).

⁴ Charles Edouard Brown-Séquard (1817-1894) French physiologist.

⁵ Franklin B. Dexter (1842-1920).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 13 February 1936

Dear John:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of February 6th concerning Laurens' manuscript.¹ It confirms my own impression entirely.

The story of this paper is that Dr. Weinstein, secretary of the Tulane Medical History Society, wrote me some time ago drawing my attention to an address that Laurens had delivered before that club.² Weinstein thought that the paper would be suitable for the Bulletin, whereupon I wrote to Laurens asking him for the paper. I do not think that Laurens would have submitted it without my writing for it. However, I completely agree with you that the paper is absolutely unfit for publication.

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry]

¹ Laurens' manuscript see letter 101.

² Benjamin Bernard Weinstein (1913-1974) medical historian.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 24 March 1936

My dear Sigerist:

This will introduce Dr. Oscar Wyss who came last week to my laboratory as a Rockefeller Fellow.¹ Dr. Wyss is a graduate of the University of Zurich and has been assistant under Professor Hess in the Physiological Institute there since 1929.² His interests are wide, including the problem of muscular contraction, action currents and all phases of neurophysiology. He has been attending the Federation meetings at Washington and on his return trip to New Haven is stopping in Baltimore to see something of the laboratories there.³ While he is in Baltimore I am asking him to call on you for I know he will be most happy to meet a fellow countryman.

Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Oscar A. Wyss (born 1903) Swiss physiologist.

² Walter R. Hess (1881-1973) Swiss physiologist and Nobel Prize winner.

³ Federation meeting see F. to S. of 31 March 1934.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 6 April 1936

Dear John:

It was a great pleasure to see Dr. Oscar Wyss, and I am glad that you gave him my address.¹ I am always delighted to see young Swiss scientists studying in American [sic]. Wyss is a nice boy and I am sure that he will learn a great deal in your department.

It was so nice seeing you the other day, and thanks to your highball that I had a perfectly restful trip.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Wyss see letter 103; he became professor of physiology at Swiss universities in the 1940s.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 April 1936

Dear John:

What are your plans for the summer ? The reason why I am asking is that there will be an international medical meeting in Lucerne from August 31st to September 5th, and that the committee just asked me to find out what distinguished American medical men, whom they could invite, would be in Europe at that time.

A similar meeting was held last year in Montreux and it was very successful. The meetings are organized by the Schweizerische Medizinische Wochenschrift under the patronage of the government.¹ They invite a small group of distinguished men from all countries to spend a week together; each one delivering one lecture on the work he happens to be engaged in. I enjoyed last year's meeting very much indeed. It was not that large crowd of the ordinary international congresses, but a gathering of a much more intimate character. Last year the whole group was invited by Klebs to spend an afternoon in Les Terrasses.² Sir Henry Dale attended the last year's conference.³

It occurred to me that you might be in Europe at the time and would care to be invited to this meeting. I am quite sure that you would enjoy it. The committee pays all travelling expenses from the place where you happen to be in Europe, and during the whole week you are the guest of the committee. I am also sure that any lecture which you could give would be greatly appreciated.

Do you know of any other distinguished American who will be in Europe toward the end of August ? I know that the committee is anxious to secure the cooperation of several Americans. They can not pay the expenses of the trip from America and this is why they try to find out who happens to be in Europe at the time.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

¹ Schweizerische Medizinische Wochenschrift, the Swiss medical weekly journal.

² Klebs see letter 63; his residence 'Les Terrasses' in Nyon, Switzerland.

³ Henry H. Dale (1875-1968) British pharmacologist and Nobel Prize winner.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 April 1936

My dear Henry:

I much appreciate your enquiry about the possibility of attending the meeting organized by the Schweizerischen Medizinischen Wochenschrift.¹ I remember hearing Klebs speak of the meetings last year and I shall be most delighted to attend.² Our plans are still somewhat uncertain about Europe, but for something definite such as this I am sure that we will now plan to go, especially if it will give us an opportunity to see you and visit Klebs. We have tentatively planned to sail late in July spending several weeks in Scandinavia which would enable us to get down to Lucerne in time for the gathering. I hope too much will not be expected of me in the way of a lecture. If a subject is required I would suggest the interrelation of the frontal lobes and cerebellum as studied experimentally in the chimpanzee.

At the moment I do not know of any other American physicians travelling abroad at that time. Should I hear of anyone I will let you know.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ "Meeting" see letter 105.

² Klebs see letter 63.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 23 April 1936

Dear John:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of April 20th. I am perfectly delighted that you will be in Europe in August and that you are willing to accept an invitation to attend the Swiss conference. I cabled to the committee immediately and in all probability you will hear from them soon.

End of August we will all be in Kastanienbaum which is half an hour from Lucerne, so we hope to see you often.¹ I will attend the conference myself, although not as a speaker this year.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

¹ Kastanienbaum, a village where S. had rented a house for the summer months in Switzerland.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 May 1936

My dear Sigerist:

I have just had a letter from Professor Alfred Gigon giving me a formal invitation to speak at the Internationale medizinische Woche in der Schweiz.¹ I have just written to say that I would be there, but he gives no indication as to the time allowance for the communication and he asks whether I prefer to speak in German or in French. I cannot possibly speak in German without great effort, but it might be possible to speak a reasonable comprehensibly [sic] in French if this should prove necessary. I should much appreciate your advice on the matter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Alfred Gigon (1883-1975) president of the Swiss Society for Internal Medicine. “Internationale medizinische“ : International Medical Week in Switzerland.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 6 May 1936

Dear John:

I was delighted to hear that you will attend the meeting in Switzerland, and I am sure you will enjoy it.¹ The time allowed for communications was one hour, last year. I do not see why you should not speak English. Why not suggest it to Gigon ?² You could make a short mimeographed abstract in French which could be distributed, but I really do not see why you should have to speak a foreign language. Last year Sir Henry Dale read his paper in German, but as he speaks German perfectly, it was no effort to him.³

Let me thank you for the paper on „Richard Lower“.⁴ I read it with a great deal of pleasure. It is charmingly written and gives a good picture of the man. Who are Ebbe and Phebe, students of yours ?⁵ I will be glad to publish the paper in one of the next numbers of the Bulletin.

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry]

¹ Meeting in Switzerland see letter 105.

² Gigon see letter 108.

³ Dale see letter 105.

⁴ Paper on Richard Lower (Hoff/Hoff 1936).

⁵ Ebbe C. and Phebe M. Hoff see letter 110.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 May 1936

Dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter of May 6th. I am glad to know that English would be permissible for the Swiss meetings. I have already written to Gigon saying that I would speak in French if this were necessary, but I should prefer to speak in English.¹ It would be good for my soul to brush up my French to this extent and I think I could make myself understood.

Ebbe and Phebe are members of my staff, at least Ebbe is and Phebe is his English wife who was up at Oxford and took her degree in English History Schools.² Ebbe is an American who took his Ph.D. under Sir Charles Sherrington in 1932 and has since been in my laboratory.³ There is a brother Hebbel who is also historically minded; he has just written a paper on Galvani in the second number of *Annals of Science*, and one on the vagal stimulation before the Webers in the *Annals of the History of Medicine*.⁴ I am pleased that you liked the Richard Lower and the authors are delighted that you can publish it in one of the next numbers of the Bulletin.⁵

I have just been reading the last number and am most enthusiastic about your reprinting of the Forbes translation of Auenbrugger.⁶ I have just ordered twenty reprints from the Press to have available for students. It is a splendid idea. Could you ask your secretary to send me a card letting me know when you are sailing for Europe? What will your address be during the summer.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

John Fulton

¹ Gigon see letter 108. Forbes' translation of Auenbrugger (Sigerist 1936b)

² Ebbe and Phebe Hoff.

³ Charles Sherrington (1857-1952) English physiologist and Nobel Prize winner, F.'s teacher at Oxford.

⁴ Hebbel E. Hoff, (Hoff 1936), (Hoff, Hoff 1936). Galvani, Luigi Aloisio (1737-1798) Italian physician and scientist. Weber, Ernst Heinrich (1795-1878) and his brother Eduard, German anatomists and physiologists.

⁵ Richard Lower (Fulton 1945b).

⁶ Auenbrugger, Johann Leopold (1722-1809) Austrian physician. Forbes, John, translator of Auenbrugger.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 13 May 1936

Dear John:

We are sailing May 26th on the Normandie. The family is going to Switzerland and I to Russia where I intend to spend June and July. I will be in Switzerland from August 1st on until the end of September, and our address will be:

Haus Utohorn

Kastanienbaum (Canton of Lucerne)

I am delighted that you like the idea of having Auenbrugger reprinted.¹ Haller's treatise on Irritability and Sensibility will be published in the same way in the October number, and I intend to reprint two or three medical classics every year.²

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Auenbrugger see letter 110 and (Sigerist 1936b).

² Haller's treatise: Bull. Hist. Med. 4, 651-699, 1936.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 12 June 1936

Dear Madam:

I have just received from Professor J. [sic] Liljestrand of Stockholm an introduction in German to the projected translation of Rudbeck's Nova Exercitatio about which I wrote Dr. Sigerist several weeks ago.¹ When he returns in the autumn I hope you will bring this to his attention so that he can take up the matter afresh. I am writing you this now so that I will not forget it in the autumn.

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Göran Liljestrand: Swedish pharmacologist, member of the Nobel Prize Committee. Olof Rudbeck the Elder (1630-1702) Swedish scientist and writer. *Nova Exercitatio* (Rudbeck 1653). Rudbeck is not mentioned in F.'s previously transcribed letters.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 3 September 1936

My dear Henry,

Your very charming letter with photos has just reached me - Lucia is delighted with them, especially with my cheerful decoration of a Roman Ruin !¹ I am also especially pleased to have the splendid one of you both - it is excellent and a happy reminder of our day at Kastanienbaum.² I wonder that you ever come back to Baltimore.

Thank you so much for your comments about Wotton and for your invitation.³ When down to Baltimore this winter; I shall do so gladly, and at any time you suggest after about Nov. 15. I am having lunch today with R. T. Yunther [?] and I hope to get some more information from him about the Wotton mss. + letters.⁴

With warm thanks again for the excellent photos - and all good wishes for the success of your book, and of everything else that you may undertake⁴

Yours ever [...]

John Fulton

¹ Lucia Fulton.² Kastanienbaum, S.'s summer residence in Switzerland.³ Wotton, Edward (1492-1552) English physician.⁴ Yunther not identified.⁵ "Your book": After S.'s second study tour in Russia he started to write his book on Soviet medicine (Sigerist 1937a).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 October 1936

Dear John:

I just came back and am certainly very glad to be in America again. What a mess in Europe.¹ We just left when the various currencies were devaluated so that it was impossible to change either Swiss or French bills. And the worst mess, I am afraid, is still to come with the Spanish business unsettled and the increasing tension in France.

I found the Institute in perfect shape and am looking forward to the winter's work.²

I hope you will not mind if Izquierdo's paper is published in the December instead of the November number of the Bulletin.³ I had to make a few changes in the arrangement of the papers so that it would suit me better to have it in the December number.

I remember with such pleasure our trip through Switzerland. What delightful days these were.

With warm regards to Lucia and yourself, I am

Always yours,

[Henry]

¹ “Mess in Europe”: In Spain the rise of Franco which initiated the Civil War; in France the political instability between the leftist and rightist tendencies.

² “I found the Institute in perfect shape”: During S.’s absences in Europe Owsei Temkin took care of the Institute business.

³ Izquierdo see letter 67; his paper (Izquierdo 1937a,b).

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Fulton’s librarian to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 October 1936

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Dr. Fulton is in Minnesota at the moment and will not be back in New Haven until the end of next week. I am therefore acknowledging for him your letter of October 9th. I feel sure that he would want you to do whatever seemed best to you about Dr. Izquierdo’s paper. It was in our hands a long time before it was in proper shape to go to you, so that Dr. Fulton is anxious for Dr. Izquierdo’s sake to have it appear fairly soon. However, the difference between November and December does not seem very great.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte H. Peters [?]

Librarian to Dr. Fulton

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 9 December 1936

My dear Sigerist:

This will introduce Dr. Nicolay Ivanovitch Propper, a Fellow of the Institute of Experimental Medicine at Moscow, who spent last year with Adrian and who recently has been working with us in New Haven.¹ He is very eager to meet you and discuss Soviet medicine. He also hopes to be able to see something of your Institute and to hear from you about your forthcoming book.²

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Edgar Douglas Adrian (born 1889) English physiologist, who was coworker of and shared the 1932 Nobel Prize in medicine with Charles Sherrington.

² “Your forthcoming book“ (Sigerist 1937a).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 8 April 1937

Dear John:

I just find that we already have a copy of the first five volumes of the West Riding Lunatic Asylum Reports so that you need not bother about them.¹

It was such a pleasure seeing you here the other day, and I only regret that your visit was so short.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ West Riding reports, volumes¹ – 5 are from 1871 to 1877.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 April 1937

My dear Sigerist:

In April last year I wrote you about Liljestrand's proposal to issue a translation of Rudbeck's *Nova exercitatio*, the basis of his claim to the discovery of the lymphatic vessels.¹ I have just had a reminder from Liljestrand asking what we propose to do. The situation as far as I am concerned is as follows: Liljestrand in May 1936 sent me a German introduction which would serve admirably as an introduction to the translation. Thus far I have not succeeded in finding anyone to translate the text of the *Nova exercitatio* itself. It is not long, and if you have any suggestions concerning a competent person, I will send the text to him at once. Rudbeck's thesis is also important and of this I have a translation practically complete made by a former graduate student named David Ashkanetz [sic]. Would you care to consider issuing them both together with Liljestrand's introduction rendered into English as one of your series of classics in medical history ? I am enclosing Liljestrand's introduction for your perusal and await your advice in regard to securing a translator.

The Sandström paper is practically ready and I would like to have you see it before you sail.² When do you leave ?

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Liljestrand and Rudbeck see letter 112 and (Rudbeck 1653).

² Ivar Sandström, discoverer of the parathyroid glands. Sandström paper (Seipel 1938).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 8 May 1937

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of April 30th concerning Rudbeck.¹ I read the introduction and find it very good and very suitable for the purpose. As to the translation, it should be very easy to find a suitable man. We have a third year student here, Mr. Santee; he and his wife have both graduated in classics so that one of them or both together should be able to do the job. I have not talked with them yet about it, but I feel sure that they would be willing to undertake the work.

I will be delighted to print the thesis as well as the Nova exercitatio with the introduction in the Bulletin and to make it a special little volume.

I am sorry you did not come to Atlantic City.² We had quite a good meeting.

We are sailing June 9th. I am keeping the introduction here for the time being. If you would like me to return it, please let me know.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Rudbeck see letters 112 and 118.

² Atlantic City, NJ: Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 May 1937

Dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter about Rudbeck.¹ I feel sure that Mr. and Mrs. Santee would be able to render the Nova exercitatio into English and I hope that you will ask them to take it on.*² If you need a copy of the text I can send it down, but I presume you have the facsimile in the Institute.

Meanwhile I have just had a letter from Ashkenaz saying that he has practically completed the translation of Rudbeck's thesis.³ This also is short and is important in the controversy since it was actually published in 1652, prior to the appearance of Bartholin's tract.⁴ I think that Liljestrand mentions this in his introduction.⁵ You may not want to do the thesis in facsimile, but on the other hand it might be wise to do it since the thesis itself has never been reproduced apparently in facsimile, while the Nova exercitatio has. I am sending you a photograph of the thesis under separate cover, since the only copy I know of is in the Yale Library.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

* P.S. I have just read Ashkenaz' letter and he says that if we want it he can promise to have both translations ready the early part of this summer. Perhaps it would be well to confirm this before you approach Mr. Santee. I will write Ashkenaz again and let you know at once.

¹ Rudbeck see 112 and 118.

² Santee see letter 119.

³ Ashkenaz see letter 118.

⁴ Caspar Bartholin (1655-1738) Danish anatomist.

⁵ Liljestrand see letter 112.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 24 May 1937

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of May 10th and for the photostats of the dissertation of Rudbeck.¹ In the meantime, I spoke to Mr. Santee and I am glad to say that he is willing to translate the Nova exercitatio into English. I am sure that he will do a very good job. He will be working on it during the summer and in the fall when I come back from abroad, I will be very glad to undertake the publication of the introduction, the facsimile and the two translations. I am sure it will make a very nice volume.

Mr. Ashkenaz need not hurry. If I receive the manuscript by the end of September, it will be early enough.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Rudbeck, Santee, and Ashkenaz see letters since 30 April 1937.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 29 May 1937

My dear Sigerist:

I sent your letter of May 24th to Dr. Ashkenaz and have just received the enclosed reply from him. As you will see he has already begun the translation of the Nova exercitatio. What [...] we better do [?]

With warm regards,

Yours very sincerely

John Fulton

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 June 1937

Dear John:

I received your letter of May 29 and I will tell Mr. Santee to drop the work on Rudbeck.¹ Please tell Mr. Ashkenaz that I will be glad to receive his manuscript by the end of September.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Rudbeck, Santee, and Ashkenaz see letters since nr. 118.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 June 1937

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter about Ashkenaz.¹ I am awfully distressed that there was any mix-up and I sincerely hope that Mr. Ashkenaz's rendering will be adequate; I feel sure it will. I am sending him your letter.

I was in Atlantic City last week and saw Henry Viets who had the manuscript of his Brief Rule, or rather the page proof.² I liked it very much, especially the typography, though I thought the title page very unfortunate. It would make any typographer's hair stand on end, at least anyone who had any feeling at all for printing and the niceties of the art, to have that overloaded statement about the series on the top of the title. Those things, it seems to me,

should either be on the half title, or on the back of the title. So long as that is there, I don't think you will ever have respectable looking title pages, at least this is my personal feeling.

I hope this reaches you before you leave for Europe. It carries my warm greetings and best wishes for a happy and profitable summer. I wish I were going to drop in on you on the shores of Lake Luzerne but alas, I am staying home this summer to write a book on the physiology of the nervous system !³

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Ashkenaz see letters since nr. 118.

² Viets see letter 75. *Brief Rule*, not identified.

³ *Physiology of the Nervous System* (Fulton 1938b)

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 1 October 1937

Dear John:

I was very glad to hear that the Rudbeck translation is progressing.¹ The whole material will be printed as soon as I have the manuscript in hand. I will see to it that we get another printer for the facsimiles. I am afraid that the publications which we brought out recently are technically very poor.

I just came back from Europe where I had a most pleasant and quiet summer. Unfortunately, I did not see Klebs but I hope that he will come to America this winter again.²

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Rudbeck see letters since nr. 118. The translation of Rudbeck appeared years later (Nielsen 1942).

² Klebs see letter 63.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 October 1937

My dear Sigerist:

I am much pleased to have yours and Larkey [sic] letter announcing that Mr. Tietsch proposes to edit a collection of Garrison's letters.¹ I have put mine altogether in a volume sometime ago and I am sending it to you today by express. I have not had opportunity to look over the letters again, and as I remember, there was a good deal of temperament in some of

them; I know you will be judicious in your choice of those that are printed. I fear also that there are several which he intended me to destroy.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Sanford V. Larkey see letter 76; he became Garrison's successor as head of the Baltimore Welch Medical Library in 1935. Garrison see letter 80. The project of an edition of Garrison letters is described in (Sigerist 1937b). Franz Ludwig Tietsch, a Baltimore business man, never completed his project, and his widow donated Tietsch's collection in 1967 to the National Library of Medicine.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 28 October 1937

Dear John:

Many thanks for the Garrison letters.¹ I hope you will not mind if I keep them for about a month. I shall have photostats made of some of them and shall return the others to you as soon as possible.

I just received Klebs' book and am delighted to have it.² It is a splendid piece of work but I hope that Klebs will go ahead with the big book that he promised.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Garrison see letter 126.

² Klebs see letter 63. Klebs' book (Klebs 1938).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 29 October 1937

Dear Sigerist:

Do keep the Garrison letters as long as you wish, but you had better not photostat the ones which he asked me to destroy.¹ I have always had qualms of conscience about this but they were very revealing documents. They do not harm his memory, and there was nothing particularly personal about anyone except possibly dear Mackall, whom for some reason, Garrison cordially disliked.² I guess perhaps Mackall pulled Garrison's leg a few too many times late in the evening !

Klebs' Short Title List is a splendid piece of work and I do hope he is able to go on.³ We are pulling strings to get a Guggenheim Fellowship for Miss Pearl Kibre who has been with Lynn Thorndike.⁴ I think she will be able to help him without upsetting the domestic harmony.

I am returning proof today of my paper on cytoarchitecture.⁵ I am very pleased to have it appear so promptly.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Garrison letters see letter 126.

² Leonard L. Mackall (1878-1937) historian/librarian.

³ *Short Title List* (Klebs 1938).

⁴ Pearl Kibre (1900-1985) medievalist and medical historian. Lynn Thorndike (1882-1965) historian/medievalist at Columbia University.

⁵ *Cytoarchitecture* (Fulton 1937).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 November 1937

Dear John:

Very many thanks for that perfectly delightful sketch of Leonard Mackall.¹ You certainly succeeded in picturing him just the way we knew him, fond of books and women. He was a great character and a most generous personality. We owe him a great deal here. The Servetus collection has not reached us yet.² I think it is still in Homewood, and we are eagerly waiting for the books.³

Yours ever

[Henry]

¹ Mackall see letter 128.

² Michael Servetus (1511-1553) Spanish/French theologian and physician.

³ Homewood the (non-medical) main campus of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 10 November 1937

Dear John:

I am most anxious to have a picture of Leonard Mackall.¹ Do you happen to have one, or could you tell me where I could obtain one?

Sincerely yours,
[Henry]

¹ Mackall see letter 128.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 November 1937

Dear Henry:

I have only one photograph of Leonard Mackall which was taken just a year ago down at Falmouth when we were all there at the time of the Army Medical Library Centenary.¹ It is the last photograph that any of us have of him; it was taken by Henry Viets.² If you want to use it for the Bulletin I think it might perhaps be best to write to his sister, Mrs. Gari Melchers, Falmouth, Va and ask her what photograph she would like to have used.³ You might mention the fact that Dr. Viets took some last November and that you feel sure that he would be glad to let you have them if she approved. My only uncertainty is that being his last photograph, Mrs. Melchers may possibly have feelings about it and prefer to have something else used. She is a very cooperative person and if you ever happen to meet her you will like her. In her younger days she was one of the most striking women in the south. Her husband, as you probably know, was the well known artist and for a long time president of The Century in New York.

Wroth of the John Carter Brown Library in Providence is thinking of editing a volume of Mackall's better contributions to the Herald-Tribune and if the plan develops, you may wish to have the volume affiliated in some way with the Welch Library.⁴ We hope that Rollins will print it as Mackall was a very warm friend of his.⁵ Wroth also expects to include some of the appreciations of Mackall that have already been published. Have you any thoughts about such a volume ?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Mackall see letter 128.

² Viets see letter 75. A picture or article of Mackall did not appear in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine.

³ Gari Melchers (1860-1932) painter, Mrs Melchers.

⁴ Wroth, librarian.

⁵ Carl Rollins, printer at Yale University Press.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 15 November 1937

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of November 11. Following your advice, I have written to Mrs. Melchers and I have also asked Henry Viets to send me a copy of his picture of Mackall.¹

Mackall's books are being catalogued at present and I should like to publish a check-list of his Servetus collection as soon as the books come in.²

I was glad to hear that Wroth is considering the publication of a volume of Mackall's contributions to the Herald-Tribune.³ I had not thought about such a volume as I do not know Mackall's articles, but I shall discuss the matter with Larkey.⁴

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Mrs. Melchers and Viets see letter 131, Mackall letter 128.

² Mackall wrote books about Georgia, Goethe, Osler, Servetus.

³ Wroth see letter 131.

⁴ Larkey as head of Hopkins' Welch Medical Library.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 November 1937

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter about Mackall's photograph.¹ I trust that Mrs. Melchers will send you one. I shall be interested in knowing which one she selects.

With regard to the Mackall volume, Wroth expects to get down to work in December and I shall keep you posted concerning developments. We shall be very eager to have yours and Larkey's advice and cooperation.

In a day or two I shall send you the completed Sandström translation and manuscript.² Seiple [sic] has been working at it all summer and it is now complete.³ Ashkenaz also promises his translation of Rudbeck any time now.⁴

Your volume on Russia reached me a day or two ago and I have been reading it with the greatest interest.⁵ You have remained admirably objective for the most part and there are only a few places where one could accuse you of 'special pleading'. I am sure the book will attract the wide attention which it richly deserves.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Mackall, Melchers, Wroth, Larkey see letters since nr. 128.

² Sandström see letter 118.

³ Seipel, probably Carl M. of Yale, see also letter 118; his manuscript (Seipel 1938).

⁴ Ashkenaz see letter 118; Rudbeck letter 112. of 12 June 1936.

⁵ Book on Russia (Sigerist 1937a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 December 1937

My dear Henry:

We are much pleased to learn that the Sandström translation appears to you as suitable for the Bulletin.¹ I hope that a few copies can be subsequently issued as you did the Auenbrugger and the Haller.²

I have just returned from ten days in Montreal, Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, Des Moines, St. Paul and Minneapolis, during which I exercised my vocal cords rather more extensively, I fear, than my gray matter. I spoke yesterday to Cos Knidos of St. Paul and I reminded the group that the last meeting which I had the privilege of attending was in December 1931 when you were there visiting this country for the first time and Popsey was also present.³ It was a nice meeting and I enclose a copy of the program. I devoted most of the address to Priestley.⁴

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Sandström see letter 118.

² Auenbrugger see letter 110, Haller letter 9.

³ Cos and Knidos: Important sites of ancient Greek medicine; here possibly a medical history club. Popsy: Nickname of Welch, see S. letter 14.

⁴ Joseph Priestley see letter 21; Fulton wrote several papers about him.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven ?, 12 January 1938

Dear Sigerist:

I hope you have seen George Newman's review of Socialized Medicine in the Soviet Union that appeared in the January 1st number of Nature.¹

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ (Sigerist 1937a). "Nature", British Journal of general science.

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Sigerist to Fulton ,Baltimore ?, 12 May 1938

Dear John:

I am writing concerning poor Neuburger.¹ He seems to be in a perfectly hopeless situation and I wonder what we could do for him. I think we should first of all try to organize a nationwide lecture tour for him which would allow him to earn a few thousand dollars. I think this should be possible if we mobilize all the local groups but then, of course, the great question would be what should be done next. We cannot possibly employ him in the Institute. I already have four men on my staff, two of whom are Germans, and quite apart from the fact that I have no additional funds available, I cannot crowd the place with refugees.²

I wonder if it would not be possible to obtain some kind of a research fellowship or library appointment in your University ? He would be near his son which probably would make his exile much easier for him and he possibly could be of some help to you in organizing your department of medical history at Yale. He is 70 years old now and in poor health so that he has not many more years to live. The Committee in Aid of Displaced German Physicians could possibly help in the beginning.

It is a most tragic situation and something must be done about it. Let me know what you think in the matter.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Max Neuburger (1868-1955) Professor of Medical History in Vienna. After the occupation of Austria by Nazi-Germany in 1938 Neuburger as a Jew was forced to leave his country and emigrated 1939 to England (Sigerist 1943a).

² The two Germans and refugees are Owsei Temkin and Ludwig Edelstein.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 May 1938

My dear Sigerist:

I too am desperately disturbed about poor Neuburger, but I have had no recent information concerning him.¹ A letter was awaiting me from him written a day or two after the Nazi coup.² What more recent information have you had ? I take it that he is completely out and unable to do anything. Have you ascertained from our State Department whether the German Government would give him a passport that would be acceptable to them. Am I not right in believing that at present Viennese refugees are being given one way passports which are not acceptable in Washington.

Cushing is very dubious about whether we can do anything for him here in the way of a two or three year post.³ I would be glad to approach that overworked committee in New York and if they would be willing to pay a salary for a year or so, we could of course give him a place to work. But I have a feeling that he could more easily [be] absorbed in an Institute such as yours than he could be here where we have no organization for work in medical history. If we ever build our new library we would then have an admirable place for him and could get things organized in a way that would be very helpful to us in the future.⁴

My other thought is the group in St. Paul where several of them know Neuburger and have written me about him. Chauncey Leake and John Saunders would no doubt be interested.⁵ I shall talk further with Dr. Cushing and meanwhile if you will let me know what recent information you have, I shall appreciate it.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Neuburger see letter 136.² Nazi coup: Hitler's annexation of Austria 1938.³ Cushing see letter 40.⁴ New library: F. planned to combine his library with Cushing's and Klebs' into a Medico-Historical Library at Yale out of which a Department of the History of Medicine would be created; the library merger took place after WWII only and the Department was created in 1951.⁵ Leake see letter 53; John Saunders, probably the medical historian, member of AAHM.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 5 October 1938

My dear Sigerist:

President Seymour has just called me to learn whether Lucia and I are free to look after you and Mrs. Sigerist during your Terry lectures.¹ Of course we are simply thrilled and unless you have some previous arrangement I hope that you and she will plan to come directly to

Mill Rock on November 2nd (or the night of November 1st if you are coming up a day beforehand) and stay for the rest of the week.² It will be grand to see you and we are all keenly looking forward to your lectures. I understand that they are to be held at five o'clock on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Our history seminar ordinarily occurs at that hour on Wednesdays. In the circumstances, I am wondering whether if we held the seminar in the evening you would be too exhausted to take over the seminar on any subject that pleases you. Our general theme for the year is the history of the experimental method as indicated on the enclosed seminar sheet. I am starting it off this afternoon and we had tentatively put down for November 2nd Fabricius and Harvey, but we should much prefer to have you choose your own topic.³ Perhaps some of the larger implications of the scientific renaissance of the seventeenth century would be a thing that you would not have to prepare, and I am exceedingly eager to have my students hear you in this informal vein. We could have a quiet supper beforehand, perhaps inviting a few ladies to meet Mrs. Sigerist, and you and I could run off afterwards.

Lucia and I want also to have a more formal dinner for you on Friday night after your last lecture if that will be a convenient time for you. If not, we could hold the dinner on Thursday in accordance with your preference. If you will let me know, I would like to get things moving as soon as possible. Lucia will be writing to your good wife this evening and you must tell her that we are, of course, counting on her.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J.F.F.

¹ Charles Seymour (1885-1963) historian, president of Yale University. Terry lectures: Lectures on religion in the light of science and philosophy; S.'s Terry lectures have appeared in book form (Sigerist 1941).

² Mill Rock: The Fulton residence in New Haven, CT.

³ Fabricius of Aquapendente (1533-1619) or Fabricius Wilhelm Hildanus (1560-1634) ? William Harvey (1578-1657) British physician and physiologist.

Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 10 October 1938

Dear John:

Many thanks for your kind invitation. Mrs. Sigerist and I are both delighted to stay with you while in New Haven. We also greatly appreciate your invitation for dinner on Friday night. The date is perfectly convenient. The only other engagement we have is a dinner at Dr. Kahn's home on Thursday evening.¹

It will give me great pleasure to talk to your seminar on the evening of Wednesday. I am sure that the preceding lecture will not exhaust me and I am also sure that you will give me a drink between the two. As to the subject of the seminar, I will think the matter over. I have recently done some work on Baglivi which might possibly fit into your program.² I will think it over and will let you know in time.

Looking forward with greatest pleasure to our visit and with warm regards to Lucia and yourself, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

¹ Kahn see letter 3.

² Giorgio Baglivi (1668-1707) Italian physician and anatomist; (Sigerist 1939a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 October 1938

My dear Henry:

Lucia and I are simply delighted to know that you can be with us during your Terry lectures.¹ I am putting you down then for the seminar on Wednesday evening and we shall be delighted to have you speak on any subject that you have conveniently at hand. I can't remember whether I sent you a copy of our tentative seminar program, but in case I didn't I enclose one herewith.

Let us know what train you are coming on so that we can meet you. I assume you will be coming up by day on Wednesday, but if it is more convenient to arrive Tuesday evening that would be entirely suitable for us. We shall have a small dinner at the house Wednesday evening before the seminar and we note that you are having dinner at the Kahn's Thursday evening.² This is perfect, because Thursday is our maid's night out !! On Friday night we shall try to mix up religion and theology in an appropriate manner after your final lecture. I have a new cocktail called a "Mill Rock hurricane" that we invented to give us strength after the recent blow. By the way, is there anyone whom you would particularly like to meet on Friday? There will be inevitable University officials, but we would be especially happy if we thought we could bring together a few other people that you particularly wanted to see.

With best wishes,

Yours ever sincerely,
John

¹ Terry lectures see letter 3.

² Kahn see letter 3.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 October 1938

Dear Sigerist:

The powers that be in the Secretary's office want to know whether you are likely to need lantern slides in connection with your lectures or will you require anything else in the way of special projection apparatus. We are contemplating having the lectures held in the Law School auditorium which I think you will remember.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 15 October 1938

Dear John:

I will not need a lantern for my Terry lectures. The subject does not require any illustrations. All I shall need is a manuscript and I am still struggling with it.

I remember the auditorium of the Law School very well. It is a most pleasant lecture hall with excellent acoustics.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 October 1938

Dear Sigerist:

All arrangements are made for your Terry lectures. Unhappily the Yale Corporation also meets on Friday night so that there will be a dearth of University officials at our dinner. I enclose a note from Mr. Lohmann which will explain things. University presidents have a hard life !¹

If you think of anyone you would particularly like to see at dinner Friday or at any other time while you are here, let us know.

My history seminar is all agog at the thought of being able to hear you and meet you.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Lohmann, probably a university official.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 October 1938

Dear John:

Many thanks for your note of October 15. It was very kind of you to ask whom I would particularly like to meet at the dinner that you are giving Friday evening. I do not know whether Harvey Cushing goes out at night but if he does, it would be a very great pleasure to see him.¹ I would also be very pleased to meet Winslow while I am at Yale.² I just read a splendid talk he made at the National Health Conference in Washington last July. Another member of your faculty for whom I have a great admiration is G. L. Hendrickson [sic] who is professor of classics.³ He is one of the last humanists. Otherwise, I am sure that I shall be delighted to meet whomever you care to invite.

Yours very sincerely,
[Henry]

¹ Cushing, 69 and in poor health, would participate at F.'s party.

² Charles-Edward A. Winslow (1877-1957) Yale professor of Public Health.

³ George O. Hendrickson, Yale professor of Latin and Greek Literature.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 October 1938

Dear Sigerist:

I am sending your note about the fact that you will not need a lantern to the Secretary so that all is in order.

Some time ago I saw a pamphlet by you entitled „Minimum standard library on medical history“. I can't seem to find mine and if you have one available, could your secretary let me see it.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ See letter 147.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 19 October 1938

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 17th. We had already invited the Cushings and the Winslows and I think they are coming, although the Winslows are out of town and we have not yet heard of them.¹ I also remembered Hendrickson whom I think you first met at Mill Rock some five years ago. I like your designation of him as one of the last of the humanists. We are trying to get him also for Friday.

I hate to bother you when I know you are busy with your lectures, but I would like some word from you as to what you propose to do about Sudhoff's death.³ Viets is writing an appreciation for the Medical Library Association Bulletin and I think perhaps something ought to be done for Science, although I don't feel personally well enough equipped to do it.⁴ I know very little about the details of Sudhoff's life. If you have anything handy that gives the principal dates that you can spare will you let me have it for a few days.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Cushing, Winslow, Hendrickson see letter 144.

² Mill Rock see letter 138.

³ Karl Sudhoff, see letter 43, died on 8 October 1938 in Leipzig (Sigerist 1939b).

⁴ Viets see letter 75. "Science": American Journal of general science.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 October 1938

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letters of October 17 and 19. I am sending you enclosed a copy of the Standard Minimum Library which we printed on the occasion of the last graduate week.¹ Do not take it too seriously. It is a mere suggestion and many titles could be substituted by others. I am adding the other programs that were printed on the same occasion, assuming that you might like to have a copy of them.

I intend to write a short obituary of Sudhoff for the January number of our Bulletin.² You will find a short autobiography of Sudhoff in:

Archiv für Geschichte der Medizin, 1929, vol. 21, pp. 333-387.³

Yours ever,
[Henry]

¹ See letter 145. “Graduate Weeks“ for post-graduate education in the history of medicine were organized in S.’s Institute in 1938 and 1939.

² No obituary of Sudhoff appeared in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine except S.’s tribute (Sigerist 1939b).

³ (Sudhoff 1929).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 October 1938

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter about the catalogue of the Standard Minimum Library for a course in medical history.¹ It is an exceedingly interesting list and if you still have copies available I should like to have several to distribute to a number of interested people in my history seminar. From the point of view of a bibliographer I regret that there is no indication of authorship on the catalogue and no date. This is really shocking ! I am exceedingly glad to have the various brochures issued for the Graduate Week in medical history.² I am going to bind all these up together.

The Standard Minimum Library list interests me immensely and I am glad to report that there are only one or two items which I do not have at my elbow which I hope means that we agree pretty closely in our choice of such a list. The only thing that I would have added is a section of biographical dictionaries which seem to me almost indispensable such as Eloy, Bayle, Hirsch, which are fairly reasonable, and then if they can afford it the D.A.B. and D.N.D..³ Don’t bother to answer this note; we can talk about it when you come up.

Thanks very much for the reference to the Sudhoff autobiography.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ See letter 147.

² Graduate Week see letter 147.(Eloy 1755).

³ (Eloy 1755). (Bayle/Thillaye 1855). (Hirsch/Hübötter 1929). D.A.B.. probably Dictionary of American Biography. D.N.D. not identified.

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 October 1938

Dear Sigerist:

This is just a line to tell you that we shall be expecting you at one thirty-five on Wednesday. I have our monthly meeting of our Library Committee that day and will not be able to be at the train, but Lucia plans to meet you and by the time you get settled at the house my meeting will be over and I will join you there. Or if you would like to come down and join me at the Library about two-thirty or quarter of three, my meeting will be over then and you can then meet the new Librarian, etc..

Everything is arranged for your first lecture Wednesday at five at the Law School auditorium. Wolfers wants you to drop in for a few moments afterward.¹ We are having a small supper at Mill Rock at seven.² Your seminar will be at the Medical School at eight-thirty.

On Thursday, nothing formal is planned at lunch time, though I may bring a few students out from the Lab to meet you for lunch if you and Mrs. Sigerist have not made other plans. Jack Peters is very eager to see you Thursday afternoon and to discuss with you a plan for a library on medical economics.³ If you are able to join him at three or three-thirty, he will look after you and see that you get to your lecture at five. Thursday evening we are going with you to the Kahns for dinner.⁴ I fancy we will be dressing that night, but it would hurry us too much if we tried to dress on Wednesday.

On Friday, again nothing formal is planned at lunch time and we have kept it open to see what your desires may be. Dr. and Mrs. Cushing are eager to see you and they may want you to come there if you are not otherwise engaged, or alternately we will have a quiet lunch at the house and invite anyone that you may wish to see informally.⁵ Winslow and Hiscock I think have designs on you Friday afternoon and in the evening we are having a dinner party, as you know, at Mill Rock, with the Cushings, Winslows, Bayne-Jones, Knollenbergs, Winternitz, Hendrickson, etc..⁶ The men will probably wear white ties unless you and I decide we want to wear black ones.

I have left Thursday and Friday mornings quite open in case you have any work still to do on your lectures.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Wolfer, possibly John, Yale surgeon.

² Mill Rock see letter 138. The titles of S.'s three Terry Lectures were: "The significance of Disease", "The significance of Health", and "The Physician's Mission".

³ Peters, John P., Yale Professor of Medicine

⁴ Kahn see letter 3.

⁵ Cushing see letter 40.

⁶ Bayne-Jones, Stanhope (1888-1970) bacteriologist, dean of Yale Medical School. Hiscock, Ira V., professor of public health, Yale Medical School. Knollenberg, Bernhard (1892-1973) historian and head of Yale Library. Hendrickson and Winslow see letter 144. Winternitz see letter 37.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 10 November 1938

Dear John:

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the days spent with you and Lucia. You are indeed a perfect host. Emmy and I felt quite at home with you and enjoyed every minute. The dinner on the last evening was most delightful. It was so good of you to make a speech and I loved hearing Harvey Cushing tell the blood-thirsty story of Dr. Welch.¹

It was also a great pleasure for me to address your seminar. You have a fine group of students with you, and there is nothing I like better than to speak quite informally to such a group.

Sunday evening I gave my lecture at Bridgeport and it was all very solemn with prayers, hymns, blessings and offerings but I had a good crowd and the people were extremely kind and hospitable. I think the doctors were rather shocked at what I said but you had warned me that they were a very conservative group.

I am back at work now. Monday we shall have the first meeting of the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club at which my associates and I will report about our experiences during the summer.²

Many thanks for the facsimile of the catalogue of the Library of Yale College. I am very happy that you took me to the Library and that I saw this delightful old room.

With kind regards to Lucia and yourself, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Cushing see letter 40; Welch 14.

² In the summer 1938 S. had undertaken a third study tour in Russia, accompanied by his elder daughter Erica (1918-2002).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 December 1938

My dear Sigerist:

Dr. T. S. Ruch [sic], whom you met in your recent visit to New Haven, is completing his classified bibliography of all primate literature which you will find described on the attached sheet.¹ It is to be an extraordinarily useful compilation and many people who have heard about it are already writing in for information from his cards. When in England this summer,

Mr. Julian Huxley, Secretary of the Zoological Society of London, became much interested and has offered to contribute \$ 500 toward its publication from the funds of the Society, provided the Society might issue it under its imprint and provided a subvention of

\$ 1000 might be obtained from this country to help meet the cost of publication.² I have just discussed the matter with Professor Carl Young and Professor Ross Harrison; Dr. Young suggested that we lay the matter at once before the Council of Learned Societies.³ If the proposal appeals to you, would you, therefore, be good enough to get in touch with Dr. Leland to see whether it would be possible to lay the request before the Council at its January meeting?⁴

I am enclosing copies * of relevant correspondence, the important points of which are these:

The bibliography is on cards with all references fully checked from their original sources; the classification is practically complete and the materials will be ready for press some time in January. Huxley is eager to proceed at once and the only condition to his grant is that the first charge against any income from sales be used to repay his council's initial outlay of \$ 500 (actually £ 100:0:0). I have discussed these terms with Professor Young and he intimated that the conditions of Mr. Huxley's grant were not likely to militate against an outright grant from the Council. Professor Harrison, however, pointed out that the grants from the Council were more often made in the field of the humanities rather than of science and if for this reason Mr. Leland thinks it unwise to make more formal application to the Council I will withdraw it. However, I am personally most enthusiastic about the Bibliography and am eager to see it brought out as early as possible.

I should very much appreciate your advice and any help you can give us.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

* To follow in the morning - not yet copied

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¹ Ruch, Theodore Cedric, neurophysiologist. A primate center for physiological research had been founded by F.. Bibliography (Ruch 1941).

² Huxley, Julian (1887-1975) British biologist and humanist

³ Young, Carl, not identified; Harrison, Ross G. (1870-1959) Yale zoologist.

⁴ Leland, Waldo G. (1879-1966) historian, founder and director of American Council of Learned Societies

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of December 7 concerning Dr. T. C. Ruch's bibliography.¹ I think this is a project that would interest the Council and I have communicated with Leland at once.² As soon as I hear from him, I shall let you know.

In the meantime you will have received the new Constitution and By-Laws of the American Association of the History of Medicine.³ I am glad to say that the response to my circular letter has been very good indeed, and we are receiving new applications for membership every day.

I would greatly welcome it if the Beaumont Society and the Nathan Smith Club would join the Association as constituent societies.⁴ I am very anxious to see the Association become a real federation of all existing medical history groups.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Ruch, his bibliography, and Leland see letter 151.

² Council of Learned Societies.

³ Constitution revised by S.

⁴ Beaumont Medical Club; Nathan Smith Club (Medical History) at Yale University.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 December 1938

Dear Sigerist:

What do you know about Emil Starkenstein of Prague ?¹ He is apparently in distress. My recollection of him is that he is a very attractive fellow. I believe that he also has quite a remarkable library. I met him last summer in Zürich, but only for a moment after a banquet and my recollections are a little dim !² How much of a pharmacologist is he ?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Emil Starkenstein (1884-1942) see letter 154; Czechoslovakia was under pressure of Nazi-Germany which would invade the country in March of the following year.

² In summer 1938 F. had attended the International Congress of Physiology in Zurich.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 23 December 1938

Dear John:

I have known Professor Starkenstein for many years.¹ He is a most charming personality, a very able pharmacologist and a highly cultured man who has a fine library and a very profound knowledge of the history of pharmacology.

I had several letters from him and there is no doubt that he is in distress. He is Jewish although he does not look it in the least and as he is professor at the German University of Prague, he will not be able to continue his work. He has a son who is a very brilliant young man in the last year of medical school. He is graduating this year from the Czech University.

I just received the enclosed letter from Leland concerning the bibliography of Dr. T. C. Ruch.² I am afraid that the Council cannot do anything in the matter, but I think that Leland's suggestion is very good indeed.

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you both, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Professor Starkenstein was murdered by the Nazis in 1942.

² Ruch and Leland see letter 151.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 27 December 1938

My dear Sigerist:

This is just a line to thank you for all your efforts in behalf of Dr. Ruch's bibliography.¹ I much appreciate your prompt reply and your kindness in letting me see the letter from Mr. Leland. I am keeping this for the time being, but will return it ultimately for your files.

Thanks also for the timely information about Starkenstein.² This is most helpful and I hope we can succeed in doing something for him. I wonder if it is still possible for the Jewish Czech residents in Prague to get their property out. I hope so. If you obtain any further information, let me know. *

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

* The list of Starkenstein's papers has just come - exactly when wanted - many thanks

¹ Ruch and Leland see letter 151.

² Starkenstein see letter 154.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 December 1938

My dear Sigerist:

In digging around on my desk, I have just come across a letter of yours dated December 12th which I believe I answered only in part, i.e., that relating to the Ruch bibliography.¹

I think it would be highly appropriate if the Nathan Smith Club and the Beaumont Club became members of the newly constituted American Association for the History of Medicine and I am bringing the matter to the attention of the officers. I hope something comes of it.²

With all good wishes for the New Year

Yours sincerely,

[John]

P.S. Had you heard that Starkenstein is trying to sell his library in this country ?³ I suppose in order to get some funds outside of Czechoslovakia. I did not realize that it was impossible already for Prague Jews to get money out. Have you heard anything in this connection ?

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¹ Ruch and his bibliography see letter 151.

² Nathan Smith and Beaumont Club see letter 152.

³ Starkenstein see letter 154.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 5 January 1939

Dear John:

I have not heard from Starkenstein recently but I am sure that he will not be able to take any money out of the country.¹ Last year Czechoslovakia already had very strict currency regulations. I think, however, that he should have no trouble in taking his books and furniture out. It would be splendid if you could do something for him. He really deserves it and besides he is a most amiable personality.

I very much hope that the Nathan Smith and the Beaumont Clubs will join the Association of the History of Medicine.² We are receiving applications of similar groups from all over the country and I am very optimistic as to the future of the Association.³

With kind regards, I am
Yours very sincerely,
[Henry]

¹ Starkenstein see letter 154.

² Nathan Smith and Beaumont Clubs see letter 152.

³ S.'s optimism for the future of the American Association of the History of Medicine proved appropriate - right into the 21st century.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 January 1939

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your letter of January 5th about Starkenstein.¹ I have since had a long letter from Starkenstein himself and he certainly sounds like an attractive human being. Chauncey Leake has also sent me a good photograph of him.² Have you taken any steps towards securing an invitation for him to lecture in this country ? I have several possibilities in mind, but I do not want to cross wires with anyone else. Grabfield is trying to do something for him at Harvard and Chauncey is interested in having him come out to California if we can secure something here on the eastern seaboard that would make it worth his while to cross the ocean and would secure his entrance into this country.³

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Starkenstein see letter 153.

² Leake see letter 53.

³ G. Philip Grabfield, pharmacologist.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 January 1939

Dear Henry

This will introduce Mrs. Lancelot Hogben (Dr. Charles) who is spending a few months in the country.¹ I need not [....] further details for she is a person, as is her husband, who [....] your [....].

Yours ever

John Fulton

¹ Charles and Lancelot Hogben, physiologists.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 January 1939

My dear Sigerist:

With regard to Starkenstein, we have one small lectureship for him, i.e., the Beaumont lecture, which as you know yields only \$ 100.¹ Grabfield of Harvard is trying to get something for him and I am wondering if you have any paid lectureships available that we might combine upon in order to bring him over.² I have just had a letter from him saying that he has shipped some of his books that he wants to use during his lectures if he comes and I gather that they are addressed to me personally. The Beaumont Club is prepared to invite this week, but the stipend is really not sufficient to do anything for him. I may be able to stir up another \$ 100 through a University lectureship, but I don't see anything further than this in sight.

If you thought it wise, I would approach some of the drug houses to see whether they would not put up a little money to help him with his expenses. He could then go and meet their research groups, etc.. Also the University of Minnesota is looking for a pharmacologist to succeed Hershfelder [sic].³ He might be just the person, but I am not going to make any inquiries for a few days until I hear further from you and Grabfield. I would very much like your advice as to procedure.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Starkenstein see letter 153.

² Grabfield see letter 158.

³ Arthur D. Hirshfelder, pharmacologist.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 January 1939

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of January 10. I have not done anything yet concerning Starkenstein, but if you can arrange for lectures our Institute will be glad to extend an invitation to him to give one lecture for which we could provide an honorarium of \$ 100.¹

Yours ever,
[Henry]

¹ Starkenstein see letter 153.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 18. January 1939

Dear Sigerist:

Thanks so much for your good letter. The additional lectureship is splendid and I am writing Starkenstein about it by the next boat.¹

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Starkenstein see letter 153.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 19 January 1939

Dear John:

As I wrote you the other day, we could arrange for an historical lecture for Starkenstein and pay him an honorarium of £ 100. ¹I will take the matter up with Marshall and see if he could arrange for a pharmacological lecture in addition.²

I would appreciate it if you would organize the lecture tour of Starkenstein because I am sailing at the end of May for South Africa and will not be back before December. If you can do this, I will make a note in the Bulletin announcing that Starkenstein would be available for lectures next winter and invite the universities and groups interested in him to get in touch with you.³

If Minnesota could give him a chair, it would be splendid and I am sure that he would be a great credit to the University.

It was a great pleasure to see Mrs. Lancelot Hogben and I only regret that she came at a time when I had a class so that I could not see more of her.⁴

Yours ever,
[Henry]

¹ Starkenstein see letter 153.

² Eli K. Marshall (1889-1966) pharmacologist at Johns Hopkins (Bickel 1996).

³ A note for a lecture tour of Starkenstein did not appear in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine.

⁴ Lancelot Hogben see F. to S. of 15 January 1939.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 January 1939

Dear Henry:

After writing to Starkenstein yesterday, I received your letter of the 19th.¹ I note that you are leaving for South Africa the end of May and that you will not be back before December. I will be glad to do everything I can for Starkenstein and attempt to arrange lectures for him elsewhere. It will be difficult, however, to procure enough in the way of honoraria to support him. I am hoping that some of the drug houses may help us. Have you any thought about which drug houses to approach ? Does he happen to be in touch with any of them already as far as you know ?

I am not too confident about getting him anything permanent at the University of Minnesota since there is a strong Scandinavian anti-Semitic bloc in the Minnesota faculty. Also the present incumbent of the pharmacological chair there Hirschfelder is Jewish and not too well liked - not at all the type of man that Starkenstein is.² However, they have to my knowledge twice taken inferior men because of their anti-Semitism and in both instances have been badly let down. By now they may have learned something.

I am glad you saw Mrs. Hogben.³ A strange mortal, but not nearly as strange as her husband ! It was good of you to see her.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Starkenstein see letters since nr. 153.

² Hirschfelder see letter 160.

³ Mrs. Hogben see letter 159.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 25 January 1939

Dear John:

I am trying to arrange for a second lecture for Starkenstein at our University.¹ It would be a lecture on a pharmacological subject under the Herter Foundation and would carry an honorarium of \$ 100. I am seeing MacCallum about it in the next few days and hope it can be arranged.²

I have no connections at all with drug houses but I have a vague recollection that the American Pharmaceutical Association (2215 Constitution Avenue, N.W.) has a committee on

the history of pharmacology which might possibly be able to arrange for a lecture. I should advise you to get in touch with Dr. E. F. Kelly there.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Starkenstein see letters since nr. 153.

² William George MacCallum (1874-1944) pathologist and medical historian at Hopkins.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 27 January 1939

My dear Sigerist:

I am delighted to hear that you may be able to secure another lectureship for Starkenstein under the Herter Foundation.¹ This would materially aid him in getting into the country. As soon as it is definite, let me know.

Thanks for your suggestion about writing to Dr. E. F. Kelly of the American Pharmaceutical Association.² I will do so at once.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

I like you in Time !³

¹ Starkenstein see letters since letter 153.

² Kelly see letter 165.

³ On its January 30 issue of 1939 Time Magazine published S.'s portrait on its cover and wrote about him in the accompanying article.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 March 1939

Dear Henry:

In case you haven't invited Logan Clendening and his wife to the postgraduate week you are holding in April, I happen to know that he wants to come and I am sure he would be an addition.¹ I am sorrowful that I cannot be there, owing to a conflict with another meeting which I must attend.

Plans are progressing most satisfactorily for the Cushing celebration.² He knows nothing about anything, so don't mention it when you write him, but I enclose herewith a copy of the program. The thing that you suggested last November in the way of a printed volume has

shaped up remarkably well. Other things are being prepared too which you will hear about later.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Dorothy and Logan Clendening founded the History of Medicine Library at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Graduate week see letter 147.

² Cushing celebration: For his 70th birthday on 8 April 1939.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 April 1939

Dear Henry:

Herewith a letter that has just come from Starkenstein, the first news we have had of him.¹ Since it has a message for you, I am having the letter transcribed so that you can see exactly what his situation is. I had a cable from him two days ago from Prague, which means, I suppose, that he has returned to Czechoslovakia to attempt to get his children out.

Lucia and the Muirheads were sorry to miss you the other day and I sincerely hope that you by now have recovered from your cold.² Larkey was very good to them and showed them about the Library.³

I have held the Howard Bibliography until Muirhead could go over it and it is now practically ready, so that you should have it on Monday.⁴ I have been over it very carefully, deleting unnecessary details. The trial proofs have given us excellent opportunity to plan the description and I think we have made everything as compact as possible, so that the printers will not spin out unduly as they are inclined to do with other articles in the Bulletin. An authority on type design here in New Haven tells me that if you are being charged by the page for the Bulletin with no alteration in size of type page and with considerable improvement in the esthetic appearances of the pages you could get at least 20 % more material into the same number of pages, but perhaps your costs are not calculated in this way and it would not involve saving for you.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

Logan Clendening is here for two days [.]⁵ He has just given a particularly good seminar on the plague saints and has [?] our Beaumont lecture tomorrow.

He sais he is not going to the Post Grad Week.⁶ Possibly his invitation may have gone astray. He is at The Plaza, New York

J.F.

P.S. L.C. has been on „the Wagon“ for 3 months and is most charming as a speaker

¹ Starkenstein see letters since nr. 153.

² Arnold M. Muirhead, coworker at F.'s physiology laboratory.

³ Larkey see letter 76.

⁴ John Howard (1726-1790) English prison reformer. Howard Bibliography (Baumgartner/Muirhead 1939).

⁵ Clendening see letter 167.

⁶ Graduate Week see letter 167..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 April 1939

My dear Sigerist

Howard Bibliography

Since Dr. Baumgartner is to be in Baltimore on Monday, I am sending her Bibliography of John Howard for you may possibly wish to go over certain details with her before committing to the press.¹ It is ready and worked for the printers. In arranging the typography our attempt has been to make everything as compact as possible. So that it will fit into as few pages as possible - 90 to 100 pp. I would hope. Your printers use four [...] which does not disturb ordinary text too seriously. But it is fatal in a bibliography.

I wish I could be present at your Graduate Week - but, alas, I must be in Toronto Tuesday.² (Address April 25 through 29th Royal York Hotel, Toronto)[.] With all good wishes

For a success of the Week.

Yours very sincerely

J.F. Fulton

PS. When do you go to South America [sic]

P.P.S. Will you hand the enclosed letter for Mrs. Muirhead to Dr. Baumgartner if she is there.- It contains some titles she may wish to add to the MS.

¹ Howard Bibliography; Leona Baumgartner (1902-1991) commissioner of New York City dept. of health, hygiene propagandist, medical historian.

² Graduate Week see letter 167.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 May 1939

My dear Henry:

The thought of an anniversary number of the Bulletin in Klebs' honor pleases me enormously and I shall of course be most thrilled to contribute.¹ I am delighted that you have taken the initiative in this matter and you can count on all his friends to back you up. I note that the manuscripts should be available by January 1st.

Thanks so much for your comments about the Cushing bibliography.² It was fun getting it together; it was you who gave us the suggestion and I am glad if you are pleased with the result.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

John

¹ Klebs anniversary number: Bull. Hist. Med. 8, 317-532, 1940; F.'s contribution (Fulton 1940).

² Cushing Bibliography (Fulton 1939). F. wrote many more contributions to Cushing's 70th birthday.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 29 May 1939

Dear John:

Very many thanks for your letter of May 24 with the excellent suggestions concerning the Klebs Festschrift.¹ I have written to most of the people and I think that we can make it a very attractive volume which will please Klebs a great deal.

Yours very sincerely,

[Henry]

¹ F.'s letter of May 24 is missing. Klebs Festschrift see letter 170.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 June 1939

My dear Sigerist:

I don't know whether this will reach you before you leave for South Africa, but in case it does, I hope you will not feel averse to writing a line to Bayne-Jones about our proposed

Medical Library.¹ We hope to start in a fairly small way, but we feel that the stimulus which you in Baltimore and the Osler Library at McGill have given warrants the establishment of another collection which may serve the interests of medical history and promote some of the aims which you, Harvey Cushing, Klebs and I share also in common. I am enclosing a carbon of a letter - rather long I fear - which I have just written to Billy Francis.² If the thought appeals to you, would you be good enough to write a line in the vein suggested above.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Bayne-Jones see letter 149.

² William W. Francis, head of the Osler Library in Montreal. The “proposed library” is described in F.’s letter to Francis of 1 June 1939 here summarized:

Cushing and Klebs have agreed to combine their medico-historical collections with Fulton’s and give them to Yale University. The three collections are described. Other book collectors are ready to join. A sum of money is already at hand for a library building. Yale has now to be convinced of the importance of this library of the history of medicine which would equal the Army Medical Library in Washington, the Osler Library in Montreal or the Welch Library in Baltimore.

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Sigerist’s secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 3 June 1939

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 1 to Dr. Sigerist. He sailed on May 30 for a six months’ trip to Europe and South Africa.

Would you please be kind enough to tell me which of the following you may wish me to do ? Would you wish me to forward your letter after June 15 when Dr. Sigerist can be reached in Kastanienbaum or would you prefer to have it brought to his attention when he returns in December ?

I shall do whatever you prefer in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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Sigerist to Fulton, Kastanienbaum (Switzerland), 1 July 1939

Dear John,

I just wrote a letter to Dr. Bayne-Jones, of which I am enclosing a carbon.¹ I very much hope that your plan will materialize, because I really think, that you have a quite unusual opportunity, that should not be missed.²

I am in Switzerland for two more weeks and am sailing for South Africa on July 20. When I come back to America in December I hope to hear, that the foundation stone of the new Library will be laid soon.

With kind regards I am yours ever

[Henry]

¹ Bayne-Jones see letter 149.

² Opportunity of new library see letter 172.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 July 1939

My dear Henry:

This is just a line to thank you very warmly for your letter of July 1st from Kastanienbaum enclosing a copy of your excellent letter to Dean Bayne-Jones concerning our library project.¹

You will be glad to learn that on June 19th the Yale Corporation appropriated

\$ 600,000 for the erection of a new medical library. We do not yet have endowment but your letter will be a great help to us in obtaining it. I shall keep you posted.²

Meanwhile if this letter should reach you in South America [sic] I hope you will accept our thanks and that the letter finds you in good health and spirits. We are all eager to hear of your experiences there.

I am receiving regularly the South African Journal of Medical Sciences which I get on exchange with the Journal of Neurophysiology, and I am much impressed by the excellent quality of the work.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Bayne-Jones see letter 149.

² Opportunity of new library see letter 172.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 July 1939

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I am afraid that I have not acknowledged your letter of July 11 to Dr. Sigerist. It has been forwarded to Dr. Sigerist in South Africa.

Sincerely yours,

[....]

Secretary

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 January 1940

Dear Henry:

I am relieved to hear that you approve of my paper for Klebs' Festschrift.¹ I was in the doldrums about what to do. I worked all summer on a bibliography of Rudbeck, but it is dull as ditchwater, and I thought that this little touch of contemporary history might please Klebs more than a dull bibliography.² I am also glad that you liked Hoff's paper and that Billy Francis' MS. has reached you.³

I have a good enlargement of the photograph of Klebs which was included with my paper on the Congress. This might be a good frontispiece; but I have also just received a photograph from him taken last December. It is quite good and I enclose it herewith. You have some excellent ones of Klebs taken two years ago when you and I were there at Nyon. In case you cannot put your finger on the negatives, I have the prints and could send them along. There is a very good one of him sitting at his desk in the library taken about four years ago. If I can dig this up, I will include it herewith.

With regard to the papers of Edwin Klebs I feel a little uncertain.⁴ The one on thrombosis is important, but it [is] rather long and I think probably the early one on transmission of syphilis to monkeys would interest the greatest number of people. I shall try and dig out the reference for you.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

P.S. You might write or wire to Dr. Richard U. Light (Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan) asking him to send you any pictures he may have of Dr. Klebs. I think he has several.⁵

¹ Klebs Festschrift (Sigerist 1940); Fulton's contribution (Fulton 1940). The Klebs Festschrift had also articles by Thorndike, Viets, Power, Putti, Sarton, Baumgartner and others. Enclosed to this letter was a list of two pages of annotated Klebsiana F. had collected in New Haven.

² Rudbeck see letter 112.

³ Hebbel E. Hoff see letter 110 and (Hoff 1940); Francis see letter 172 and (Francis 1940).

⁴ Edwin Klebs (1834-1913) German pathologist and microbiologist, father of the medical historian Arnold C. Klebs.

⁵ R. U. Light see F. to S. of 11 October 1934.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore, 20 January 1940 (Telegram)

PAGE EIGHT OF YOUR KLEBS MANUSCRIPT MISSING PLEASE SEND.
SIGERIST

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 22 January 1940

Dear John:

Many thanks for the missing page and also for the photos and other materials concerning Arnold Klebs. I shall make good use of them.

Harvey Cushing was an honorary member of the American Association of the History of Medicine and, as you saw in our last July number, we now publish obituaries of the deceased members.¹ Would you be willing to write such an obituary and to let me have it before the meeting in May with a photo of Cushing? It should not be longer than about six typewritten pages and should particularly emphasize Cushing's interest in and contributions to the history of medicine. I very much hope you can do it.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Cushing obituary in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine (Baumgartner 1940).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 24 January 1940

Dear Sigerist:

With this I am sending you three notices that I have written about Dr. Cushing. I am really not able to write another one, much as I should like to do so, because I rather petered out on the third one (Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine). In addition to this, I have written three resolutions. Why don't you approach someone like John Homans, or even Warfield Longcope, who I believe has not attempted an appreciation (Homans has just done one for the American Philosophical Society).¹ Another suggestion would be MacCallum, who was deeply devoted to H.C., and collaborated with him in the early days in Boston on collecting Vesalius.² A thought would be W. W. Francis, who quite excelled himself at the time of Dr. Cushing's seventieth birthday.³ I am sure you will understand my own feelings in the matter.

I was distressed that my manuscript went off to you lacking page 8, but I am glad it reached you safely.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ John Homans (1877-1954) surgeon, coworker of Cushing. Warfield T. Longcope (1877-1953) professor of medicine and director of the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins.

² MacCallum see letter 79. Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564) anatomist.

³ Francis see letter 172.

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Sigerist's Secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 1 February 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

At Dr. Francis' request I am sending you enclosed two sets of galley proofs of his contribution to the Klebs Festschrift.¹

Very sincerely yours,

[Genevieve Miller]

Research Secretary²

¹ Francis see letter 172, (Francis 1940).

² S.'s research secretary was Genevieve Miller who later became a distinguished medical historian.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 5 February 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I am sending enclosed your manuscript and two sets of galley proofs of your very interesting paper on "Arnold Klebs and Harvey Cushing at the 1st International Neurological Congress at Berne in 1931."¹ The article will be published in the March number of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine.

Will you kindly return your manuscript and one set of corrected galleys to the Institute as soon as possible ?

Yours very sincerely

[Genevieve Miller]

Research secretary²

¹ *Arnold Klebs and Harvey Cushing* (Fulton 1940).

² Research secretary see letter 181.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 5 February 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

In Dr. Fulton's absence from town, I am taking the liberty of acknowledging the receipt of the two sets of proof of Dr. Francis' paper for Dr. Klebs' Festschrift which you were so kind as to forward.

Yours sincerely,

Madeline Stanton¹

Secretary

¹ Madeline Stanton (1898-1980) medical librarian at Yale.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 February 1940

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Dr. Fulton is at present on a lecture tour in the West, and I am therefore taking the liberty of acknowledging the receipt of the proof of his paper to appear in the March issue of the Bulletin.¹

The proof has been carefully read by two people here, and I am returning one set herewith together with the original manuscript. The other set with a carbon of this letter I am sending to Dr. Fulton in St. Paul where he expects to arrive early Friday morning.² I hope that you will be able without inconvenience to hold the proofs until that time; otherwise, I suppose you will have to go ahead with them as they are.

There are two or three things which I would like to draw your attention for consideration:

The first (and least important) concerns the spacing of initials. In typing groups of them, we have always been careful to write "A.C.K." rather than "A. C. K.", "F.R.C.S." rather than "F. R. C. S.". The latter really looks rather ridiculous, and even two initials (e.g.

"H. C." do not look well with so much space. There is of course nothing quite so ridiculous as in the original galley of Dr. Cushing's Surgeon's Journal when the constant sight of such things as "D. A. D. M. S." made it relatively easy to convince the publishers that it would be necessary to reset the entire book - which they did ! Whether you will wish to take the trouble to change the spacing in this paper I do not know; but if, on the first galley, the two "F.R.C.S."s and "U.S. Minister" were written nearer together, it would probably look much better.

The two other matters concern the photographs. It looks rather awkward to have "(Taken by Richard Light.)" under each separate illustration - with the exception of Fig. 1, which was also taken by Dr. Light.³ Could there not be a footnote somewhere, perhaps under the first footnote, saying "All photographs taken by Dr. Richard U. Light." ?

I cannot tell whether you intend to use Fig. 1 as a frontispiece. If you do, would it not be much more attractive to have the photograph upright rather than on its side as I suppose it will have to go as it now stands ? It could be perfectly well cut as I have marked in pencil on the galley proof; and that, as a matter of fact, is the way that Dr. Light had all the enlargements made. This, however, may involve the making of another plate which would be expensive and time-consuming, and you may prefer to let it stand as it is. I will ask Dr. Fulton to telegraph to you especially about this point. And, as I have said before, if you cannot wait until the end of the week for a decision, it will have to stand as it is at present.

With apologies for this long letter,

Yours sincerely,

Madeline Stanton⁴

Secretary

P.S. Dr. Fulton's address in St. Paul will be the Hotel Commodore, and he will be there until Monday, the 12th.

¹ (Fulton 1940).

² Carbon copy.

³ Richard U. Light see letter 65.

⁴ see letter 183.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 7 February 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

I returned to Dr. Sigerist last evening the proof of Dr. Fulton's paper for the March issue of the Bulletin.¹ On the attached green slip I ordered 200 reprints with covers and 100 reprints without covers. This order will doubtless come to your attention, but I thought it wise to send you this confirmation.

In this morning's mail has come the enclosed order blank from Dr. Francis asking Dr. Fulton to fill it out as he wishes.² As Dr. Fulton will not be back in New Haven until the 17th or 18th of this month, I hope you will be able to hold the type of this paper until then, so that I may be sure that he does not wish more reprints than I am at present ordering - 100 with covers and 100 without. I shall let you know as promptly as possible if this order is to be changed.

Yours sincerely,

Madeline Stanton
Secretary

P.S. The reprints of this enclosed order had better be sent here also; I did not quite know how to indicate this clearly on the blank.

¹ (Fulton 1940).

² Francis see letter 172.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton's secretary, Baltimore ?, 8 February 1940

Dear Miss Stanton:

Thank you for your letter of February 6 to Dr. Sigerist and for returning Dr. Fulton's proofs so quickly.

With regards [sic] the spacing of initials Dr. Sigerist feels that it is difficult to change that since it has already been done in the same way throughout the entire issue.¹ He is glad, however, for the suggestion and in the future we shall try to keep the more compact grouping of initials.

Dr. Sigerist noted, on reading over the proofs, on Galley 5 in the list of those who attended the luncheon given by Prof. and Mrs. Asher the name Dr. von Weisacher.² He wondered if that was not a misspelling of Dr. von Weizsäcker.

As you suggested we have noted under Figure 1 that the photographs were taken by Dr. Light and deleted the notes from the other figures.³ We will await Dr. Fulton's decision concerning the change in Figure 1.

Very sincerely yours,

[Genevieve Miller]
Research Secretary⁴

¹ see letter 184.

² Leon N. Asher (1865-1943) Swiss physiologist. Weizsäcker see letter 187.

³ Richard U. Light see letter 65

⁴ Genevieve Miller see letter 181.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 9 February 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

Thank you for your kind letter of yesterday. Dr. Sigerist is quite right about „Dr. von Weisacher“. It should be spelled Weizsäcker as it refers to Prof. Viktor W. of Heidelberg. I am so glad that Dr. Sigerist picked it up.¹

I have just discovered that Dr. Fulton was unable to catch the night plane from Spokane yesterday, so that he will not be reaching St. Paul till this evening. I trust, however, that he will get in touch with you by tomorrow morning.

Yours sincerely,

Madeline Stanton
Secretary

¹ Viktor von Weizsäcker (1886-1957) German physician and anthropologist.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 10 February 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

I have just had a telegram from Dr. Fulton saying that he wishes to have 500 reprints of his paper in the March issue of the Bulletin, all with covers. Will you therefore change accordingly the order blank that I returned with the proof?

Yours sincerely,

Madeline Stanton
Secretary

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Fulton to Sigerist, St. Paul, MN, 10 February 1940 (Telegram)

PROOF OF PAPER FOR KLEBS FESTSCHRIFT JUST RECEIVED NO PRINTER UNLESS STARK MAD SPACES LETTERS OF A DEGREE ESPECIALLY WHEN NOT SPACED IN ORIGINAL MS RE SAME REALLY APPLIES TO HC AND ACK STOP¹ AM MUCH PLEASED WITH PROOF OTHERWISE STOP IF FIGURE ONE IS FOR FRONT PIECE DO IT OVER AT MY EXPENSE RIGHT SIDE UP APPROVE OTHER CORRECTIONS FROM OFFICE LOGAN CLENDENING EAGERLY AWAITING YOU KANSASCITY MARCH BEST WISHES.

JOHN FULTON.

¹ HC = Harvey Cushing; ACK = Arnold C. Klebs.

² Logan Clendening see letter 167.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 18 February 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

On returning from the West, Miss Stanton has directed my attention to the reprint order for Dr. Cushing's Apologia in the Klebs Festschrift.¹ Since there have been a great many demands for Dr. Cushing's papers, I would like to increase the order to two hundred with covers and two hundred without.

Could you let me know when the Festschrift number is to appear? I hope before the end of the month since it will not otherwise be possible to have it reach Dr. Klebs in time for his birthday.

I do not quite know what you intended to do with the photograph of Dr. Klebs himself in my paper. After I telegraphed you from St. Paul, it occurred to me that you could use it upright as a frontispiece by trimming the edges of the cut, without doing the cut over. If this has not been settled, perhaps you could let me know what decision has been made.

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ Stanton see letter 183. Cushing's *Apologia* (Francis 1940).

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 February 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Thank you for your letter of February 18. As you requested, we have changed the reprint order for Dr. Cushing's *Apologia* in the Klebs Festschrift, and we are following your suggestion of trimming the cut which has been made of Dr. Klebs in your paper.¹ It will be used upright as frontispiece to your article.

Dr. Sigerist will write you himself concerning the date when the Klebs number will appear.

Dr. Sigerist has asked me to inquire whether you have a picture of Klebs' little house in his garden which contains his study. If so, we would greatly appreciate it if you could lend it to us for publication in the Festschrift.

Yours very sincerely,

[Genevieve Miller]

Research Secretary

¹ Cushing's *Apologia* (Francis 1940).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 21 February 1940

Dear John:

I am afraid that it will be impossible to have the Klebs number in Nyon in time for his birthday. It takes at least four weeks to get a book to Switzerland, and even by airmail it may take over three weeks.¹

I got the manuscripts very late. Many of the European contributors backed out entirely. Putti, who is anxious to appear in the number, sent a paper which I received only yesterday.²

I shall try to have the number ready by the end of this month and shall have it distributed in this country toward the middle of March. I shall then send a long telegram to Klebs giving the names of all the contributors.

I am afraid this is all I can do under the present conditions. Mail services are completely upset.

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry]

¹ Postal services between the U.S. and Switzerland during WWII were operating, yet at reduced speed.

² Vittorio Putti (1880-1940) Italian orthopedic surgeon.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 21 February 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

Many thanks for your letter of February 20th. I have looked through all my Klebs material without finding anything really suitable in the way of the outside of his library. The house is rather difficult to photograph because it is surrounded by trees. I have one photograph of the front entrance with the Leonardo inscription above the door, but unfortunately a rather stout person is standing in the doorway and it would not be appropriate for reproduction. I had an idea that Dr. Sigerist himself took some photographs of the library the last time he and I were there together.

Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 February 1940

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter. I had rather feared that it would be impossible for you to get the Klebs number across to him in time. So many infernal delays occur, especially now that Britain has elected to interrupt our clipper services.¹ But the cable will please him and he will await with high anticipation. It is an excellent solution.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Clipper service: The “flying boats” used for transocean connections between the World Wars.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 26 February 1940

Dear Henry:

I am still unable to find a good photograph of the building containing Klebs' library. I have, however, run across a particularly nice photograph taken after the Zürich congress in 1938 by Chauncey Leake showing A.C.K. pointing to his St. Arnoldo in the niche in front of Les Terrasses.¹ I am not sure that you can use it, but I am certain that it will interest you.

Sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ Zurich 1938: International Congress of Physiology. Chauncey Leake see letter 53. St. Arnoldo: A statue, probably of Arnold of Soissons (1040-1087) saint of the Roman Catholic Church. Les Terrasses: Klebs' residence in Nyon, Switzerland.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 13 March 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

Would you be so kind as to let me know whether it is too late to order additional reprints of papers in Dr. Klebs' Festschrift? I had thought that Dr. Fulton had increased my original order of 200 reprints of Dr. Cushing's paper edited by Dr. Francis, but I can find no note of it on the many letters that went to you and Dr. Sigerist, and I think it would be much safer to have at least an additional one hundred with covers.¹ Dr. Fulton is at present in New Orleans attending the Federation meetings and will not be back until Sunday, but I am sure that he would approve of this further order, if the present one stands at only two hundred.² Perhaps you will be kind enough to let me know how matters stand.

Yours sincerely,

Madeline Stanton

Secretary

¹ Francis see letter 172.

² Federation of the Societies of Experimental Biology.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton's secretary, Baltimore ?, 14 March 1940

Dear Miss Stanton:

Thank you for your letter of March 13. I am afraid that it is too late to have additional reprints of papers in Dr. Klebs' Festschrift, since the number has already appeared.

Dr. Fulton, however, in his letter of February 18 increased your original reprint order for Dr. Cushing's article to 200 reprints with cover and 200 reprints without cover. You should receive them soon.

Yours very sincerely,

[Genevieve Miller]
Research Secretary

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 March 1940

Dear Henry:

The Klebs Festschrift has arrived and looks extremely well.¹ I saw a copy yesterday in New Orleans just before I left, and found mine awaiting me in a lethargic mail room of the School of Medicine on my return this morning (Sunday). The photographs have come out extremely well and I am so glad you have included as the first figure that attractive photograph of Edwin Klebs and his wife.² Your congratulatory epistle is very warm-hearted and I am sure the outgoing spirit which it expresses will please him.³ I am not sure that the American phrase "grand guy", is in keeping with even his 'Gay '90's' spirit; but this is a minor worry and probably no one else will mention it. I loved your references to the philosophy of sulfanilamide and his darts about bacteriology as a superstition and vaccination as a fake.⁴ It sounds so like A.C.K., just the sort of thing he would say.

The other papers are varied and they represent a range of personality and interest that should in these troubled times bring him satisfaction. In New Orleans yesterday I got Chauncey Leake, Herbert Evans and Alexander Forbes together and we sent him a cable from his physiological well-wishers with affectionate bibliographical regards.⁵

I am writing to Miss Miller asking for some extra copies of the March number.⁶ I want to send them to Sherrington, a few people here at Yale, and to certain others including Klebs' daughter, Mrs. George Stewart.⁷ If by any chance you have sent her one, ask Miss Miller to disregard my request.

Yours ever,

John

¹ Klebs Festschrift. Edwin Klebs see letter 177.

² Rose Klebs

³ (Sigerist 1940).

⁴ Philosophy of sulfanilamide etc. (Sigerist 1940).

⁵ Leake see letter 53. Evans see letter 95. Alexander Forbes (1882-1965) Harvard physiologist.

⁶ Genevieve Miller see letter 181.

⁷ Sherrington see letter 110.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 17 March 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

Would you ask the publishers of the Bulletin to send me ten copies of the March number containing the papers in honour of Dr. Klebs ?

Would you also have another copy sent with the enclosed card to (parcel post speed delivery)

Mrs. George Stewart
76 Broad Street
Stamford, Connecticut.

Mrs. Stewart is Dr. Klebs' daughter.

We much appreciate the time and trouble you have taken in connection with our proofs.

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 March 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Thank you for your letter of March 17. The copy of the Klebs number has been sent to Mrs. Stewart as you requested with your card enclosed.

I am enclosing the bill for the 10 copies of the March number. They are being forwarded to you immediately.

Yours very sincerely,

[Genevieve Miller]
Research Secretary

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 March 1940

Dear Sigerist:

Geoffrey Keynes sent me the enclosed note by D'Arcy Power entitled "A purchase of land by the family of Dr. William Harvey".¹ It was submitted as a MS. in Sir D'Arcy's handwriting. I have had it transcribed because it would be unsafe to commit to any American compositor, and I would think it suitable for publication in the Bulletin. Keynes said that it was designed originally for the Lancet, but due to the war they had dropped out their column of Nova et Vetera.² In going over it, I note that Sir D'Arcy has quoted a good deal from Sir Wilmot Herringham*, but the material at the end of the paper is new and certainly worthy of record.³

Yours sincerely,

John

* The first direct quot. must have been taken from an earlier draft of Sir Wilmot's paper or a Lancet abstract because the wording has been altered [?] from the Annals text.⁴ Would it not be better to peruse [?] the Annals? If the compositor [....] correctors [....] the OK.

P.S. We can handle the proofs - when you can arrange sufficient time to send them to Sir D'Arcy.

J.F.

¹ Geoffrey Keynes (1887-1982) British surgeon and writer. D'Arcy Power (1855-1941) British surgeon and medical historian. William Harvey see letter 138.

² Lancet, a British journal of general medicine.

³ Wilmot Herringham (1855-1936) British physician, wrote on William Harvey.

⁴ Annals of Medical History.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 28 March 1940

Dear John:

Thanks for the article of Sir D'Arcy Power which I read with much interest.¹ However, I have so much material for the next few numbers that I should suggest that you send the paper to the Annals of Medical History. I am returning the manuscript enclosed, and with kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ D'Arcy Power and his article see letter 201.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 1 April 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

Thank you for returning to me various photographs etc. that I had loaned to Dr. Sigerist in connection with the Klebs Festschrift number of the Bulletin. They are marked

I.2, I.4, I.5(a) and I.5(b) in accordance with the listing in my letter of January 17, 1940. There are also two small snapshots of Dr. Klebs and the St. Arnaldo statue which I sent at a later time.¹

Would you be so kind as to return to me also at your convenience the original illustrations in my paper since many of them were taken from bound volumes of memorabilia and should be returned there ?

I also sent to Dr. Sigerist on January 17th a copy of Edwin Klebs' monograph on thrombosis.² If this is no longer needed, I should like to have this back again. *

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. Fulton

* This has come - it was put back on the shelf. So everything is here - except the photos submitted to the Berne [...]

J.F.

¹ St. Arnaldo see letter 195.

² Edwin Klebs see letter 177 and (Klebs 1891).

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 3 April 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Thank you for your letter of April 1. I am very glad that you have received everything that you so kindly lent us for the Klebs number.

I am returning your original manuscript and illustrations as you requested.

Yours very sincerely,
[Genevieve Miller]
Research Secretary

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 18 May 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

If you still have available copies of the Klebs Festschrift volume, will you be so kind as to send me six more, together with your bill for them ?

Very sincerely yours,
John Fulton

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 21 May 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I am very sorry that we are not able to send you the six copies of the Klebs Festschrift volume which you requested in your letter of May 18. We miscalculated on the demand for the volume and the additional copies which were printed were already exhausted. The few numbers which the publisher has on hand are needed to complete sets of the Bulletin.

With regret for not being able to supply your wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,
[Genevieve Miller]
Research Secretary

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 22 May 1940

Dear John:

I was delighted to hear from Weed that you will be in Baltimore on May 31 and I am looking forward with great pleasure to the dinner that Weed is arranging for you.¹

Let me know what your plans are and if there is anything I can do for you. I very much hope you can have lunch or dinner with us some time. I have an engagement for the dinner of June 1 but otherwise I am entirely free.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Lewis H. Weed (1886-1952) anatomist at Johns Hopkins.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 May 1940

Dear Henry:

I am delighted to have your letter and I need not tell you that I am keenly looking forward to seeing you next week. Lew Weed has arranged a somewhat formidable program for me, but unless he has planned something for lunch time on Friday the 31st I would be delighted to lunch with you.¹ Perhaps, however, you had better give Weed a ring to be quite sure that this does not conflict with anything else. On Saturday I am lunching at the Hamilton Street Club and I believe I also am going to dinner there that night with Orthello Langworthy.²

While in Baltimore, I am eager to dig up anything that you have in the Library relating to Dr. Cushing.³ I wrote to Larkey about this some weeks ago and I believe he has been looking through the Halsted papers.⁴ If you think of any other channels of information about H.C.'s hospital days, be sure to let me know.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Weed see letter 207.

² Orthello R. Langworthy (born 1897) psychiatrist/neurologist at Johns Hopkins.

³ F.'s collection of Cushing material, probably for his biography (Fulton 1946a). Cushing's "hospital days": His early career at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

⁴ Larkey see letter 76. Halsted see letter 33.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 27 May 1940

Dear John:

I am delighted that you will be free for lunch on Friday the 31st. I just heard from Weed that you have no other appointment at that time.¹ As a matter of fact, he will be in Washington that day but will be back in time for the dinner.

Let me know if there is anybody that you would particularly like to meet that I could ask him for lunch too. The luncheon will be at the Hamilton Street Club at one o'clock.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Weed see letter 207.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 28 May 1940

My dear Henry:

I should be delighted to lunch with you on Friday the 31st. I shall drop in at the Library some time just after twelve o'clock and we can then get together to the Hamilton Street Club.

You are very kind to ask whether there is anyone I would especially like to see. I don't know whether you are having a mixed luncheon. In case you are, I should hate to come to Baltimore and miss seeing Marion Hines or Sarah Tower.¹ You know most of my gentleman friends and probably all of my lady friends in Baltimore, so I leave the decision to you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Marion Hines: Anatomist at Johns Hopkins. Sarah Tower: Psycho-analyst at Johns Hopkins.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 4 June 1940

Dear Henry,

It was awfully nice having a glimpse of you in Baltimore and I particularly enjoyed the pleasant luncheon at the Hamilton Street Club. Next time I am in Baltimore you will have to come to the Hamilton Street Club as my guest, since I have just received word of having been elected a non-resident member - a nice letter from Mr. Carey.¹

The letters from Europe these last days have put me into a tailspin. I enclose a copy of one from Neuburger.² With Castiglioni and Magnus-Levy, both rather senior people, whom we are taking on next year, I cannot see my way clear to taking on Neuburger.³ He might be useful to Larkey and I am also writing to Henry Viets to see whether they can stir up anything for him at the Boston Medical Library.⁴ My worry is that if he comes over now he will arrive just in time to be interned with other enemy aliens who have not had opportunity to take out their citizenship papers. Any suggestions or advice would be much appreciated.

Will you give my warm greetings to Miss Trebing and thank her for all she did for me on Saturday morning.⁵ I have written to Larkey notifying him of the things from the Halsted collection which I actually borrowed.⁶ My greeting also to Miss Miller.⁷

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Mr. Carey not identified.

² Neuburger see letter 136; his appointment in London being temporary, he planned to immigrate into the U.S..

³ Castiglioni see letter 36. Adolf Magnus-Levy (1865-1955) German physician and biochemist, since 1940 at Yale University.

⁴ Larkey see letter 76. Viets see letter 75. Hope M.

⁵ Hope Trebing, S.'s secretary.

⁶ Halsted see letter 33.

⁷ Genevieve Miller see letter 181.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 6 June 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I am enclosing the Cushing correspondence and hope that it will be of some use to you. There is no hurry for its return so please return it at your convenience.

It was such a pleasure to meet you last week and if I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Cordially yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

213

Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 7 June 1940

Dear John:

Thanks for your note. It was good indeed to have you here.

As to Neuburger, I really do not know what could be done for him.¹ He would be a burden to you and he would be to us. He is getting rather senile and has not done any real work for many years. He is very much embittered and has been so ever since the last war. He is not a very pleasant character and not the type of person you would like to have around.

I cannot do anything for him here because quite apart from the fact that I have not the money, I already have three Germans working in the Institute.²

Of course, I am very sorry for the old man but I wish he could stay at the Wellcome Museum.³

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Neuburger see letter 136; S. highly esteemed him as a colleague, at least in earlier years.

² “Three Germans”: Owsei Temkin, Ludwig Edelstein, Otto Neustätter.

³ Wellcome Museum for the History of Medicine in London; it later became the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at the University College of London.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 June 1940

Dear Henry:

I understand about Neuburger and feel toward him pretty much as you do.¹ He is something of a trouble-maker and I am afraid that his present troubles will not have changed him.

I find Chauncey Leake is interested in him and something may develop for him out there. I have written him urging him to stay at the Wellcome if he can be reappointed.²

I am sincerely grateful to you, my dear Henry, for the file of Dr. Cushing's letters. I will write you about these in more detail later.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ Neuburger see letter 136.

² Leake see letter 53.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 13 June 1940

Dear Miss Trebing:

I have been attending the A.M.A. meetings this week else I should have thanked you more promptly for sending Dr. Sigerist's file of Dr. Cushing's letters.¹ They will be carefully checked with our files here and returned to you as promptly as possible.

Very sincerely yours,
John Fulton

¹ A.M.A., American Medical Association.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 24 June 1940

Dear Miss Trebing:

I am returning herewith Dr. Sigerist's correspondence with Dr. Cushing.¹ I am delighted to have seen the letters, and I trust you will tell him again how grateful I am.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,
John Fulton

¹ F. was writing Cushing's biography (Fulton 1946a).

217

Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 27 July 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Thank you for your letter of July 24 and Dr. Catchpole's essay on de Graaf.¹ As you may know, Dr. Sigerist is away but will be back in the early part of September.² He probably would like to take up the matter of publishing the essay directly with you and I shall bring it to his immediate attention after his return.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

¹ Regnier de Graaf (1641-1673) Dutch anatomist and physiologist, (Catchpole 1940).

² During WWII S.'s summer travels to Europe were interrupted; in 1940 he toured the U.S. from coast to coast by car.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton's secretary, Baltimore ?, 5 August 1940

Dear Miss Stanton:

I wish to apologize for the delay in answering your letter of July 2 to Dr. Larkey.¹ It was referred to our department. I have checked through the reprints of Colonel Garrison in all the items you mentioned and I am very sorry to tell you we do not have any reprints of the articles you indicated.²

Sincerely yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

P.S. I have just spoken with Colonel Hume and he said he has a lot of Garrison reprints that were turned over to him by the family and if you will send him a complete list of the titles you are missing, he would be happy to send you any of the duplicates which he has.³

You may reach Colonel Hume at his Carlisle address.

¹ Larkey see letter 76..

² Garrison see letter 80.

³ Edward H. Hume (1876-1957) staff member of S.s Institute.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 2 September 1940

Dear Henry:

At long last I am able to send you the belated translation of Rudbeck's account of the discovery of the lymphatics.¹ It includes a biographical introduction by Liljestrand which he prepared for me a year ago when I was in Stockholm.² The text has been rendered by a Danish Research Fellow, Dr. Aage E. Nielsen who worked from the Tigerstedt Swedish translation.³ Billy Francis has since been over the entire text and compared it with Rudbeck's original Latin.⁴ He says the Latin is terrible and no one but a Swede could have understood it. Hence he believes we were wise in working in the first instance from a Swedish rendering !

I include the facsimile of the original text. Since this has already been reproduced in facsimile I am not certain whether you will wish to use it again along with the translation. I think this had been your original intention and it may still be worth while since the Swedish facsimile is not widely known and is now difficult to procure. I include also a photographic reproduction of the two figs. which can be used in case you are not reproducing the text.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,
John Fulton

¹ Rudbeck see letter 112.

² Liljestrand see 112.

³ The publication in question (Nielsen 1942).

⁴ Francis see letter 172.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 September 1940

Dear Henry:

It was very pleasant seeing you Saturday at the Hamilton Street Club, but I was sorry to miss you last evening when I was again in Baltimore with Viets.¹

I had intended to mention the enclosed manuscript which has just been sent by clipper from England by Dr. K. J. Franklin entitled „Ductus Venosus (Arantii) and Ductus Arteriosus (Botalli)“.² It was Franklin who brought over the party of Oxford children which arrived here six weeks ago and he has since returned. The point he describes is interesting and it would seem to me suitable as a note for the Bulletin.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Viets see letter 75.

² “By clipper”: Air mail. K. J. Franklin, British physiologist, (Franklin 1941).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 September 1940

Dear Henry:

I answer to your telegram, I am sending you herewith a photograph of Dr. Cushing taken by Dr. Richard Light (Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan) in 1933.¹ Whether you will wish to wire him for permission to use it, I do not know, but I suppose some mention should be made of the fact that he took it.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,
John Fulton

¹ S.'s telegram is missing. Richard Light see letter 65.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 18 September 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Dr. Sigerist is in Philadelphia this week, and in his absence I wish to thank you very much for sending the photograph of Dr. Cushing. I have written Dr. Light for permission to publish it.¹

The photograph will be returned to you as soon as we have finished with it.

Very sincerely yours,
[Genevieve Miller]
Research Secretary

¹ Richard Light see letter 65.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 24 September 1940

Dear John:

Just a line to tell you that I shall publish the manuscript of Dr. Catchpole in the November number of the Bulletin.¹ I have made only one change in the manuscript, namely, the title of the second section, Cuniculorum generationem complectens, which in its present forms is meaningless because the subject is missing. The full title is:

Cap. XVI. Cuniculorum generationem complectens which means Chapter 16 dealing with the generatio etc.

Dr. Catchpole will receive galley proofs very soon.

About the other manuscripts, I shall write you in the next few days.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

¹ Catchpole see letter 217.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 27 September 1940

Dear John:

I have just read Franklin's article, "Ductus Venosus (Arantii) and Ductus Arteriosus (Botalli)", and shall be glad to publish it in the Bulletin.¹

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Franklin see letter 220.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 4 October 1940

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

A letter has just come from Dr. Oscar Wyss, first assistant to Professor Hess at Zürich, enquiring whether you would be able to submit a paper not longer than six typewritten pages (Double space, I assume) for Dr. Hess's jubilee volume.¹

I enclose a transcript from Dr. Wyss's letter giving the details. If the manuscript is typed on thin paper, it can be sent safely by clipper at 30 cents a half ounce. Would you inform me whether you expect to accept Dr. Wyss's invitation ?

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Wyss and Hess see letter 103.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 11 October 1940

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter concerning the jubilee volume for Dr. Hess in Zürich.¹ Time is rather short but since Hess was an old teacher and colleague of mine, I shall do my best to have a contribution ready in time.

Yours very sincerely,
[Henry]

¹ Hess see letter 103. A contribution to the Hess Festschrift by S. is not mentioned in his bibliography (Miller 1966).

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 October 1940

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I am returning under separate cover the photograph of Dr. Cushing which you so kindly lent us for publication in the Bulletin.

Thank you very much.

Yours very sincerely,
[Genevieve Miller]
Research Secretary

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 18 October 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

This is just a line, in Dr. Fulton's absence, to let you know of the safe return of the photograph of Dr. Cushing that had been borrowed for Dr. Baumgartner's paper.¹ Thank you very much for returning it so promptly.

Yours sincerely,
Madeline Stanton
Secretary

¹ Baumgartner see letter 169 and (Baumgartner 1940).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 November 1940

Dear John:

The enclosed letter of Harvey Cushing was just found in a book of the Kelly collection.¹ It is a good letter and I thought that you might care to see it.

I have just spent three most pleasant weeks as Messenger Lecturer at Cornell University and I heard that you are going to give a lecture there in December.² Everybody is looking forward to it and I am sure that you will enjoy meeting this very delightful group and particularly Adelmann who has just completed his *Fabricius* - a splendid piece of work.³

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Howard Kelly (1858-1943) professor of gynecology at Johns Hopkins.

² Messenger Lectures: A gift from Cornell alumnus Hiram Messenger in 1924.

³ Adelmann (born 1898) biologist; (Adelmann 1942). *Fabricius* Hieronymus of Aquapendente (1533-1619) Italian physician and surgeon.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 November 1940

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Your note to Dr. Fulton, enclosing that old letter from Dr. Cushing to Dr. Kelly dated January 13th, 1913, has come during Dr. Fulton's absence from New Haven and as he is not expected back until early December I am taking the liberty of acknowledging its receipt.¹ I have taken a copy of Dr. Cushing's letter and am returning the original herewith as I judge that you wish to keep it among your memorabilia. If this is not the case, we would of course be very glad to have it here in our collection of original letters.

Yours sincerely,

Madeline Stanton
Secretary

¹ Kelly see letter 229.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 December 1940

Dear Henry:

This is just a line to thank you for that nice letter from Dr. Cushing you found in the Kelly collection.¹ It is first-rate, and I am delighted to have it.

We are all very much pleased with the appearance of DeGraaf.²

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

(17 Dec.1940)

Have just had a grand time in Ithaca [.]. They were all agog about your lectures [.]. Adelman seems to me A++.³ What would [you] think of him as a librarian or Prof of History of Medicine here ??

JF

¹ Kelly see letter 229.

² Catchpole on DeGraaf see letter 217.

³ F.'s lecture in Ithaca and Adelman see letter 229.

232

Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 19 December 1940

Dear John:

I was so glad to hear that you also had an excellent impression of Adelman, and I wish something could be done for him because he is not at the right place.¹ His heart is not in histology but definitely in the history of biology. He should not have to spend his time teaching undergraduate students the A B C of histology and attending committee meetings. On the other hand, he is very much attached to the place and he probably also showed you the lot where he intends to build a house.

I wish some way could be found to allow him to devote all his time to historical research. His Fabricius is a first-rate contribution.

Very sincerely yours,

[Henry]

¹ Adelman and Fabricius ab Aquapendente see letter 229. Adelman was at the Cornell Department of Zoology.

233

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 February 1941

Dear Henry:

Who is this bird Yahuda, and what kind of lecture does he give ?¹ I understand that he spoke to the Hopkins Medical History Club on February 3rd. He sounds like a fellow of great erudition, but I am not quite certain what kind of meeting to arrange for him.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Yahuda, probably Abraham S. (1877-1951) writer, researcher, linguist; see also letter 234.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 19 February 1941

Dear John:

Professor Yahuda is a Jew as the name indicates and he looks it.¹ He undoubtedly is a great scholar. He was rather forced upon me by Harry Friedenwald but I must say that the lecture was extremely interesting.² His thesis was that the books of Moses are very old and show a strong Egyptian influence. He tried to demonstrate this philologically by analyzing the names of a number of medical concepts and showing that they were identical with Egyptian names. He also demonstrated that the books of Moses can be used for the elucidation of some difficult terms of Egyptian medicine.

It was undoubtedly a very scholarly presentation and he brought it in a way that made it possible for laymen to follow. His material is not new but has been published previously in one of his books.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Yahuda see letter 233.

² Harry Friedenwald (1864-1950) ophthalmologist, historian of Jewish medicine, contributed many articles to the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 February 1941

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your helpful letter about Yahuda.¹ We have invited him to lecture here on March 6th - the same theme that he developed with you. I feel sure that he will give us something worthwhile.

It is always pleasant to hear from you. With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ Yahuda see letters 233 and 234.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 4 March 1941

Dear Sigerist:

I am submitting herewith for publication in the Bulletin a paper by Professor Rudolph J. Anderson entitled, "Jöns Jacob Berzelius".¹ Anderson is an erudite Swedish chemist who holds the chair of Organic Chemistry here at the University and I persuaded him a year ago when we were having our seminar on the history of Swedish science to deal with Berzelius. He went to no end of trouble as you will see from the enclosed manuscript and I felt that since so little is available concerning Berzelius in English the material should be published. I hope you may regard it as suitable for the Bulletin.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ Anderson's manuscript see letter 237. Jöns Jacob Berzelius (1779-1848) Swedish physician and chemist.

237

Sigerist to Fulton, New Haven, 6 March 1941

Dear John:

The paper on Berzelius is very interesting but I am afraid that I cannot publish it in the Bulletin.¹ I have present manuscripts to fill at least six numbers so that, much to my regret, I

cannot accept very long manuscripts. I think, moreover, that the paper deals more with chemistry than medicine and I should advise you to send it rather to Isis.²

Thanks also very much for the list of publications from your Laboratory, and my most sincere congratulations. Five hundred titles is a record indeed.

Very cordially yours,
[Henry]

¹ Berzelius see letter 236.

² Isis: A journal for the history of science.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 June 1941 (Telegram)

Lucia and I hope that you and Emmy can take lunch with us Sunday at one prior to dedication ceremonies.¹

John Fulton

¹ Dedication ceremonies: Opening of the Historical Library of the Yale Medical Library (with building) which combined the libraries of Cushing and Fulton and was enlarged in 1946 by the library of Arnold C. Klebs. This was the nucleus of the Yale Department of the History of Medicine, created in 1951 and headed by Fulton.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 8 July 1941

Dear Sigerist:

Whatever has happened to the translation of Rudbeck ?¹ My Dane is on his tin ear, and has been for more than a year.² Don't you suppose you can squeeze it in sometime this summer, especially since you have now started two volumes a year ?

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,
John Fulton

¹ (Rudbeck 1653) and translation (Nielsen 1942).

² My Dane: Aage E. Nielsen.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 July 1941

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Just a line to acknowledge your letter of July 8 to Dr. Sigerist. I have forwarded it to him at his summer address and will get in touch with you as soon as possible.¹ There may be a delay, however, as mail is rather slow in reaching him.

Very sincerely yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

¹ S. spent the summer at Bolton Landing, NY.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 27 August 1941

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Just a line to acknowledge your book list which has been sent to Dr. Sigerist. He is out of town on his holiday at present and will not return until the first of October.¹

Sincerely yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

¹ S. spent the summer at Bolton Landing, NY.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 November 1941

My dear Henry,

I am ashamed of myself for not having thanked you long before this for having sent me a telegram on my birthday.¹ You and Emmy really should not do such things, but I can assure you that I appreciated your remembrances.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

P.S. We are all much excited about the supplement to the Bulletin.² I hope it will begin to appear soon.

¹ The telegram is missing. Fultons 42nd birthday was on¹ November.

² The Bulletin of the History of Medicine issued 13 Supplements (monographs) between 1943 and 1951.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 23 December 1941

Dear John:

At long last I shall be able to publish the translation of Rudbeck.¹ I plan to publish it in the March number of the Bulletin. I am afraid, however, that lack of space will make it impossible to add the facsimile of the original Latin text. I would therefore only publish Nielsen's translation with the bibliographical note of Liljestrand. I have sent the manuscript to the printer and you will receive galley proofs very soon.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ (Rudbeck 1653) and translation (Nielsen 1942).

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 March 1942

Dear Dr. Sigerist,

May I acknowledge for Dr. Fulton, who is ill in the hospital, the receipt from your office of the following books:

RUDBECK, O. Disputatio anatomica. 1652. (photostat)

Nova exercitatio [sic] anatomica 1653 (facs.)

Ms. "Einführung" by Liljestrand¹

Sincerely yours,

Madeline Stanton [?]

¹ (Rudbeck 1652), (Rudbeck 1653), (Nielsen 1942).

245

*Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 2 June 1942*¹

Dear Sigerist:

What do you know about Oskar Goldberg ?² He has asked for permission to work in the Historical Library and he sent Miss Wildes a photostat of a letter which Temkin evidently wrote and you signed, describing his project of writing a comparative history of Oriental medicine.³ The letter in question is undated, so I just wanted to be sure that you are willing to give him a good character before we do anything about his application. Yahuda and Castiglioni are something of a handful, not to mention Magnus-Levy; and if we had another as full of temperament as these three, I am afraid there would be a shattering explosion.⁴

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ The letter-head reads „The Yale Medical Library. Historical Library“.

² Oskar Goldberg (1885-1952) German physician and writer, immigrated into the U.S..

³ Miss Wildes not identified. Owsei Temkin (1902-2002) medical historian, S.'s associate in Leipzig and Baltimore.

⁴ Yahuda see letter 233. Castiglioni see letter 36. Magnus-Levy see letter 211.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 June 1942

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of June 2 concerning Oskar Goldberg.¹ He was here a few months ago and wanted to work in our Department but I could not take him because we are crowded just now. I feel, moreover, that I have quite enough refugees.²

Goldberg seems to be a real scholar and his project is interesting although his is a typical German-Jewish speculative approach that has little appeal in this country. He did not impress me as particularly temperamental although you cannot expect an outburst on a first visit, but he is a type that I do not particularly cherish. Besides, I am eager to have young people working with me and I am getting tired of all these old wrecks. I certainly sympathize with you.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Goldberg see letter 245.

² “Enough refugees”: Owsei Temkin, Ludwig Edelstein, and Erwin H. Ackerknecht. The latter had joined S. in this same year and was 36 years old.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 27 July 1942

My dear Sigerist:

I think you will be interested in the enclosed letter from Liljestrand concerning the Rudbeck translation.¹ We sent some reprints to him via ordinary mail some months ago and Liljestrand has gotten a letter back by air mail with rather unusual promptness.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Liljestrand see letter 112. Rudbeck translation (Nielssen 1942).

248

Sigerist to Fulton, Bolton Landing, NY, 24 August 1942¹

Dear John:

Thanks for sending me the carbons of your letters to Francis and Streeter.² I think the plan is excellent, and I very much hope that Francis will accept it.³ I think it is most important to have the Bibliography published next year, but Francis is such a perfectionist that he will never finish it if it is left to him alone.

I will be back in Baltimore by the middle of September and hope to see you then so that we can discuss the whole program of the Vasalius celebration.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ Bolton Landing, S.'s vacation site.

² Francis see letter 172. Edward C. Streeter (1874-1947) medical historian. ³ “Plan”: To publish the Bibliography of Vesalius for the 400th anniversary of his opus magnum (Vesalius 1543a); the bibliography had been initiated by Cushing. Vesalius see letter 180.

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*Fulton to Sigerist, Washington ?, 27 September 1942*¹

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st stating that the President of Johns Hopkins has agreed to release Dr. Temkin for half-time duty with the National Research Council without cost to the Council for a period of three months.² This will, I feel certain, cover the period until the Council is in a position to compensate Dr. Temkin for his services. We much appreciate Mr. Bowman's generous decision as well as your lively interest and cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ Letter-head: National Research Council, Washington, DC.

² Isaiah Bowman, president of Johns Hopkins University. Temkin see letter 245; his appointment was a contribution to the war effort.

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*Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 October 1942*Vesalius bibliography¹

My dear Henry:

I am making plans to have Dr. Cushing's bibliography of Vesalius ready for press by April 1st. It may possibly require a little longer than this since I am not able myself to devote much time to it but on reexamining the manuscript with some care after Dr. Francis had had it for three years, I find that the principal task is to introduce uniformity into Dr. Cushing's bibliographical descriptions and to compare each description with the original work.² Miss Stanton who worked for many years with Dr. Cushing on the bibliography is well qualified to do the bibliographical checking and collating and Francis has been over the text with care.³ Castiglioni is reading it for its Latinity and its Italian sources and Streeter promises to go over it before it is ready for press.⁴

The problem of financing the publication has been a source of considerable worry since no University press will touch it without a considerable subvention. I had thought possibly that if issued under the auspices of the Association some help might be found.⁵ It is too large really to be issued as a special number of your Bulletin and suddenly out of the blue comes our mutual friend, Henry Schuman, who writes, "I can guarantee complete and adequate financing and it is the kind of job on which I should enjoy expending my best effort to produce a format of appropriate aesthetic worth."⁶ My only justification in suggesting myself as publisher is my belief that I can turn out a superior job. If the idea is feasible, I look forward to your comments as to readiness of the manuscript, price range, size of edition, arrangement".

I have often thought that Schuman was mad but he does nice printing and I would like your general reaction to his proposal. If issued for the Vesalius celebration, what formal connection should it have, if any, with the Association ? It would, of course, appear from the Historical Library. At present the Library is completely broke and we have the responsibility of issuing Dr. Cushing's short-title list which will put us even further into the red.

Any comments or suggestions will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

John

P.S. Temkin is doing a magnificent job as Technical Aide and he has been most patient in view of delays in our obtaining funds for the history but things are looking up.⁷ I enclose with this a copy of our Prospectus. It may interest you.

¹ Vesalius bibliography see letter 248.

² Francis see letter 172.

³ Stanton see letter 183.

⁴ Castiglioni see letter 36. Streeter see letter 248.

⁵ "Association", American, of the History of Medicine.

⁶ Henry Schuman, publisher in New York.

⁷ Temkin's job see F. to letter 249.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 23 October 1942

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of October 21. I was delighted to hear that Dr. Cushing's bibliography of Vesalius is gradually getting ready for the press.¹ This was good news indeed. Knowing the manuscript is in the hand of Dr. Francis, I was afraid it would never be finished.²

Henry Schuman's offer is surprising but I would not hesitate to accept it.³ He has done some excelent [sic] publishing recently. I found that the Beaumont book of Rosen which he brought out not so long ago was an excellent job.⁴

It would be very difficult to get a subsidy from some foundation, particularly since time is getting rather short. The Association has no funds available at the moment for subsidizing books.⁵ Schuman's offer is therefore most welcome.

The bibliography will obviously be a contribution from the Historical Library and although it will be issued at the time of the celebration, I do not think that it needs to have any direct connection with the Association.

I was very glad to hear that you are satisfied with Temkin's work. ⁶He certainly is most enthusiastic about it. You probably heard that I have joined the guild of the librarians. Since Larkey joined the Army, I have been appointed Acting Librarian of the Welch Library.⁷ It is an interesting job but of course rather time-consuming.

I very much hope to see you in the near future so that we can discuss the program of the Vesalius celebration in more detail.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Vesalius bibliography see letter 248.

² Francis see letter 172.

³ Schuman see letter 250.

⁴ Beaumont see letter 51. George Rosen (1910-1977) medical historian, see also letter 404; his Beaumont book (Rosen 1935/1942).

⁵ “Association“, American, of the History of Medicine.

⁶ Temkin see letter 245. „Temkins work“ see letter 249.

⁷ Larkey see letter 76.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 October 1942

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your prompt reply to my letter about the Bio-Bibliography of Vesalius.¹ With your reassurance, I think we shall proceed with Schuman.² Pat Cushing and Dr. Streeter feel that he is an answer to prayer, and I think this will be our wisest course.³

I didn't realize that you had joined the librarian guild.⁴ I hope you will not become too thoroughly contaminated by the devious crowd - nor yet emasculated.

With congratulations and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ Vesalius bibliography see letter 248.

² Schuman see letter 250.

³ Pat Cushing not identified (neither wife nor close relative of Harvey Cushing). Streeter see letter 248.

⁴ S. as Welch librarian see letter 251.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 December 1942

Dear John:

We are preparing a Vesalius exhibit at the Institute and since we are rather poor in Vesaliana, I am afraid that I shall have to draw upon your collections rather heavily in the next few weeks.

Today I am trying to get photos of the title pages of the editions Louvain, 1537 and Basle 1537 of Vesalius' "Paraphrasis in nonum librum Rhazae medici Arabis clariss. ad Regem Almansorem".¹

If you have the two editions of the book at the Historical Library, I would greatly appreciate it if you would have photos made for us in the format of the books; the bill to be addressed in duplicate to the Institute.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ (Vesalius 1537).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 December 1942

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th. There are very few extant copies of the Louvain Paraphrasis.¹ Dr. Cushing never succeeded in obtaining one, but Erik Waller at Lidköping had a copy which he sent to Dr. Cushing to compare with H.C.'s copy of the Basel edition.² I enclose photographs of each of the titles for your exhibit.

For your information I am also sending Mr. Nemoy's collation of the text of the two editions.³ I think you will find Nemoy's statement of considerable interest. Will you please return the notes when you have finished with them?

Don't hesitate to let us know if you need any other items.

Temkin has taken hold splendidly in Washington.⁴ In case he has not told you, Weed has set up an Office of Medical Information and has put Temkin in charge. He goes at things with a Germanic (or is it Russian?) thoroughness and is meticulously accurate in everything he handles. He likes to have his duties defined with mathematical precision and I think has been a little startled when he was asked to define his own duties and responsibilities in connection with the job. I need not tell you that we all immensely appreciate your generosity in making his services available for the first three months without cost to the Council. We now have modest funds and Weed no doubt will be writing you about the new arrangements.⁵

With best wishes,
Very sincerely yours,
John

¹ Louvain Paraphrasis see letter 253.

² Erik Waller (1875-1955) Swedish surgeon and book collector.

³ Nemoy: Probably librarian at Yale Library.

⁴ Temkin see letters 245 and 249.

⁵ Weed see letter 207.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 December 1942

Dear John:

Thank you ever so much for the photos of the Louvain and Basle editions of the Paraphrasis.¹ I am very glad to have them for our exhibit and also greatly appreciate your sending me the notes which I am returning enclosed.

I am afraid I shall have to call upon you again later.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Paraphrasis see letter 253.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 21 January 1943

Dear John:

I wonder if you could help me out ? I have a book in print with the Cornell University Press on the subject of Civilization and Disease.¹ It is based on a series of lectures that I gave at Cornell some time ago and will be illustrated.² I have all the pictures I want except one. I would like to have a good photo of an operation showing the whole atmosphere of a modern operating room.

So far, I have been unable to find the kind of picture I have in mind but it just occurred to me that Dr. Cushing once had an associate who was a very good photographer, and I wonder if there is a photo of Cushing operating. This, of course, would be the ideal picture since it would not only show some operation but a great surgeon at work.

About the Vesalius Celebration, I think it may be better to call it off.³ The majority of the Executive Committee of the American Association of the History of Medicine is in favor of

dropping all meetings for the duration of the war. I disagree but realize, of course, that travelling is most complicated and unpleasant at the moment. It may be better to have local Vesalius celebrations than one sponsored by a national association. As I wrote you before, we are preparing an exhibit at the Institute and could have a meeting of the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club devoted to Vesalius. I could also have a special Vesalius number of the Bulletin.⁴ This all would be a substitute but at least we would not have let the year pass by without taking notice of it.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

[Henry]

P.S. I saw in New York the other day galley proofs of the Vesalius bibliography and I am sure that Schuman is going to make a very good job of it.⁵

¹ *Civilization and Disease* (Sigerist 1943 b).

² Messenger Lectures see letter 229.

³ Vesalius celebration see letter 252.

⁴ Vesalius number of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine 14, 541-715, 1943.

⁵ Vesalius Bibliography (Cushing 1943). Schuman see letter 250.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 26 January 1943

My dear Sigerist:

I am sorry your letter of the 21st has been so slow in getting here. I think the best photograph for your purposes would be Dick Light's of Dr. Cushing removing his 2000th

verified tumor on April 15, 1931.¹ It shows all the paraphernalia of a brain operation and while the field of the operation is not too clear, it gives the feeling of the operating room and is a good photograph for reproduction. By contrast, there is a similar one of Halsted inaugurating the new surgical amphitheatre (1904) and referred to by old Hopkins men as „The all-star performance“. ² They had rubber gloves on, but no masks, and the Professor is easily recognized and occupies the centre of the stage. H.C. stands opposite him as second assistant.

You can probably find a copy of the ‚All-star performance‘ over at the Hospital. I can unframe our photograph of the ‚2000th‘, but I think you would probably do better to write to Dr. Richard U. Light (602 West South Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan) who has the original negative, and he could make a glossy print for you. I do not have any glossy prints.³

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Richard Light see letter 65.

² Halsted see letter 33.

³ S.'s book (Sigerist 1943b) does not contain a photograph of an operation.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 27 January 1943

Dear John:

Thanks ever so much for your letters of January 26. The photo of Dr. Cushing removing his two thousandth tumor would be perfectly ideal and following your advice, I have written to Dr. Light.¹

Concerning the Vesalius Celebration, I entirely agree with you.² It is undoubtedly better to have local Vesalius meetings, and I am sure that the Hopkins Medical History Club would be glad to join you.

I think there is no reason why you should not start a Yale medical history group during the war. I find that there is more interest in medical history among our students now than ever and a new Celsus medical history society is just being organized in San Antonio, Texas by a group of Army physicians.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

[Henry]

¹ Richard Light see letter 65.

² Vesalius celebration see letter 252.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 4 February 1943

My dear Henry:

We had a meeting yesterday of the Vesalius Committee, and I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes.¹ Will you look them over carefully since you by rights are a member of the Committee and we are counting on you for advice.

In particular, we would like to know whether you think it feasible to have a program of papers on the lines suggested; and if we do this, would it be appropriate to have them appear in the Bulletin ? Streeter has something very interesting coming along on Estienne and Vesalius; Castiglioni has some amusing details about a row between Puteus, Cuneus and Vesalius; and we hope that you will paint on somewhat larger canvass perhaps, on any phase of Vesalius that appeals to you.² If the Bibliography is ready, I shall plan to describe it briefly, perhaps five-minutes worth; and we thought that a good paper on general Renaissance backgrounds might possibly be desirable.³ Leonardo Olschki would be an admirable person, but we also have here in the University old Cassirer who is bright and interesting, but I think he lacks terminal facilities.⁴ We are thinking in terms of four or possibly five 15- to 20-minute

papers. The session would begin at 3 P.M. on Saturday afternoon, and we would hope to break up at the latest by five.

How do these proposals strike you ?

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Vesalius celebration see letter 251.

² Streeter see letter 248. Charles Estienne (ca. 1505-1564) French anatomist. Castiglioni see letter 36. Gabriel Cuneus in Italy, defended Vesalius against the 1562 attacks by the galenist, Franciscus Puteus.

³ Bibliography (Cushing 1943).

⁴ Leonard Olschki, Italian author. Ernst A. Cassirer (1874-1945) German philosopher at Yale University.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 12 February 1943

Dear John:

I am sorry to be so late but I was on the road a good deal in the last ten days in New York, Washington and North Carolina. Your plans for the Vesalius celebration appeal to me very much and I have only a few suggestions to make:

1. I think it would be better to leave out the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club and to hold your meeting under the auspices of your Historical Library. The reason is that the Hopkins Club will devote its November meeting to Vesalius in connection with the exhibit that we are preparing here.

2. Both Leonardo Olschki and Cassirer would be admirable for a background presentation and Streeter and Castiglioni will, of course, be very good speakers also.¹ I would appreciate it, however, if you would leave me out because I have nothing new to say about Vesalius. I have not done any work on him for a very long time. I plan to make a little study on the language and the anatomical terminology of the German Epitome, but this will be a very minor and very technical paper that would not be suitable for a meeting such as yours.² You may consider Dr. Temkin instead of me who has some interesting views about Vesalius as a surgeon.³

3. I would like to suggest that the November number of the Bulletin be made a Vesalius number.⁴ I would like to publish in it the papers presented at New Haven and Baltimore and whatever other papers I may get on the subject. The Californians have been doing some work on Vesalius and may have a contribution to make.⁵

This is all that occurs to me at the moment. I am sure that we shall have an extremely interesting and pleasant meeting at New Haven on October 30.

And now, another matter that I would like you to consider very seriously. We must have a second medical history journal. It is quite obvious that the Bulletin of the History of Medicine cannot serve the entire English-speaking world. I am flooded with manuscripts and I hate to be forced to delay their publication so long. I still have some on my desk that have been there for over two years, and this is an impossible situation. I had expected that I would receive

fewer manuscripts on account of the war but so far this has not been the case. It seems on the contrary that everybody is finishing a paper before joining the armed forces.

Henry Viets suggested that you launch a Yale Journal of Medical History and I think that this is an admirable idea, and I would like to add my voice to that of Viets urging you most strongly to consider such a journal.⁶

I had a nice letter from Dr. Light about the Cushing picture.⁷ The only difficulty seems to be that he has so many films that he is not sure whether he can find the right one.

So much for today and with kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

[Henry]

¹ Olschki see letter 259. Cassirer see letter 259. Streeter see letter 248. Castiglioni see letter 36.

² *Epitome* (Vesalius 1543b).

³ Temkin see letter 245.

⁴ Bulletin of the History of Medicine Vesalius number see letter 256.

⁵ Californians: Chauncey D. Leake.

⁶ Viets see letter 75.

⁷ Light see letter 65.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 February 1943

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter about the Vesalius celebrations. I understand your not wishing to prepare two papers for publication on Vesalius, and we shall reluctantly take your decision. However, I still hope that you may feel able to be present.

The plans for a Vesalius number of the Bulletin sound most attractive, and I feel sure we shall be able to contribute several brief manuscripts.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 February 1943

Dear Sigerist:

In your letter of the 12th you mention the possibility of a Yale Journal of Medical History. I heartily agree with you that there should be a second journal of medical history, but my thought had been that we might revive the Annals rather than attempt to make another journal

having local connection.¹ Yours, to be sure, is far from local in its connotation; but anything with Yale in it would be looked upon as exceedingly local !!

I do not have the time or energy at present to launch another journal. The Journal of Neurophysiology is a bi-monthly headache, and if we started another bi-monthly, I should need some estrogen.² Viets himself would probably do a good job as editor, and I have an idea that we could get Schuman to back the Journal financially.³ What would you think of proceeding along these lines ?

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ “Second journal of medical history“, see letter 260; what resulted eventually was the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, started in 1946 with George Rosen as editor. *Annals of Medical History: Journal*, founded before S.’s *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, but ceased in 1942.

² F. was editor of the *Journal of Neurophysiology*.

³ Viets see letter 75. Henri Schuman see letter 250.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 February 1943

Dear Henry:

Among Dr. Cushing’s notes has been found a statement that Dr. Kelly had a copy of the Pavia 1550 edition of Guinterius’ Anatomicarum institutionum ex Galeni sententia libri IIII.¹ Could you let me know whether this by any chance came to the Welch Library ? Dr. Cushing did not have a copy, and we are anxious to examine the volume if possible.

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Kelly see letter 165. Joannes Guinterius (1487-1574).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 February 1943

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of February 15. You can count on my coming to your Vesalius celebration. I would not miss it for anything since I am also very anxious to see your exhibit. But as I told you, I would prefer not to be on the program since I think that I really have nothing to contribute.

I am glad that you liked the idea of a Vesalius number of the Bulletin.¹ I will announce it in the next number and am sure that I can get some good contributions. The Californians have been doing some good work on Vesalius and I will probably get something from them.²

I am also very glad to hear that you agree that we need a second medical history journal. Viets would certainly be a good editor.³ I expect him here in the near future and will discuss the matter with him also.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Contributors of the Vesalius number (letter 256): Sigerist, Edelstein, Zilboorg, Ivins, O'Malley/Saunders, Straus/Temkin, Benjamin, Meyer/Wirt, Codellas, Miller.

² "Californians": Leake to Sigerist of 10 February 1942.

³ Viets see letter 75.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 February 1943

Dear Henry:

I understand that Ivins' MS. on the Calcar-Vesalius controversy is in your hands for the Vesalius number of the Bulletin.¹ I would like very much to cite the paper into the Vesalius bibliography, and I am wondering whether you could lend me the MS. to look over.² Also I would like the full titles of Castiglioni's and of Zilboorg's papers as you propose to run them in the Bulletin.³ I am writing to you for the titles rather than to Castiglioni and Zilboorg in case the titles have in any way been edited.

If you have a title of your own paper, or Temkin of his, I would like these also.⁴ I have sent your suggestion about Temkin to the Committee and will write you presently.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

P.S. Have you any other Vesalian titles on the stocks for the Bulletin this year ?

¹ W. M. Ivins jr., wrote on Renaissance prints. Jan Stephan Calcar (ca. 1499-ca. 1546) anatomist, Vesalius' illustrator.

² Vesalius Bibliography (Cushing 1943).

³ Castiglioni see letter 36. Gregory Zilboorg (1890-1959) psychiatrist in New York, friend of S.'s.

⁴ Temkin see letter 245.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 February 1943

Dear John:

Yes, we have Dr. Kelly's copy of the 1550 edition of Guinterius' Anatomicarum institutionum ex Galeni sententia libri IIII, and I am sending the volume through Interlibrary Loan.¹

I am sending you enclosed Mr. Ivins' manuscript and I am sure that it will amuse you.² If I feel in the right mood one of these days, I may write a reply to it. There is no doubt that Calcar deserves a great deal of credit, but I am sure that the basic thesis of Ivins is wrong.³

The title of Dr. Zilboorg's paper is "Psychological Sidelights of Andreas Vesalius".⁴

Castiglioni's paper was promised for publication to the Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine so that it will not be included in our Vesalius number.⁵

Temkin's and my own paper are not written yet and my paper is still very vague so that I should prefer not to have it included in the bibliography.⁶

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Kelly and his book see letter 165.

² Ivins see letter 265.

³ Calcar see letter 265.

⁴ Zilboorg see letter 265.

⁵ Castiglioni see letter 36..

⁶ Temkin see letter 245. Bibliography (Cushing 1943).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 February 1943

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letters of the 17th and the 20th. I am grateful to you for sending the 1550 edition of Guinterius.¹ I assume that it will arrive in due course.

Thanks also for the Ivins MS.² I find it a little difficult to take Mr. Ivins seriously since he evidently knows very little about the history of anatomical illustration in the broader sense, especially the pre-Vesalian period. The little book by Garrison might be good for his soul.³

We shall have the paper duly entered in the bibliography as being „in press“ in the Bulletin; the same for Zilboorg.⁴ If your paper and that of Temkin become crystallized before June, we should like to include them, too.⁵

I am keeping the Ivins MS. For the moment and will return it after we have had opportunity to go over it a little more carefully.

Let me know what you and Henry Viets decide about the new journal of medical history.⁶

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Guinterius see letter 263.

² Ivins see letter 265.

³ Garrison see letter 80; his book (Garrison 1926).

⁴ Zilboorg see letter 265.

⁵ Temkin see letter 245.

⁶ Viets see letter 75.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 March 1943

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your note about Dr. Klebs.¹ We have very little in the way of detail. Forel sent a warning cable on Friday, March 5th, saying that Klebs was gravely ill following a [xxxx].² The cable arrived at noon on Monday, the 8th; and Monday afternoon we received a cable dated Saturday the 6th from Mrs. Robert Hentsch-Kunkler saying that Dr. Klebs had died, presumably on Saturday morning, March 6th.³ It may of course have been Friday night, the 5th, but this point has not yet been ascertained. In the release to the papers which I prepared hastily Monday afternoon, I stated that he had died on the 6th.

I am very glad that you are preparing a note about him for the Bulletin.⁴ I expect to prepare a notice for the Yale Journal, so that students and alumni will know something about A.C.K. and his gift to the Library.⁵

Mrs. Klebs, who has been unconscious for a year and a half following a [xxxx] in November 1941, is still living, and we have very little idea of who will now look after her.⁶ It is a great tragedy that she could not have died before he did.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Klebs see letter 63; he died on 6 March 1943 in Nyon, Switzerland.

² [xxxx] Protected Health Information (Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore).

³ Forel and Mrs. Robert Hentsch-Kunkler, possibly neighbors or friends of Klebs in Nyon.

⁴ An appreciation rather than a note appeared in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine (Baumgartner 1943)..

⁵ “Gift to the Library”: Klebs had decided that his library be incorporated into the Yale Historic Library which contained the libraries of Cushing and Fulton.

⁶ Mrs. Klebs: Harriet K. Newell.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 28 May 1943

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th. I had expected to be in Cincinnati on Wednesday, the 9th, as I am speaking Tuesday night, the 8th in Cleveland. However, it may be possible to go from Cincinnati to Philadelphia on a late afternoon train and I shall make every effort to be present for your meeting at the Franklin Inn Club at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9th. I will let you know definitely when I have explored the timetable.

I quite agree with you about the Neuberger business and I am writing Dr. Rosenthal accordingly.¹

With regard to the Vesalius session, I am planning to talk about the bibliography and to discuss some of the more interesting problems that have come up in connection with it.² So this will leave you to do anything you want with the man and his work. My speech is not written and if by any chance I get it on paper beforehand, I shall send you a copy. Of course, I know that you always write your papers months beforehand so perhaps if yours is in finished form, you will send me a copy of it !

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

P.S. You certainly are well off for Vesalius. I congratulate you.

¹ Neuberger and Rosenthal not identified; they are probably mentioned in S.'s missing letter of the 27th.

² Bibliography: (Cushing 1943).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 June 1943

Dear Henry:

You asked me to let you know what I am going to say at the Vesalius symposium next week. I enclose a few pages of introduction and I intend to proceed with an account of the Paraphrasis and the Tabulae Sex, carrying the story to 1538, but I shall also have a few comments to make on the Calcar-Vesalius controversy.¹ Will this in any way interfere with what you have planned ? This fellow, Ivine, irritates me the more I read his manuscript, and

it seems to me that he requires a gentle rebuttal.² If, by any chance, you were intending to take up this theme, let me know and I shall do something else.

I enclose a letter that I have just had from Sweden.³ You will be interested in the comments on opinion in Sweden and Finland.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Paraphrasis (Vesalius 1537). Tabulae anatomicae sex (Vesalius 1538). Calcar see letter 265.

² Ivins see letter 265.

³ Letter from Sweden see letter 271.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 June 1943

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of June 1 and for your manuscript. I am delighted that you intend to answer Ivins' accusations.¹ You need not be too gentle.

I do not know yet what I am going to do and will have to work something up over the week-end, but I am glad to know what your plans are and there will be very little overlapping.

Thanks also for the very interesting letter of Professor Granit.² It confirms all reports we had from Europe.

Looking forward to seeing you soon and hoping that you can come for the dinner, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Ivins see letter 265.

² Ragnar Granit, Swedish neurophysiologist.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 5 June 1943

Dear Henry:

I have arranged to get away from Cleveland so that I can be with you Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th. I am glad that what I am planning on Vesalius does not overlap with anything you are doing.¹ I will bring the Ivins manuscript with me so that you can have it again for the Bulletin.² I am a little doubtful whether you will wish to publish it in its present form. The fellow seems to me a little pathological.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Vesalius commemoration at Yale University.

² Ivins see letter 265.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 August 1943

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter. I shall be glad to become a member of the American-Soviet Medical Society and I enclose my check for the annual dues of \$ 5.00.¹

I heartily endorse your move to bring together a national collection of Soviet medical literature. Morris Fishbein has made an effort to abstract as many Russian journals as possible and if he knows you are attempting to build up a collection, I have an idea he would be glad to pass on such literature as he receives after it has been abstracted.² The A.M.A. as you know, does not maintain a library.

I happen to be seeing him tomorrow in New York and if I get a chance, I shall mention it.

I shall look forward to the October number of the Bulletin but I fear that I cannot help you much with regard to Arthus*.³ My impression is that he is dead but I cannot seem to find a note of it. If I dig up any information about him, I will let you know.

At the moment I am tearing my hair over the bibliography of Vesalius.⁴ It is half way through press and we expect to have all the galley proof in by September 15th. It is a much larger undertaking than I had anticipated and I should have allowed much more time for getting it through the press. We are, of course, eager to have the book published before the end of 1943.

Leona Baumgartner said that you liked her appreciation of Klebs.⁵ You were very bright to invite her to prepare this appreciation for I have a strong conviction that no one but a woman could possibly write adequately about A.C.K. They played such a large part in his existence.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John

P.S. Arthus was not dead in 1931 - and there has been no obituary of him in Quart Index Med. since then. Castiglioni suggests asking [?] Raymond de Saussure who is now practising in New York.⁶

¹ S. helped organize the American-Soviet Medical Society in 1943 when the U.S. and the Soviet Union were allies.

² Morris Fishbein (1889-1976) conservative editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association (A.M.A.).

³ Maurice Arthus (1862-1945) French immunologist and physiologist (Bull. Hist. Med. 14, 366-390, 1943).

⁴ Bibliography (Cushing 1943).

⁵ Leona Baumgartner see letter 169; (Baumgartner 1943). Klebs see letter 63.

⁶ Castiglioni see letter 36. Raymond de Saussure (1894-1971) psycho-analyst in Switzerland and U.S.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 September 1943

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of August 30 and for your check of \$ 5.00 that I am passing on to our Treasurer.¹

Leona has written a delightful article on Klebs and you are quite right in saying that it needs a woman to write about Klebs.²

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ A check for F.'s American-Soviet Medical Society membership. Leona Baumgartner, see letter 169 and (Baumgartner 1943).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 12 September 1943

Dear Henry:

Leona Baumgartner has asked us to read the proof of the Klebs appreciation, and she implied that you were in a hurry so I am sending it directly to you.¹

I was in Washington Friday and Saturday; otherwise I could have attended to it sooner. It goes off to-day, Sunday, special delivery.

We would like one hundred reprints with covers for the Historical Library.

Sincerely yours,

John

P.S. It is possible that Leona has already sent in her corrections.

¹ Leona Baumgartner, see letter 169 and (Baumgartner 1943).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 October 1943

Dear Henry;

This is just a line to let you know that we are counting on your being here for the Vesalius celebration on Saturday, October 30th, at 3 P.M. If you can stay over, we still have a free room at Mill Rock.¹ Billy Francis will also be stopping with us.² Is there any likelihood that Emmy will be able to come with you ?³ I need not tell you that she would be most welcome.

Temkin has asked for the proofs of the Vesalius Bio-bibliography.⁴ The sets are all in use at the moment, but as soon as we get the page proofs I think we can send him a set. I have meanwhile dispatched the galleys of the section on biography and criticism.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Mill Rock: F.'s residence at New Haven.

² Francis see letter 172.

³ Emmy Sigerist.

⁴ Temkin see letter 245. Vesalius Bio-bibliography: (Cushing 1943).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 13 October 1943

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of October 11. You can count on my coming for the Vesalius celebration. I am speaking in Boston on the 27th and in New York on the 29th and I shall come to New Haven from New York Saturday morning. My associate, Genevieve Miller, intends to come also because she is anxious to see the Historical Library.¹

Thanks for asking me to stay with you overnight but I shall have to go back to New York Saturday evening because I must see a few people before I go back to Baltimore Sunday morning early.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to the Vesalius meeting. Ours will take place Monday evening, November 1 and I need not tell you that we should all be delighted if you or any one of your associates could attend it. The program is just going to press and I shall let you have it as soon as it comes out.

With kind regards, I am
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ Genevieve Miller see letter 181.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 October 1943

Dear Henry:

When I wrote you the other day, I forgot to convey the cordial invitation of the Beaumont Club to dine with them after the Vesalius meeting.¹ I take it from your letter, however, that you are going up to New York that evening. Would it be possible for you to stay over and go up on the 9.10 or 9.30 train ? The Beaumont Club will be distressed if you cannot be with them.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
John

¹ Beaumont Club: The Yale Medical Club.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 19 October 1943

Dear John:

I shall be very glad to have dinner with the Beaumont Club on October 30th and it is early enough if I leave for New York on the 9:10 or 9:30 train.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 November 1943 (telegram)

Arriving Colonial with Miss Stanton Train 40 minutes late New York
John Fulton

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 12 November 1943

My dear Henry:

I am in your debt on several counts. In the first place my best thanks for the extra copies of the Review of Soviet Medicine.¹ I have sent two copies at once to Ralph Hubbell, my brother-in-law, who is in charge of the American Red Cross at Moscow.

I am also much beholden to you for the group of important reprints which you and Miss Miller have just sent us for the Historical Library.²

In the third place, I have an uncomfortable feeling that I have not written you a bread-and-butter letter following your Vesalius meeting; I thoroughly enjoyed the evening, both the genial festivity at the Hamilton Street Club and the later program at the Library.³ I admire the way you arrange exhibits and I think we shall take a leaf out of your book. The papers were first-rate although I found it difficult to follow Zilboorg's psychiatric interpretation of Vesalius.⁴ Like Leonardo, Vesalius seems to me a driving character pretty much beyond analysis in modern „psycho-analytical“ terms. Indeed, Zilboorg's analysis reminded me a little of Jerome Carden's casting of the horoscope of Jesus Christ.⁵ I am keenly looking forward to reading the text of the other papers, yours in particular.

After a good deal of consideration and some pressure from George H. Smith, the editor of our Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine, we have decided to issue our papers as a group in the December number of the Journal.⁶ The Journal is very short of material and while it would have been interesting to have had all our papers combined and appear at one time, I felt that we really owed it to the School here to have the papers appear in the Journal. I am sure you will understand.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ S. was co-editor of the *American Review of Soviet Medicine*, founded in 1943, which was the foremost activity of the *American-Soviet Medical Society*, see letter 273.

² Genevieve Miller see letter 181.

³ Vesalius meeting: At Johns Hopkins University.

⁴ Zilboorg see letter 265.

⁵ Jerome Carden not identified.

⁶ George H. Smith see letter 24.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 18 November 1943

Dear John:

It is I who should have written you long ago to tell you how much I enjoyed your Vesalius celebration and what a pleasure it was to see Lucia again after all these years.¹ I enjoyed the lunch at your home a great deal and it was so nice seeing Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Winternitz, all the Yale ladies that I used to see so often in the past.² Now that I am so wrapped up in my work, I get round very little but the more I enjoyed the day in New Haven.

I think it is a very good solution to have your symposium published in the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine. I have ten Vesalius papers for the December number of the Bulletin and this is probably already more than my paper quota permits but I shall take a chance.³

Considering the fact that we are at war, I think we have done quite well in this country with Vesalius and the crown of all will, of course, be the bibliography.⁴ I just received Schuman's invitation for December 28 which will end the Vesalius year in a most pleasant way.⁵

Yours very cordially,
[Henry]

¹ Lucia Fulton.

² Winternitz see letter 37.

³ Vesalius number of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine see letter 256.

⁴ Bibliography (Cushing 1943).

⁵ Schuman see letter 250.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 November 1943

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your generous letter about our Vesalius meeting. We very much enjoyed having you with us.

Lew Weed told me on Thursday that in the collection of Ludwig pamphlets which he acquired sometime about 1923 and subsequently passed on to the Welch Library there was a copy of the rare tract of Brondgeest, De tono muscolorum, Utrecht, 1860.¹ I have been on the trail of this for nearly twenty years and was not aware that there was a copy in this country. Could one of your staff find it and have a photostat made at my expense ?

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
John

¹ Lewis Weed see letter 207. P. Q. Brondgeest, Dutch pharmacologist.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 November 1943

Dear Henry:

We have now had corrected page-proofs of the Vesalius bibliography and I can send you everything but the title-page, the illustrations, and the indices. I am sending one plate of illustrations to give you an idea what they will look like. In view of the fact that you are having the Vesalius number of the Bulletin in December, I thought you might possibly wish to review the bibliography at the same time with a view to having it under a 1943 date.¹ If for any reason it is not convenient to do so, just let me have the page-proof again at your convenience. We intend to cut up this copy to go into the volumes. The book is scheduled for early December publication and the title (not in a woodcut border, in deference to your and Castiglioni's convictions) will be as follows:²

A Bio-bibliography of Andreas Vesalius. By Harvey Cushing. New York:

Schuman's, 1943. 4° xxxviii, 228 pp. + 90 illustrations. Price: \$ 15.

The binding is to be half green morocco with the armorial shield of Vesalius on the front cover.

Sincerely yours,
John

¹ A review of the Bibliography (Cushing 1943) was done by Temkin rather than S. (Temkin 1943).

² Castiglioni see letter 36.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 December 1943

Dear Henry:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Vesalius.¹ It should have gone off to you long ago, but our Christmas arrangements proved a little complicated as the book did not materialize until just before the day. It goes to you as a small expression of gratitude for your gracious birthday party on November 1st.

I am going over the Steinman [sic] materials and will let you have them shortly.² It was fun seeing you at the Schumans' party, and your speech was a gastronomic epic.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
John Fulton

¹ “The Vesalius”: (Cushing 1943).

² Steiman materials see letter 291.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 5 January 1944

My dear Miss Miller:

Dr. Weed writes, as you will see from the enclosed note that he is positive that the Brondgeest on Muscle tonus, Utrecht, 1860, was in the Ludwig collection.¹

I hate to bother you again, but I wonder whether by any chance it was singled out and catalogued separately.

Yours sincerely
John Fulton

¹ Weed see letter 207. Brondgeest see letter 283.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 10 January 1944

Dear John:

Thank you ever so much for sending me a copy of the Vesalius.¹ It really is a splendid book, beautifully presented and a mine of information.

Thanks also for the copy of your very interesting letter to Olmstead [sic].² Strangely enough, he is not a member of our Association of the History of Medicine although he is a frequent contributor to the Bulletin. I have invited him to join several times but so far without response.

The wine book has not come out yet but should be out soon.³ We certainly had a delightful evening in New York the other day and Schuman was a great host.⁴

I am looking forward to seeing your Steinman [sic] materials because I am really anxious to have some of his translations published in the Review.

With kind regards, I am
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹“The Vesalius”: (Cushing 1943).

² J. M. D. Olmsted (1886-1956) biographer of Claude Bernard and Charles Edward Brown-Séquard.

³ Wine Book: (Sigerist 1944a).

⁴ Schuman see letter 261. Steiman materials see letter 285.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 11 January 1944

Dear John:

I received a twelve-page typewritten letter of Dr. Cushing dated February 3, 1920, addressed to Dr. Jay McLean.¹ It is an extremely interesting letter that deals with the foundation of the Hunterian Laboratory and of its early years. It was written at the request of Dr. McLean who was then assistant resident surgeon assigned to the Hunterian Laboratory by Halsted.² Dr. McLean is the discoverer of heparin.³

If you would like to see the letter now, I should be glad to send it; otherwise, it will be kept in our archives and will be sent to you whenever you wish me to do so.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ Jay McLean (1890-1957) surgeon. Hunterian Laboratory for Experimental Surgery at Johns Hopkins University.

² Halsted see letter 33.

³ Heparin, a natural anticoagulant formed in the liver.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 12 January 1944

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I'm very sorry to report that we have not been able to find the Brondgeest article. There is no catalogue to the Ludwig collection which contains over 8,000 reprints. They are filed alphabetically in boxes, and we have searched throughout the entire B section. Also it has not been catalogued separately. The only reprint under the name of Brondgeest is that which I mentioned to you in a previous letter.

There is little possibility that it was misplaced in some other section, as the collection is very little used and there is perfect order in the section through which we searched.

Yours sincerely

[....]

Assistant

Brondgeest see letter 283.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 January 1944

My dear Henry:

I have been in Boston a few days and on returning find your two letters of January 10th and 11th. I am very glad you like the Vesalius and much appreciate your generous comments.¹ It is also good news that Olmsted has applied for membership in the Association of the History of Medicine.² He is rather overshadowed on the Berkeley campus by Herbert Evans. Herbert makes all the noise about history and Olmie is the productive scholar. In a quiet way he is a man of great capabilities.³

With regard to the Steiman material, I have been on the go without let-up for the last ten days and I hope to get at them over the week-end and to send them along to you shortly.⁴ I have had a letter from Steiman saying that he feels that they can be published without any further authorization. I am not too happy about his English and there is some repetition between the several manuscripts. Also he has not always indicated the source too accurately, but I shall try to add bibliographical details to help your editorial staff.

With regard to the letter of February 3, 1920 addressed to Dr. J. McLean (in yours of the 11th), I believe we have this letter salted away somewhere but Madeline Stanton is spending the rest of the month in Florida taking her first holiday in about 18 months, and I can't find the damn thing in the files.⁵ Will you be good enough to let me see the letter and I will have a photostat made of it just in case. It is very thoughtful of you to write me about it.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

John

¹ "The Vesalius": (Cushing 1943).

² Olmsted see letter 287.

³ Evans see letter 95.

⁴ Steiman materials see letter 291.

⁵ McLean see letter 288. Stanton see letter 183.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 15 January 1944

Dear John:

I spent Thursday in New York at the editorial office of the American Review of Soviet Medicine. Miss Halpern, our managing editor, has been in touch with Capt. Steiman who told her that we could publish whatever translations he had made provided you approved of such publications.¹ If we mention his name, we would have to get release from the Canadian authorities which would be very complicated and time-consuming.

May I therefore appeal to you and ask you to let me have whatever manuscripts you think could and should be published. We would be able to issue them in the April number of the Review.

Yours very cordially,
[Henry]

¹ Steiman materials: Probably translations from Russian for the American Review of Soviet Medicine by Canadian Captain (?) Steiman; see also letter 285.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 January 1944

My dear Sigerist:

This is just a line to thank you warmly for the attractive translation of Maurice Arthus' Philosophy of Scientific Investigation.¹ I have not yet ascertained whether he is dead or alive and I wonder whether you have had any further information. I have always liked the simple binding covers of your reprints from the Bulletin and I hope we can procure something similar for our Vesalius proceedings. They are now being reprinted from the December number of the Yale Journal.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Arthus (1862-1945) see letter 273.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 18 January 1944

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Dr. Sigerist has asked me to thank you for your letter of January 13 and to tell you that he was delighted to receive it. He also asked me to send you enclosed the Cushing letter about which he wrote you previously.¹ I am registering it.

With greetings from us all, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Hope Trebing]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

¹ Cushing letter see letter 288.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 22 January 1944

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Dr. Sigerist has asked me to thank you for your letter of January 17 and for the Steiman material.¹ He greatly appreciated your sending him the translations and told me to especially tell you how useful and valuable they are.

Most cordially yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

¹ Steimann material see letter 291.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 January 1944

My dear Henry:

The earliest printed book on wines is a magnificent effort and I congratulate you most heartily.¹ It is beautifully turned out and the text I have found most fascinating reading. I have read your introduction with some care and cannot quarrel with you over any point. But why should one quarrel about wine !

Colish has done a particularly good job, not only with the printing of the book but with that attractive binding.² I hope you are as pleased as others are certain to be.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever sincerely

John

¹ Book on wine (Sigerist 1944a), by Arnald of Villanova (1235-1311), physician, botanist and philosopher.

² S. edited, and S. A. Colish in New York designed and printed this book, published by Henry Schuman.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 February 1944

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Many, many thanks for your very kind letter of February 5 to Dr. Sigerist.¹ He is in Canada just now and will not be at the office again until the 15th of this month. You may be doubly assured that I shall bring your letter to his immediate attention as it is far too good to suffer from any delayed action. He will be perfectly delighted with it in every respect.

Most cordially yours,

[....]

Secretary

¹ Fulton's letter is missing.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 18 February 1944

Dear Henry:

I have just discovered to my horror that you requested the papers for Castiglioni's Festschrift not later than January 1st.¹ I am getting together the paper on Polydore Vergil as the first medical historian which I read at the Roumanian Congress in 1932 and never published.² It seems to me that Polydore has much in common with Castiglioni, and if it isn't too late I hope to get the MS. in to you by the end of next week.

Galston [sic] has asked me to preside at the birthday dinner on April 8th at the Waldorf.³ I feel a little timid about assuming the responsibility as I am sure you or a good many others would do it with an infinitely lighter touch. But if this is a considered request, I shall of course accede to it. Have you any good stories about Castiglioni suitable for the occasion ?

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
John

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36; 70 years old; his exile at Yale; his Festschrift (Sigerist 1944b).

² Polydore Vergil Castellensis (1470-1555) Italian historian in England. F.'s Polydore Vergil (Fulton 1944a). Bucharest 1932, site of the International Congress of the History of Medicine.

³ Iago Galdston (1895-1989) medical historian at New York Academy of Medicine. Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 3 March 1944

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of February 18. You will be an ideal chairman for the Castiglioni dinner.¹ If you look up Castiglioni's little book, The Renaissance of Medicine in Italy, published in our Noguchi Lecture Series by the Johns Hopkins Press in 1934, you will find an introduction that I wrote at the time and in which I tried to give a picture of Castiglioni.²

The Festschrift, I am sorry to say, will not be finished in time and all I will be able to do is present Castiglioni with whatever page-proofs I will have. It would be easier to set a mountain in motion than to rush a printer today. Most manuscripts have been in the hands of the printer since December but we are progressing very slowly. Besides, we have a very serious problem with paper. The Hopkins Press apparently did not budget its supply carefully enough and in the future, I shall have to spread our Institute publications among as many publishers as possible. What infuriates me is that hundreds of thousands of tons of good, heavy paper are wasted every day for advertisements of firms that have nothing to sell to the public.

The Vesalius number looks good.³ It is in the bindry at long last and should be out soon. The January number is also finished and the printer has all manuscripts for the February and March numbers but God only knows when they will be ready.

Cordially as ever,
[Henry]

¹ Castiglioni dinner and Festschrift see letter 297.

² Renaissance book (Castiglioni 1934).

³ Vesalius number see letter 256.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 11 March 1944

Dear Miss Trebing:

I am not quite certain from your letter of January 18th whether Dr. Sigerist wished us to keep that interesting letter about the Hunterian Laboratory or merely sent it to us for reference.¹ It is a fascinating document and while we have a copy of it, we wouldn't be at all averse to have the original !

Under separate cover I am sending Dr. Sigerist a copy of our Vesalius proceedings of October 30th.. How are you getting on with the publication of yours ? The binding of ours is awful, but I think the printer did it deliberately because we tried to hurry him.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
John Fulton

¹ Cushing letter see letter 288.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 15 March 1944

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Many thanks for your letter of March 11th. I'm sorry to tell you the worst but it seems as though we own the original !¹ The situation is that the Institute was presented with the original document by the owner so we are obligated to keep it here. Please feel perfectly free to return it whenever you have finished with it.

All of us are looking forward to seeing your Vesalius proceedings and are most anxious to receive it.² As for our Vesalius number, it will appear in the December issue of the Bulletin.³ That particular issue should be on the market within the next few days. All this unavoidable delay with printer, binder, truck-drivers and delivery difficulties, has made our Vesalius number so late but then again, there is absolutely nothing anyone can do but sit by.

Dr. Sigerist just came in to the office and said to especially give you his kind regards and greetings, but that also all of us.

Most cordially yours,
[Hope Trebing]
Secretary

¹ "Original document", see letter 288.

² “Your Vesalius proceedings“, in Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine.

³ “Our Vesalius number“, Bulletin of the History of Medicine 1943, see letter 256.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 March 1944

Dear John:

I was delighted to receive the publication with the papers of your Vesalius symposium and hope I can reciprocate soon with our December number which has been with the binder now for several weeks.¹

I like the blue cover of your book very much and the coat of arms of Vesalius looks very attractive on it.

Cordially as ever,

[Henry]

¹ F.'s Vesalius symposium in Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine with F.'s introduction (Fulton 1943).

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 20 March 1944

My dear Miss Trebing:

Many thanks for your letter of 15 March. I had rather suspected that the original of Dr. Cushing's letter could not be spared, and I return it dutifully herewith.¹ Needless to say I much appreciate Dr. Sigerist's willingness to part with it even temporarily.

We are eagerly awaiting your Vesalius number and are a dash relieved to know that you too are having delays.² I was ready to shoot our printers after they had promised to get the Vesalius number out before Christmas and we finally received the bound copies toward the end of February.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ Cushing's letter see letter 288.

² “Your Vesalius number“, Bulletin of the History of Medicine 1943.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 March 1944

My dear Henry:

That attractive book, Civilization and Disease, has just arrived and I do congratulate you warmly.¹ I had feared that the Messenger Lectures would never materialize. I don't know how you ever bring yourself to complete a series of lectures for publication after they have once been given. If I fail to complete something of that kind beforehand, I can never bring myself to get back to it. It requires a strength of mind which I have always admired in you. One of the charms of the book is its illustrations, especially Figure 21, but there are others equally diverting.

Thanks for your note about the Vesalius proceedings.² Needless to say we are eagerly awaiting yours.

Howard Adelman is here this week consorting with the zo-ologists (he has just been made Chairman of the Department at Ithaca).³ I had hopes that we might some day lure him and his library to New Haven. What is your opinion of him as a scholar and what would his potentialities be in a chair of medical history? We have done nothing about it so far, but some day we must have a chair and it is essential to get the right person in it.⁴ We cannot of course hope to be so fortunate as Hopkins.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

¹ *Civilization and Disease* (Sigerist 1943b) contains S.'s Messenger Lectures of 1940, see S. to F. of 20 November 1940; in its Figures 20 to 23 the four temperaments are represented as a couple of lovers.

² Vesalius proceedings in Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine with F.'s introduction (Fulton 1943).

³ Adelman see letter 229. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University.

⁴ A chair of Medical History at Yale was established in 1951 with F. as its first incumbent.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 24 March 1944

Dear John:

At long last I just received the first copies of our Vesalius number and I hasten to send you one enclosed.¹ If you wish to have a few extra copies, I shall be glad to let you have them.

Many thanks for your letter of March 22. I very much appreciated your kind comments on CIVILIZATION AND DISEASE.² The book was in the press for a year and a half and I have almost forgotten what I wrote. The Yale press sent me a copy of a very nicely presented

Spanish translation of my Terry lectures that was issued in Buenos Aires and the Spanish translation of my Soviet book is going to appear in Cuba in the very near future.³

I am very fond of Howard Adelman and I think he is a very fine scholar.⁴ He has a solid classical background and really knows Latin. His heart is with history much more than with zoology. I think, however, that he should have a chair of the history of sciences or the history of biology rather than of the history of medicine. The fact that he is not a physician would limit his field of activity considerably in research as well as in teaching.

I was very interested to hear that you seriously think of establishing a chair of medical history at Yale and I would like to have a talk with you in the matter some day. Perhaps we could meet before or after the Castiglioni dinner in New York.⁵

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Vesalius number in Bulletin of the History of Medicine 1943; see letter 256.

² *Civilization and Disease* (Sigerist 1943b).

³ Terry Lectures (Sigerist 1941). Soviet book (Sigerist 1937a).

⁴ Adelman see letter 229.

⁵ Castiglioni dinner see letter 298.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 25 March 1944

Dear Henry:

How very nice of you to send me an advance copy of the Vesalius number of the Bulletin by first class mail !¹ It will provide week-end reading of a most attractive sort. I have just read your forceful editorial on commemorating Andreas Vesalius and I certainly congratulate you. It is one of your most vigorous pieces of writing. And the number itself brings together a group of papers that commemorate the anniversary in a most fitting

manner - even that of Mr. Ivins.² I must find out from Schuman whether Ivins has had the curiosity to procure a copy of the Bibliography !³

We are also pleased with Temkin's generous review of the Bio-bibliography.⁴ I am glad you were able to include it in the number. Miss Miller's account of the exhibit is characteristically well done.⁵ Do you expect to have separate reprints of the individual papers ? If so, we should very much like to have a set; and if you can spare an extra copy of the Bulletin itself, we can put it to good use.

Under separate cover I am sending you three paper-bound copies of our Vesalius number.⁶ If you need more, we can make them available.

Last evening we all thought of you at the Beaumont Club and spoke of you many times during the dinner.⁷ Hendrickson was there looking extremely well for his years; also Carl Rollins, Woodruff, Ross Harrison, Knollenberg, Francis Blake, and others whom you will remember, some seventeen in all.⁸ I had arranged the dinner for Adelman.⁹ He is everything you say of him. Hendrickson was most pleasantly impressed by him as were the others. As you say, he would be better fitted for a chair of the History of Science than for one in

Medicine. I rather sensed, however, last night that in view of his recent appointment as Chairman of the Department of Zoology at Ithaca he plans to go back for a time at least to active experimental work.

I shall look forward to talking further about the situation when I see you at the Castiglioni dinner.¹⁰

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ S.'s Vesalius number in Bulletin of the History of Medicine 1943, including his editorial (Sigerist 1943c).

² Ivins see letter 265.

³ Bio/Bibliography (Cushing 1943)

⁴ Temkin's review (Temkin 1943).

⁵ Genevieve Miller.

⁶ F.'s Vesalius number in Yale J. Biol. Med..

⁷ Beaumont Medical Club at Yale.

⁸ Hendrickson see letter 144; Carl Rollins see letter 131; Woodruff probably L. L., Yale microbiologist; Ross Harrison see letter 151; Knollenberg see letter 149; Francis Blake: Dean of Yale Medical School.

⁹ Adelmann see letter 229.

¹⁰ Castiglioni dinner see letter 298..

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 31 March 1944

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of March 25 and for the three copies of the Vesalius number.¹ They are most welcome.

I take great pleasure in sending you under separate cover an extra copy of the December number of the Bulletin and a set of reprints of those papers that the members of the Institute have contributed. Of the others, I have no reprints here but I have written the various authors asking them to send you a reprint directly.

I asked Temkin to review the Biobibliography for the Bulletin because I myself will review it for the Sunday edition of the New York Times, and I do not like to review the same book twice.²

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ F.'s Vesalius number in Yale J. Biol. Med..

² (Temkin 1943). S.'s review in the New York Times is not mentioned in (Miller 1966) but has appeared, see letter 316.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 April 1944 (telegram)

Following wire received quote will you kindly lend us Harveys film by Lewis demonstrating blood circulation passing censorship giving it Castiglioni white or pardee Inauguration Institute will be held 18 April regards Doctor Ignazio Chavez unquote our film admitted by customs with understanding it would not be shown outside Yale University I believe your copy admitted on more liberal basis.¹

J. F. Fulton

¹ Lewis not identified. Ignazio Chavez see letter 309.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 11 April 1944 (telegram)

OUR HARVEY FILM CAN BE SHOWN WITHIN UNITED STATES BUT NOT ABROAD / WHERE IS CHAVEZ INSTITUTE ?¹

HENRY E / SIGERIST

¹ Ignazio Chavez see letter 309.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 April 1944a (telegram)

CHAVEZ PROFESSOR PHYSIOLOGY MEXICO CITY OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SEND FILM SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU SEE YOU TOMORROW AT CASTIGLIONI DINNER¹

JOHN FULTON

¹ Castiglioni dinner see letter 298..

310

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 April 1944b

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your note of 31 March and also for the extra copies of your Vesalius number. We will be very pleased indeed to have them. I am also particularly glad to learn that you are reviewing the Vesalius for the New York Times.¹ We shall await it with eager interest.

Yours sincerely,
John

¹ S.'s review see letter 306.

311

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 April 1944

Dear Henry:

Galdston and I feel that it would be highly appropriate to have a permanent record of the Castiglioni birthday party, and I wonder whether you would be willing to set down your introductory comments and perhaps permit us to quote some of the more striking passages from your letter in the Festschrift.¹

The evening went off particularly well, and I was only sorry that I couldn't see it out with you to the end at the Iridium Room.² I had to catch an eight o'clock train the next morning, and it seemed to me the part of wisdom to escape.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
John

¹ Galdston see letter 297. Letter in Castiglioni Festschrift (Sigerist 1944b).

² Iridium Room in Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 April 1944

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I am enclosing Dr. Sigerist's introductory comments when he presented the Castiglioni Festschrift, as well as a reprint of his *Epistula Dedicatoria*.¹ He said that you are perfectly free to quote from the *Epistula*.

Yours sincerely,

Genevieve Miller

Assistant

¹ *Epistula* (Sigerist 1944b).

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 22 April 1944

My dear Miss Miller:

I very much appreciate your prompt reply to the request for Dr. Sigerist's address at the Castiglioni dinner. We have not yet heard from Drs. Libman and Volterra who, I suspect, spoke extemporaneously; but we are still hopeful.¹

Dr. Sigerist's *Epistula* is a most moving document.² I am interested in the fact that he spelled it with a u, which I am sure has a basis; but isn't the more usual spelling *epistola* ? But who am I to question Dr. Sigerist's latinity ?

Do you think there is any likelihood that the War Department would object to his mentioning publicly that it is printing an Icelandic dictionary ? Probably not; but we could easily change *Icelandic* to *outlandish* and it would carry much the same implication without being specific.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Fulton

P.S. I am enclosing a copy of a dedication address at the Cushing General Hospital.³

J. F.

¹ Drs. Libman and Volterra, not identified, probably guests at the Castiglioni dinner.

² *Epistula* (Sigerist 1944b); see also letter 314.

³ Dedication address (Fulton 1944b).

314

Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 28 (?) April 1944

Dear John:

I am sending you enclosed Genevieve's and my own biographical sketches and bibliographies.¹ Please do not look at them with the eye of the bibliographer, because they were made in a hurry and are probably neither too accurate nor quite complete.

For my bibliography I used sheets that were made a number of years ago when I went to South Africa, and I had not the time for checking but merely brought the list up to date.

Epistola would have been just as good as epistula, but the latter form is the more classical one.²

The Icelandic dictionary was actually produced by the Germanic department of the Johns Hopkins University but with government priority and primarily for the use of the armed forces.³ It may be safer to omit the word Iceland, and to say that it was a foreign dictionary or an outlandish one as you suggest. Otherwise, we may run into the same trouble as the Journal of the A.M.A.⁴

We just had two very pleasant days with Henry Schuman and the Trents.⁵ I have meetings in New York on Thursday and Friday and will probably see you on Friday evening.

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Genevieve Miller.

² Epistula see letters 313.

³ Icelandic dictionary see also letter 313.

⁴ A.M.A.: American Medical Association.

⁵ Schuman see letter 295. Josiah Charles Trent (1914-1948) medical Historian, member of AAHM, Durham, NC.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 8 May 1944

My dear Henry,

My best thanks for your letter of 4 May.¹ I am grateful also for the additional copy of your bibliography.²

I return one copy of the bibliography herewith which has been duly checked with our holdings. If you have any of the missing items available, could you let us have them ? We should also like the copy of the bibliography back.

I am interested in your comments about the Bulletin and I should very much hope that some such solution as that outlined in your last paragraph could be arranged.

Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Letter of 4 May missing.

² “Your bibliography”: List of S.’s publications.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 May 1944

Dear John:

I am sending you enclosed the review that I wrote for the New York Times.¹ They gave me only 500 words and this is all I could do. Excuse the messy carbon.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ S.’s review of (Cushing 1943), not mentioned in (Miller 1966).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 11 May 1944

Dear John:

I am returning the bibliography enclosed.¹ I have tried to complete your holdings as best I could and am sending you, by Railway Express, a box containing reprints and dissertations of my European students left and I have added them. After the war, I am sure, I will be able to find copies of my earlier books.

I just hear that the first printing of 1,500 copies of CIVILIZATION AND DISEASE is practically sold out and that a new printing is being made.² A Spanish translation is being prepared in Cuba, I also expect copies of a Spanish translation of the book on Soviet medicine and I will send you one as soon as I get them.³

With kind regards, I am
Yours very sincerely,
[Henry]

¹ Bibliography: List of S.’s publications.

² *Civilization and disease* (Sigerist 1943b).

³ Soviet medicine (Sigerist 1937a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 May 1944

Dear Henry:

We much appreciate your note and the copy of the review of Vesalius and the Short-title Catalogue for The New York Times.¹ You are generous, and I need not tell you that „we“ are all most appreciative.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

¹ S.'s review of (Cushing 1943),

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 May 1944

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

As Dr. Fulton is away from New Haven all this week, I am taking the liberty of acknowledging for him the receipt of that marvellous collection of your reprints that arrived this afternoon. They are going to be a great addition to our Historical Library, and I know that Dr. Fulton will be very gratified to find them here on his return. You will doubtless be hearing from him personally sometime next week.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Madeline Stanton

Secretary to Historical Library

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 May 1944

My dear Henry:

I have been away for a full week and your letter of 11 May has just come to my attention along with that remarkable collection of your dissertations, reprints and books which we are simply delighted to have for the Library. You are most generous to make them available.

I am glad to hear that Civilization and Disease is practically sold out and that a Spanish edition is being prepared in Cuba.¹ This must be very gratifying to you.

I shall keep you informed of any developments in other directions.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

¹ Civilization and Disease (Sigerist 1943b).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 May 1944

My dear Henry:

You are very thoughtful to send us a copy of your Bulletin from the beginning. I have once or twice seen copies and had intended to write asking that we might receive them regularly. We too have issued a monthly list for a year or so, and I am getting a set of them together for your files.

The materials are not classified, but we indicate each month items acquired by the Historical Library and those acquired by the General [Library]. We have no well developed purchasing policy in the General Library. Things bought there are acquired usually through God or by accident; but I suppose the same may be said of the Historical Library though I do make an energetic attempt to keep up with current publications in medical history and we also try to build up our bibliographical and reference holdings.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 June 1944

My dear Henry:

I have recently persuaded old Magnus-Levy aged 79 to set down some of his recollections of German medicine in the nineteenth century.¹ He has written a short and rather incoherent monograph on the development of metabolic science in Germany. This will require a lot of editing if it is ever to be issued.

But the section which he had originally intended as an appendix, entitled 'The Heroic Age of German Medicine', is much better and I think deserves publication. Professor Hendrickson has put it into classical English, and under his guidance Magnus-Levy has produced something that appears to me to read well.² If you think it appropriate for the Bulletin, we should be glad to have it published there.

Sincerely yours,
John

¹ Magnus-Levy see letter 211.

² Hendrickson see letter 145.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 June 1944

Dear John:

Thanks for the manuscript of Magnus-Levy.¹ I had already read the German original and I think the paper is worth being published. I will therefore be glad to bring it out in the Bulletin as soon as it is feasible.

Last week the Library Committee of the Welch Library had a meeting and I presented your memorandum.² The members of the Committee were very interested in your plan and thought that the matter should be studied very carefully. A special committee will be appointed later and in the meantime, I have been asked to keep in touch with you and to find out how other libraries react to the plan. The only real objection was brought forth by Dr. Halvorsen, the new librarian of the Homewood Library, who succeeded French a year ago.³ He thought that the annual weeding out of books that are 26 years old would be very time-consuming and costly. I think, however, that this could be greatly expedited if the year of publication would be written on the back of every book. The cataloguing department could do this as a matter of routine.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,
[Henry]

¹ Magnus-Levy see letter 211 and 322; his article was published in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine (Magnus-Levy 1944).

² Welch Medical Library of the Johns Hopkins University.

³ Homewood: The Hopkins non-medical campus.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 21 June 1944

Dear John:

You will laugh when you hear that in the final proofs of the Castiglioni volume, I have changed epistula into epistola after all although the spelling with “u” is the more classical form.¹ The point was that the word dedicatorius does not occur in the classical literature and I

thought it would be safer to use the more vulgar form epistola in such a case. You had the right instinct.

Yours very cordially,
[Henry]

¹ Castiglioni volume (Sigerist 1944b); see also letter 313.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist, New Haven, 29 June 1944

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

This is a very tardy acknowledgment of the receipt of your two letters of the 20th and 21st to Dr. Fulton. He left on the 19th for a meeting in California and we expect that he will be back early next week when he will be writing you personally. He will be most interested, I know, to hear of the action of your Library Committee; also in your decision about 'Epistula'.¹

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
Madeline Stanton
Secretary to Historical Library

¹ Epistula see letter 324.

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Fulton's secretary to Sigerist, New Haven, 27 July 1944

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Dr. Fulton has just sent our copy of your Bulletin for December 1943 to Dr. Waller in Stockholm, hoping that it will reach him through the American Council in London, as Dr. Waller suggested.¹ In the circumstances I hope that you will be able to send us another copy to replace this one.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
Madeline Stanton
Secretary

¹ Waller see letter 254.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 September 1944

Dear Henry:

I have your nice letter about the American Review of Soviet Medicine. I am of course delighted to help in any possible [way] and I very much appreciate your troubling to write. I continue to get news from Russia through my brother-in-law, Ralph Hubbell, and if anything important comes along, I shall of course pass it on to you.¹

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Hubbell see letter 281.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 9 September 1944

My dear Henry:

I gather that Miss Halpern is leaving the office of the American Review of Soviet Medicine.¹ This seems to me a pity but since she has written inquiring about possibilities of getting work at the N.R.C., I thought I would write you for some expression of opinion about her.² How old is she and what is her background; also what stipend does she command? What is she like personally?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Miss Halpern see letter 291.

² N.R.C.: National Research Council.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 9 September 1944

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Just a line to thank you for your letter of September 7 to Dr. Sigerist. He is in Canada at present but is expected back about October 7.¹ He will see your letter then.

With greetings from all of us down here, I am

Very cordially yours,

[....]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

¹ S. in Canada see letter 330

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 September 1944

Dear Henry:

I am delighted to have your letter of the 19th about Steiman and your trip to Saskatchewan - fancy you the Beveridge of that liberal province !¹ I am most envious further to hear that you are off to India and rumor has it that you are also going to Teheran.² What a man you are.

I hope you will keep in mind the Medical History of the War for you will probably have first-hand information and source material of the utmost value concerning our operations in the various theaters that you will shortly be seeing.³

I wrote you the other day (before I had heard of your trip) asking for information about Dorothy Halpern.⁴ Is it true that she is thinking of leaving the American Review of Soviet Medicine? She wondered whether she might not be of use at the N.R.C.⁵ I sent her curriculum vitae to Lew Weed but have heard nothing further from him and I would not like to make any formal recommendation until I hear from you 1) that you are willing to release her from the American Review, and 2) how you regard her personality and general ability.⁶ I hope it will not be too much trouble for you to write me a line about her before you leave.

I am in the hospital at the moment with a lopsided face after having had two abscessed teeth pulled yesterday but all goes well and I shall be out this afternoon.

With best wishes,

Yours ever sincerely,

John

No news as yet - but I think we can get things in motion in Nov. or Dec. The delay has been due to an overhaul of the finances [?] at the Medical School.

¹ Steiman see letter 285. In September S. was in Regina, Saskatchewan, as a consultant for a new system of medical care for the people of the province which had elected a leftist government (Sigerist 1944c).. William Beveridge (1879-1963) British economist, known for his plan for social insurance for freedom from want, which also resulted in the National Health Service.

² In November, invited by the State Department, S. would visit India as a consultant for post-war health organization and administration (Sigerist 1945); he travelled on an Air Force plane by way of Cairo and (possibly) Tehran.

³ Medical History of the War.. (Fulton 1942).

⁴ Halpern see letter 291.

⁵ N.R.C.: National Research Council.

⁶ Weed see letter 207.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore, 12 October 1944

Dear John:

I am back in Baltimore and I am sending you enclosed a report that will tell you what I have done in Saskatchewan.¹ It was a very thrilling experience working with a new government of young people who are all determined to achieve something in the health field.

On my return I heard that Miss Halpern has a job with the Soviet Embassy as editor of their Information Bulletin.² Personally I am sorry that she left the Review because she is a very good editor but she is a somewhat unbalanced person and could not get on with Dr. Robert Leslie and the other New York crowd.³

Could you tell me if Olmsted in San Francisco is a good lecturer?⁴ It occurred to me that we might invite him one of these days to give a course of Noguchi Lectures.⁵ He has done some very good historical work in recent years and he seems to be very much under the shadow of Herbert Evans in California so that I would like to give him an opportunity to give a course of lectures here.⁶

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ “Back in Baltimore”: From Saskatchewan. Report: (Sigerist 1944d); see also letter 330.

² Halpern see letter 291.

³ Robert Leslie (born 1885) printer and member of the American-Soviet Medical Society.

⁴ Olmsted see letter 287.

⁵ Noguchi Lecture Series at S.’s Institute.

⁶ Evans see letter 96.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 October 1944

My dear Henry:

I am delighted to know that you are back again.¹ I had had rumors that you were going even further afield but I hope this is not the case since we all feel a certain vacancy when you are out of the country.² Things here are proceeding slowly: for reasons that I cannot go into fully, the Medical School and hospital are being surveyed by a Corporation committee with a view to cutting down the costs, particularly in the hospital where the deficit borne by the University has jumped from \$ 50,000 to nearly \$ 200,000 a year. I think a way out has been

found but until such details have been settled, we have been strongly advised to lie doggo. I am optimistic, however, and shall keep you posted on developments.

Thanks for the information about Miss Halpern.³ I rather suspected as much and it was for that reason that I wrote you.

Your thought about J.M.D. Olmsted is excellent.⁴ Although not a forceful speaker, he is lucid, clear and he seems to have absorbed many of the better characteristics of the French. His *Magendie* which Schuman is about to publish, is one of the best biographies I have ever read and I am sure that if you invite him for the Noguchi Lectures, he will attract and hold a large audience.⁵ As you say, Herbert Evans is so desperately jealous of him that he overshadows him perpetually.⁶ His *Magendie* sat in the safe of the University of California Press for two years since Evans refused to recommend it. I happened to hear about it from John Lawrence and managed to get the manuscript into Schuman's hands last July.⁷ Schuman was delighted with it and is pushing it through this month.

Yours sincerely,
John

P.S. Thanks very much for the reprint of your Saskatchewan Health Survey Commission.⁸ What a man you are !

¹ "Back again": From Saskatchewan; see letter 330.

² "Going further afield": To India.

³ Halpern see letter 291.

⁴ Olmsted see letter 287.

⁵ François Magendie (1783-1855) French Physiologist and Pharmacologist. "His Magendie" (Olmsted 1944). Schuman see letter 295. Noguchi Lectures see letter 331.

⁶ Evans see letter 95.

⁷ John Lawrence (1909-1991) radiologist at CU Berkeley.

⁸ Report Saskatchewan (Sigerist 1944d).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 October 1944

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of October 13 and for your information concerning Olmsted.¹ As soon as I am back from India, that is, early January I shall see to it that the University invite him to give a course of Noguchi Lectures.² I am sure that he will do a very good job. I liked his *Claude Bernard* very much and I am very happy to know that Schuman is bringing out his *Magendie*.³ The papers he sent me for the *Bulletin* were always excellent.

I am leaving for India next week and I am very much excited about it. It will be a very different job from that in Saskatchewan where the general death rate is 7 and the tuberculosis death rate 25.⁴ I will spend the whole month of November travelling through the various centers of India visiting medical institutions and interviewing medical officers, and in December I will attend a two-weeks health conference in Delhi.

Dr. John A. Ryle, the new professor of social medicine at Oxford, will be there too and I am looking forward to meeting him.

In January I will go back to my historical studies and I am looking forward to it. I have a lot of unfinished work on my desk but I like to do some field work from time to time. It is most refreshing and every such trip provides new material for my „Sociology of Medicine“.⁵

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Olmsted see letter 287.

² Noguchi Lectures see letter 331.

³ Claude Bernard see letter 8 and (Olmsted 1938). Magendie see letter 332 and (Olmsted 1944).

⁴ Saskatchewan see letter 296.

⁵ „Sociology of Medicine“: S. planned a multi-volume work of that title; it did not materialize.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 October 1944

Dear Henry:

A few of Dr. Streeter's friends are planning an informal party to be held at the Faculty Club in New Haven on Friday, November 10th, at six-thirty, to mark his seventieth birthday.¹ It will be a small and intimate affair, and Lefty Lewis, George Milton Smith and I who are making the arrangements hope very much that you will be able to attend.² We do not plan to dress.

Very sincerely yours,

John

If you can get away will you stay the night with us at Mill Rock ?³ I do hope you are fine.

¹ Streeter see letter 248.

² Wilmarth S. „Lefty“ Lewis (1895-1979) and George Milton Smith were collectors who donated their libraries to Yale University.

³ Mill Rock: F.'s house in New Haven.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 18 October 1944

Dear John:

On November 10, I expect to be in Madras or thereabouts and I am therefore very sorry that I will not be able to attend Dr. Streeter's birthday party.¹ It was very good of you to ask me and I would have loved to come.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ See letter 334.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 October 1944

Dear Henry:

I have your two letters of the 17th and 18th, and am envious of your being in Madras on November 10th.¹ I shall keep your letter for the night of the party and offer your Madras greetings to Streeter by way of brightening up the party. If you have any other messages to convey, don't hesitate to send them.

Also keep an eye out for material that will be useful when we come to compile the Medical History of the War.²

By the way, I read your report with the greatest interest.³ You have a way of putting life into documents, and I wish that others had a little of your capacity in that direction.

Have a good time in India; and if you fly over the Hump, be sure to take some oxygen as you shouldn't expose yourself to such altitudes at your age without oxygen, i.e., whenever you are above ten thousand feet.⁴

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

¹ "Madras on November 10" and Streeter: See letter 335.

² Medical History of the War: (Fulton 1942).

³ Report: (Sigerist 1944d).

⁴ The final paragraph is an expression of F.'s scientific interest in aviation medicine.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 30 October 1944

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Dr. Sigerist finally departed for India early last week after a last flurry of excitement. The day before he was supposed to leave, he was informed that he had to have some sort of a permit which no one had bothered to mention before. That meant trailing in the eleventh hour to Washington, not knowing whether it would take 5 minutes or a week to get the permission. Fortunately, it took only 5 minutes, and the story had a happy ending after all. By now I presume he's nearly on the other side of the globe.

With all this, he was not able to thank you personally for sending him a copy of the Reports of the Historical Library at Yale from 1941 to 1944. Although he hasn't had time to read them, I have and I found them extremely interesting. It is good to see how active your library is.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

[...]

Assistant

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 27 December 1944

My dear Miss Miller:

I am writing to enquire when Dr. Sigerist is expected. In an earlier letter there was some mention made of his being back by Christmas, but I know that transportation has been especially difficult from India the past weeks, and I can't imagine that he will be able to keep to his schedule. Have you had any definite word ?

With best wishes for the New Year,

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 3 January 1945

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Dr. Sigerist returned to Baltimore the day before Christmas and is back now at his usual routine, after resting up during the holidays. As you can imagine, the accounts of his trip are fascinating, and we are gradually getting all the details from him.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Genevieve Miller

Assistant

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 5 January 1945

My dear Miss Miller:

We are attempting to track down the ephemeral Letheon tracts of Morton and Warren, and knowing your interest in Americana it occurred to me that you might possibly have come across them.¹

I enclose two copies of a short-title list, and I should especially like to know what is available in the Welch Library. The one-page and the four-page tracts will probably turn up inserted into something else such as a contemporary scrapbook. Are there any ether scrapbooks in the Welch Library? We have discovered two bound volumes here in the University Library with some of the rarest of the early papers, but nothing earlier than the fifth edition of the Letheon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Fulton

P.S. Thank you for telling me of Dr. Sigerist.

¹ William T. G. Morton (1819-1868) dentist who introduced ether anesthesia in 1846. John C. Warren (1778-1856) surgeon who first used ether anesthesia. "The Letheon": Morton's and Warren's ether inhaler of 1846. F. on Letheon (Fulton 1945).

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 13 January 1945

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Thank you for your letter of January 5 with the enclosed short-title list of the Morton-Warren Letheon Tracts.¹ The Welch Library does not possess a single one of them, and we have no ether scrapbooks.

I presume that you have sent a copy of the List to the Library of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, 1211 Cathedral Street, Baltimore. That library has been in existence since the early part of the 19th century and may possibly contain some of the tracts. As our library was started quite late, we do not have extensive holdings in early American medical history. The Toner Collection in the Library of Congress is also a mine of early American material, containing numerous documents, scrapbooks and the like.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Genevieve Miller

Assistant

¹ Morton-Warren Letheon tracts see letter 340.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 10 February 1945

My dear Miss Miller:

I very much enjoyed the opportunity of seeing you yesterday morning, and I am sending you herewith*, as I promised, a copy of the Survey Report of the Army Medical Library. It will, I think, make you feel a little easier about unfinished business in the Welch Library.

I do hope you will send me Dr. Ackerknecht's monograph on Malaria in the Mississippi Valley as soon as it is available.¹

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

* Under separate cover

¹ Erwin H. Ackerknecht (1906-1988) medical historian in the U.S. and Europe. (Ackerknecht 1945).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 February 1945

My dear Henry:

What sort of a fellow is Siegmund Hirsch ?¹ He has been librarian at Middlesex Medical College in Boston and I gather the School is [sic] closing and Hirsh [sic] is looking for work.

I have not anything very promising in hand, but our University Library could possibly use someone of his background if he has a reasonably good personality.

I was sorry to miss you last Friday. I did not have any special news but I wanted to talk over two or three things. I hope our paths may cross sometime very soon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

¹ Siegmund Hirsch see letter 344.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 16 February 1945

Dear John:

I was terribly sorry to miss your visit last week. Everybody told me how pleased they were to see you. You are such a rare visitor that it really was my bad luck that I had to be in Washington that day.

Siegmund Hirsch is an awfully nice fellow, very unlike many refugees we know, very modest and non-aggressive.¹ He is a classical philologist by training and has also given some instruction in medical history at Middlesex College. I spent a whole day with him a couple of years ago and had a very good impression. Since he is not the pushing type, he had a rather bad time in Boston. I should think that he would be very useful to a library because he has had plenty of experience.

I am sending you under separate cover Supplement IV of the Bulletin that just came out. It is a very interesting study on malaria in the Upper Mississippi Valley from 1760 to 1900 by Erwin H. Ackerknecht who, by the way, has just left us to take a job as Assistant Curator of the Division of Anthropology at the Museum of Natural History in New York.² He was three years with us as Research Fellow with a meager stipend of \$ 200 a month. I was awfully sorry to lose him because he was one of the best men I ever had, a mature scholar at the height of his productivity and a man with the unusual combination of medicine, history and social anthropology. He is working on the history of primitive medicine that promises to become the basic book on the subject. The Department had not the funds to create a better position for him and I had hoped that some arrangement could be made with the University to have him

teach anthropology at Homewood while continuing his research here.³ President Bowman unfortunately was not interested while New York was, but it is a great loss to us.⁴

Very cordially yours,
[Henry]

¹ Hirsch see also letter 343.

² Ackerknecht see letter 342. Malaria book (Ackerknecht 1945).

³ Homewood: The non-medical campus of Johns Hopkins University.

⁴ Isaiah Bowman: President of Johns Hopkins University.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 February 1945

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th replying to my enquiry about Siegmund Hirsch.¹ I can understand that since he is not of the pushing type he must have had a very bad time in Boston. I shall pass this on to Lucia whom [sic] I am sure will understand!² I am awfully glad to have your helpful [...] of him.

I was simply delighted with Ackerknecht.³ Although I had met him very briefly once or twice before, I had not had a chance to talk with him and he is certainly a most impressive fellow. I had been struck by his paper on Paul Bert which had seemed to me to exhibit extraordinary insight, and I was amazed by his monograph on Malaria in the Mississippi Valley.⁴ It is a great document and one in the best Daniel Drake tradition.⁵ I hope some time that we may be fortunate enough to make a berth for him here if he could be induced to come, for he is just the type of fellow we want to make the institution productive. I told him of our Carl Ludwig-DuBois Reymond letters (I have just come upon both sides of correspondence from 1847 to 1896; the letters have never been published) and mentioned that we were uncertain about some of the allusions to the Revolution of 1848.⁶ I then discovered that Ackerknecht had written his thesis on the Revolution!⁷

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
John Fulton

P.S. I am immensely pleased to learn that Genevieve Miller is having the Beaumont Diary printed by Colish.⁸ I gather that the arrangements which she made yesterday are very satisfactory.

¹ Hirsch see letter 343.

² Lucia Fulton.

³ Ackerknecht see letter 342.

⁴ Paul Bert (1833-1886) French physiologist and leftist politician, pupil of Claude Bernard; (Ackerknecht 1944). Malaria book (Ackerknecht 1945).

⁵ Daniel Drake (1785-1852) medical educator.

⁶ Carl Ludwig (1816-1895) and Emil Du Bois-Reymond (1818-1896) German physiologists.

⁷ Thesis: (Ackerknecht 1931).

⁸ Genevieve Miller and Beaumont see letters 181 and 51.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 19 March 1945

Dear Henry:

The Professor of Anatomy at the University of Porto wants a copy of your Bulletin containing the Vesalius papers. I have written him to say that I would ask you to send a copy to him from Baltimore. I hope you will be able to do this, and will send me the bill. His address is:

Professor Hernani Monteiro,
Instituto de Anatomia,
Faculdade de Medicina do Porto,
Porto, Portugal

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 20 March 1945

Dear John:

Thanks for your note of March 19. It was a pleasure to send a complimentary copy of the Vesalius number to Professor Monteiro.¹

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Monteiro see letter 346.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore, 2 October 1945

Dear Dr. Fulton:

It has been a long time since Henry Schuman's memorable anesthesia dinner when we all had such a nice time together.¹ I hope that meanwhile you have had a good summer. I spent part of mine struggling with German in Vermont (a marvellous setting for the bout), and the remainder at home working on the Bulletin, etc., punctuated by frequent golf matches.

Back in Baltimore again, I am faced with a stack of books which must be assigned for review in the Bulletin, and I wondered if you would be interested in reviewing Dr. Temkin's latest opus The Falling Sickness, a History of Epilepsy from the Greeks to the Beginnings of Modern Neurology.² If so, I should be pleased to send you a copy. It need not be returned as all review books remain the property of the reviewer.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Genevieve Miller

¹ Anesthesia see letter 340. Schuman see letter 250.

² Epilepsy book (Temkin 1945).

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 4 October 1945

Dear Genevieve:

Many thanks for your nice letter suggesting that I review Dr. Temkin's latest opus on the History of Epilepsy.¹ At the moment I have rather a complex about books for review as there are nearly a dozen of them on my desk that have been staring me in the face for six months; and I should not want to do an inadequate appreciation of anything so important.

Might I suggest Dr. Castiglioni as he happens to be very much interested in the subject and I am sure he could do it more competently than I could.²

I have had my nose in the Cushing Biography all summer, and I am now in the last chapter, but to my horror I discover that it is running to more than 400,000 words.³

Your friend Henry Schuman has been paying us a visit and he asks me to send you his greetings.⁴

Sincerely yours,

John Fulton

P.S. I seem to be taking Dr. Sigerist's place in opening the Laity Lectures at the New York Academy of Medicine in November. Do you happen to know whether he had given any

thought to the subject matter of the opening lecture ? You've no doubt heard the story of the Baptist minister who had kept repeating 'God give me strength' and after the sixth time it was politely suggested that God had better give him some ideas.

¹ Temkin's book (Temkin 1945).

² Castiglioni see letter 36. The review of Temkin's book eventually was (Galdston 1946).

³ Cushing Biography (Fulton 1946a).

⁴ Schuman see letter 250 .

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 8 October 1945

Dear Dr. Fulton:

Thank you very much for your kind letter. I am certainly able to sympathize with your predicament as far as reviewing books is concerned. They are a curse to spare time, if one has any to begin with.

I sounded out H.E.S. re the Laity Lecture at the New York Academy, but nothing Laity Lecture came out.¹ Such affairs are usually concocted by him a short time in advance, so I doubt if he had really thought much about it. All I can do is to wish you luck and to tell you to keep praying !

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Genevieve Miller

¹ Laity Lecture see letter 349.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 March 1946

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your nice letter about the History of Medicine and the Olmsted visit.¹ I felt sure that you would feel warmly disposed toward Olmsted. He is so different from that fellow who occupies the third floor of the same building at Berkeley - modest, productive, and sincere.²

With regard to the Oxford Press, I should like to say this: namely, that I have found them thoroughly pleasant to deal with and reliable; and Vaudrin, more than anyone else there, impresses me as being a fellow with unusual vision and imagination.³ The Oxford Press issued my Physiology of the nervous system in 1935 [sic], and they brought out a second edition in 1943 which has already had three printings - to my very considerable surprise.⁴

Had Vaudrin been back from service last Spring [sic], I think I would probably have given the Cushing biography to the Oxford Press.⁵ I have been importuned by a large number of publishers, and I finally came down to the Oxford Press and Charles Thomas, and I guess I gave it to Charles largely for sentimental reasons.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

P.S. Don't trouble to answer this.

¹ S.'s letter is missing.). Olmsted see letter 287.

² "Fellow at Berkeley": Evans see letter 95..

³ S. had started writing his "History of Medicine" in 1945 (Sigerist 1951a) and picked Oxford Press for his *A History of Medicine*. Philip Vaudrin, editor at Oxford Press.

⁴ *Physiology of the Nervous System*: Correct 1938 (Fulton 1938b).

⁵ Cushing biography (Fulton 1946a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 May 1946

My dear Henry:

I am much distressed to hear of your budgetary crisis, for I would like to think of your being spared as far as possible from such worries now that you are getting down to the writing of your book; and I am particularly unhappy to hear that you have been forced to give up your research secretary.¹ I trust this is not Miss Miller, as I am sure this would handicap you terrifically.

With regard to Douglas Guthrie, we are in pretty much your position as far as lectureship funds are concerned.² We can drum up fifty dollars or so for an occasional lecture, but we have no set funds for this purpose, and I don't anticipate having any unless by good fortune the Cushing biography should go over better than we can now foresee, but funds from this source would not become available for another year.³

I am always a little uncomfortable about sponsoring people from abroad who propose themselves for lecture tours. That rascal, Julian Huxley, during the years before the war regularly planned to bolster up his lab budget by giving lectures in America, and Charles Singer is another one who has more than once offended in similar fashion.⁴ I wonder what the British would do if we coolly proposed ourselves for lecture trips in Britain ! There is going to be a mounting tide of such people during the next two or three years, and my personal feeling is that we should scotch it before it becomes a menace. I am warmly sympathetic with anything that brings about an exchange of personnel between universities, but I think we must pick and invite our people and not encourage every itinerant professor of the history of medicine in Europe to think that we will pay his travelling expenses by drumming up lecture fees.

I woke up with a bad cold this morning. Perhaps this is why I sound cross; but we have had three other such requests within the past week, and I really don't see what we can do about

them. In addition to the cold, my reaction is also colored by the fact that I don't particularly like Guthrie's recent book !

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ "Your book" (Sigerist 1951). Genevieve Miller, after having been research secretary, in 1942 had been promoted to become assistant in the history of medicine.

² Douglas Guthrie (1885-1975) British medical historian; his textbook (Guthrie 1945).

³ Cushing biography (Fulton 1946a).

⁴ Julian Huxley and Singer see letters 151 and 93, respectively.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 June 1946

My dear Henry:

I have shown my Garrison Lecture to the pundits who are writing the official history of Yale University.¹ They have suggested a number of corrections which I have incorporated on the enclosed carbon copy. I should appreciate it if some one in your office would transfer them to the top copy so as to save cost of corrections in proof. To simplify matters I have made the changes in red pencil.

I enjoyed so much seeing you in Atlantic City.² With warm regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ Garrison Lecture: Lecture of the day at the annual convention of the American Association of the History of Medicine (AAHM); it was delivered in 1946 by F. (Fulton 1946b).

² Atlantic City, NJ, site of the 1947 AAHM meeting. Two letters exchanged between Genevieve Miller and Madeline Stanton in June 1946 mention their attending the Atlantic City AAHM meeting, Castiglioni's sailing to Italy, and the appearance of (Miller 1946).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 7 June 1946

Dear John:

Thanks for the expurgated version of your paper. I shall see to it that the changes are entered on your manuscript.¹ The paper, by the way, was first-rate, most interesting and I am very glad that we can publish it. You will receive galley proofs very soon.

Thanks also for forwarding the French letter. Dr. Genty, the librarian of the Academy of Medicine in Paris, seems to be slightly confused concerning our two universities although he should be better informed through his very charming daughter.

I do not remember if I ever told you that I signed a contract with the Oxford Press concerning my History of Medicine.² I could not think of a better publisher and I hope to complete the manuscript of the first volume this year.

You were more than right with Guthrie.³ I am also very tired of arranging lectures merely to finance trips of visitors. There are going to be many more in the near future.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ F.'s manuscript see letter 353.

² See letter 351.

³ Guthrie see letter 353.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 9 July 1946

My dear Henry:

I am sending you herewith the galley proof of my paper on Science in American Universities.¹ Also the order for 200 reprints in addition to the 25 which are furnished without charge.

I trust that the delay in returning these proofs occasioned by my being in San Francisco has not been too disturbing. My three weeks in California were strenuous but most refreshing.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely

John Fulton

¹ F.'s paper see letter 353 and (Fulton 1946b).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 23 October 1946

Dear John:

I have to thank you for so much that I hardly know where to begin. Or rather, I am sure that I should begin by thanking you for the splendid Cushing and by congratulating you upon the completion of this great work.¹ An hour after I received the book, I had a class of first

year students. The book went from hand to hand and I told them that they must not only read it but should have it on their shelves together with Cushing's Osler and Flexner's Welch.²

I also am deeply appreciative of your gracious dedication with which you inscribed the book and I was moved when I read the most generous comments Cushing made when I visited him way back in 1931.³ I also very much liked the appropriate remarks about my Terry Lectures.⁴

Then I have to thank you for the anesthesia publications of the Historical Library. Both are most welcome and Schuman as usual has done an excellent printing job.⁵

I had a pleasant summer in Switzerland and particularly enjoyed the convention of the Swiss Naturalists Society that was held at Zurich early in September and at which the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the Zurich Science Society was commemorated. The Swiss Society for the History of Medicine and Science had an excellent meeting at the same time and many colleagues inquired after you and the Historical Library. Charles Singer, Guthrie, and Underwood of the Wellcome Medical Historical Museum were in Zurich also and we had some very pleasant days together.⁶

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially

[Henry]

¹ "The splendid Cushing" (Fulton 1946a).

² *Osler* (Cushing 1925). *Welch* (Flexner/Flexner 1941).

³ F.'s dedication is not printed in the book; the dedication reads

For Henry Sigerist
This record of a man of Hopkins
And one of your warmest admirers
John Fulton

Cushing's 1931 comments: "I have been hearing from all sides of the brilliant success that Sigerist has been making of his lectures in Baltimore and at the same time of the delightful impression he has made upon everyone".

⁴ Rather than on the Terry Lectures Cushing made remarks on S.'s Beaumont Lecture in 1933: "Sigerist [...] held a large audience spellbound for an hour and a quarter. He was already speaking idiomatic English with scarcely a trace of accent, [...]".

⁵ Schuman see letter 250.

⁶ Singer and Guthrie see letters 93 and 352, respectively. E. Ashworth Underwood (1899-1980) British medical historian.

My dear Henry:

I am indeed grateful to you for your nice letter about the Cushing biography and the anesthesia publications.¹ The biography is being formally and officially published today and I must confess that it is a great relief to have it out after all the delays and difficulties which put us back a full three months in our planned schedule.

It is pleasant to know that you are back and that you had a good holiday in Switzerland. I wish that I could have attended the meetings of the Swiss Society for the History of Medicine.² I once attended a session with Arnold Klebs which was held at Solothurn.³ It seemed to me a particularly pleasant group.

We are entertaining thirty-five academicians today who were here for the meeting of the National Academy.⁴ They are a distinguished looking lot, but the only physiologist of the group, Dantos, spoke modern Greek and little else !

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Cushing biography (Fulton 1946a). Anesthesia publication (Fulton 1945).

² “Meetings of the Swiss Society”: See letter 356.

³ Klebs see letter 63.

⁴ “National Academy” of Sciences.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 November 1946

My dear Henry:

Mudd wrote me about two weeks ago about Lina Stern and I at once sent a letter inviting her to come to this country in December next for the annual meeting of the American Soviet Medical Society.¹ I sincerely hope something comes of it.

I have just been rereading your editorial in the January number of the Bulletin.² It is one of the best things that has appeared anywhere. I also enjoyed hearing you yesterday on the radio.³

I thought I was going to have a little piece [sic] of mind after the Cushing biography came out, but the Sheffield Centenary Committee got hold of my Garrison Lecture and they are now trying to „brow-beat’ me into doing a memoir on Benjamin Silliman in time for the centenary - „Benjamin Silliman and the Rise of Science in American Universities“.⁴ It is a fascinating theme but I wish they might find someone else to do it.

Yours very sincerely,

John

¹ Mudd, possibly Seeley G., whose foundation funded college libraries. Lina Stern (1878-1968) Russian (Latvian) physiologist.

² S.’s editorial was an impressive analysis of the post-war period (Sigerist 1946a).

³ S. made several radio speeches in Germany and the U.S..

⁴ Cushing biography (Fulton 1946a). Benjamin Silliman (1779-1864) taught chemistry at Yale’s Sheffield Scientific School, founded in 1847. Garrison Lecture see letter 353.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 November 1946

My dear Henry:

You are a very generous fellow to write me such a warm hearted note about our Annual Report from the Historical Library.¹ I have often wondered whether it is worth the trouble it takes to compile them; when a letter such as yours comes one feels a hundred times repaid.

I am deep in Silliman - a fascinating fellow.² Have you seen Abe Flexner's

,Gilman' ?³ it's a little one-sided but he tells a great story. The old gentleman had his 80th birthday on the 13th and he received 700 + telegrams. How is your history progressing and who is to publish ?

Take care of yourself for there are too few - [...] one in [...] - like you, and we need you

Devotedly

John

¹ S.'s letter is missing.

² Silliman see letter 358.

³ Abraham Flexner (1866-1959) (medical) educator, his *Gilman* (Flexner 1946).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 January 1947

My dear Henry:

Thank you so much for your letter of the 13th.¹ Our good friend, Spivack, had rather misled me, but possibly there was an element of wishful thinking on my part, for ever since our discussion three years ago I have not been able to get the subject out of mind.² I fully understand your position and I cannot but admire your willingness to make so large a sacrifice in the interests of scholarship. But anyone who knows you would realize that this is just what you would do.

I don't suppose you can realize how much your understanding leadership has meant to those of us in this country who have an interest in medical history and in extending the humanistic traditions of medicine in broader spheres. Before you came, there were many amateurs who read biographical sketches to one another and to their students; now, thanks largely to you and the Institute, research in the history of medicine and science is being pursued on a much higher academic plane in a dozen or more centres. You must accept credit for this and know how warmly it is appreciated. Your *Bulletin* stands as a lasting monument to your industry and your scholarly standards, and I sincerely hope that nothing will happen to prevent its continuance. You have given it impetus that should carry it forward under its own momentum; this and much else.

We shall all enjoy thinking of you and Emmy in a village in the Ticino working on your History, and shall look forward eagerly to the appearance of your successive volumes. I am afraid we shall all want to seek you out there, but I for one shall restrain myself and respect your desire to be free of interruption - I won't absolutely promise, but it will be from selfishness on my part, and I shall promise not to interrupt you for longer than a meal, in which you would be interrupted anyway.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ S.'s letter is missing, thus, the first paragraph remains unclear. The rest of F.'s letter deals with S.'s recent decision to leave the U.S. and to write his *History of Medicine* in a Ticino village in Switzerland. He had apparently talked with F. about a stipend from Yale university.

² S. S. Spivack, Whitney's associate (Yale, Whitney Foundation).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 5 March 1947

Dear John:

I am negotiating with several firms about shipping my books to Europe.¹ It seems very expensive but the books are my chief tools and I simply must have them.

It just occurred to me that the collection of Klebs just crossed the ocean and I wonder if you could tell me what firm handled the shipping, how the books were packed and possibly also what the cost was.² This undoubtedly would greatly help me in evaluating various estimates that we are receiving.

I am taking advantage of the opportunity to tell you how very much I appreciate that you and a few other friends are organizing a farewell party for me. Usually I am very much scared of such affairs but on the other hand, it will be a very great pleasure to see all my old friends before I leave.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ For this letter see letter 360.

² The late Dr. Klebs' library was shipped from Nyon, Switzerland, to be combined with the Yale Historical Library which in turn had originated as a combination of Cushing's and F.'s libraries.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 March 1947

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th. The Klebs books were packed and inventoried by Dr. A. C. Breycha-Vauthier, the Deputy Librarian of the United Nations Library in Geneva.¹ The job was beautifully done, and we have nothing but admiration for the way in which he handled it.

The books were stored by A. Natural Le Coultre & Cie. At Geneva. They sent a bill in September 1943 to cover the cost of the boxes they supplied for packing, etc., as follows:

Valeur de 137 caisses à frs. 6.- pièce frs. 822

Fourniture de: planche, lambourde, papier goudronné, maculature,
papier suédois, laine de bois, clous etc. LE TOUT „ 465

The 156 boxes, trunks, etc. were shipped on the S.S. Lt. J. Lemeur, and the charges for Transportation, ocean freight, insurance and entry at New York were \$ 1,888.59 with an additional charge of \$ 104.01 for transportation from New York to New Haven.

I hope this gives you the information you need. We were a little surprised by the transportation cost.

Everything is developing pleasantly as far as the dinner is concerned, and we are all looking forward to it keenly. Genevieve Miller will keep you informed concerning the details. There will be four or five brief speeches and we are then counting on you to say a few words in response.²

Yours very sincerely,
John

¹ Transport of the Klebs Library see also letter 361.

² The speeches at the Farewell Dinner were from Fulton, Leslie Falk, Stuart Mudd, Richard Shryock, Arturo Castiglioni, George Sarton, and Alan Gregg. S.'s response (Sigerist 1948a).

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 6 March 1947

Dear Genevieve:

Dr. A. C. Breycha-Vauthier, Deputy Librarian at the United Nations Library, Geneva, wishes to obtain a copy of the Klebs birthday number of the Bulletin.¹ Will you be good enough to have a copy sent to him and render the bill to me ?

Dr. Breycha-Vauthier packed up the Klebs library, and we all feel enormously indebted to him.

Sincerely yours,
John Fulton

Your nice letter about the Sigerist dinner has just come. I agree with your general [...] of view and shall be writing you shortly

JF

¹ Breycha-Vauthier see letter 362.

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Fulton to Sigerist's secretary, New Haven, 19 March 1947¹

Dear Genevieve:

I shall appreciate it if you will publish in the Bulletin the enclosed announcement concerning the History of Science Prize being offered by the History of Science Society.

Sincerely yours,
John Fulton

About 50 responses for dinner sponsors - not much enthusiasm so far for the medal - most prefer a gift of books. The returns should be more complete by next week

J.F.

¹ F. is writing as president of the History of Science Society and as organizer of the Sigerist Farewell Dinner (Sigerist 1948a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 April 1947

My dear Henry:

It would seem only proper that you and Emmy should receive the first copy of the dinner invitation to come from the press. The others are going special delivery tonight to Robert Leslie's office and the envelopes being already addressed, the invitations will be in the mail by the week-end.¹

The designing was done by our good friend, Carl Rollins, who with the one small spot of tubular vision that remains in his only good eye can still do these things effectively and, I hope, to yours and Emmy's taste.²

I know you will be gratified when you see some of the letters that have come from the sponsors. I am keeping them for you as I want you to have them ultimately.

With every good wish,
Yours ever,
John

¹ Robert Leslie see letter 331.

² Carl Rollins see letter 131.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 8 April 1947

Dear John:

Thank you ever so much for sending me the first copy of the dinner invitation to come from the press.¹ Carl Rollins did a beautiful job and I am delighted with the invitation and am sure that Emmy will also like it very much.²

The list of sponsors looks very impressive and I am happy to know that I have so many friends. We are looking forward to the evening with great pleasure and are grateful to you and the other members of the Committee for all the trouble you have taken.

With kind regards, I am
Yours very cordially,
[Henry]

¹ Farewell Dinner for S.

² Rollins see letter 365.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 17 April 1947

Dear John:

I always intended to present the Historical Library with some book as a souvenir and it just occurred to me that you might care to have the original manuscript of my book, *CIVILIZATION AND DISEASE*.¹ It is entirely written in longhand and I am sending it by Railway Express. The pencil marks in the manuscript are Genevieve's.²

With kind regards, I am
Yours very cordially,
[Henry]

¹ *Civilization and Disease* (Sigerist 1943b).

² Genevieve Miller.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 4 June 1947

Dear John:

On January 30, 1868 in the presence of the King and Queen of Prussia, Emil Du Bois-Reymond gave a famous lecture on Voltaire before the Prussian Academy of Sciences.¹ The lecture was published in the Monatsberichte of the Academy of the same year and was later included in the collection of addresses that Du Bois-Reymond's daughter, Estelle, edited.

A few years later Ernst Brücke, who was professor of physiology at Vienna at that time, found in a junk store a very charming ivory carving representing Voltaire at his desk. He bought it and sent it to his friend, Du Bois-Reymond, in appreciation of his lecture. This was in June 1871. Du Bois-Reymond was very pleased and had the carving over his desk until he died in 1896. He left it to his godchild, Elisabeth Roth, daughter of Julius Roth who was professor of geology at the University of Berlin.

Elisabeth Roth married a zoologist by name of Giesbrecht who was on the staff of the Zoological Station at Naples and who died at about the time of the first World War, probably shortly before it. Elisabeth Giesbrecht then went to Zurich where she lived for a number of years and where she lived in rather difficult financial circumstances. She did odd jobs for various members of the University and was my secretary for several years. She was an old lady at that time and it was always fascinating to listen to her because she had known Du Bois-Reymond, Virchow, and all the famous medical people of the Berlin University very intimately.²

When I was called to Leipzig in the spring of 1925, Mrs. Giesbrecht gave me as a souvenir the Voltaire ivory carving and I had it over my desk from then on until yesterday. I think it is time that it reverts to a physiologist and I am therefore passing it on to you. Please accept it as a small token of my gratitude for all that you have done for me.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Du Bois-Reymond see letter 345. Voltaire (1694-1778) French author.

² Rudolf Virchow (1821-1902) German pathologist, anthropologist, and politician.

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 5 June 1947

Dear John:

Miss Steiner (Walter Steiner's sister) came in the other day with a fragment of an anatomical book to ask H.E.S.'s opinion concerning its identity.¹ From the colophon it seemed fairly certain that it was Andreas Laurentius, Historia anatomica humani corporis et

singularum ejus partium multis controversiis et observationibus novis illustrata, Francofurti, apud M. Beckerum, (1600) (cf. Index Catalogue, First Series, VII, p. 882).²

What struck H.E.S. immediately, however, was that the book contained Vesalian plates, and he consulted Cushing's Bio-Bibliography of Vesalius without finding it mentioned.³ We thought you would be interested to know about it in case a revised edition of the Bio-Bibliography should ever be made.

It was very nice to see you again at the Cleveland meeting. I suppose you are beginning to think about your trip abroad.

With all good wishes for yourself and also for Madeline,⁴

As ever

[Genevieve]⁵

¹ Walter R. Steiner, medical historian. H.E.S. = Henry E. Sigerist.

² Andreas Laurentius (1558-1609) French anatomist.

³ *Bio-Bibliography* (Cushing 1943).

⁴ Madeline Stanton.

⁵ Genevieve Miller.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 6 June 1947

Dear John:

When I came back from Cleveland I was perfectly delighted to find the set of the Index Catalogue that had safely arrived.¹ What a perfect copy this is, and the fact that it belonged to Arnold Klebs makes it the more valuable to me.² I need not repeat how much it means to me to have a complete set of the Index Catalogue and I really do not know how I would have been able to manage without one.

In the course of time I shall write to all sponsors of my dinner who have so generously contributed but it will take some time because just now I am busy packing my books and notes.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

P.S. Colonel McNinch very kindly completed the set so that I am completely up to date.³

¹ "Back from Cleveland", attending the AAHM meeting. The Index Catalogue is a printed bibliography of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office from the 15th century on; S. was given a complete set at the Farewell Dinner in May 1947 (Miller et al. 1948); the complete set comprised 56 volumes in 1947.

² Arnold Klebs see letter 63.

³ Colonel Joseph H. McNinch director of the Army Medical Library in Washington, DC.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 June 1947

My dear Henry:

The day after I sent you that telegram about that wonderful Voltaire carving I succumbed to a most virulent [xxxx] which left me for four days with an afternoon temperature of [xxxx].¹ I am still at Mill Rock and I shall write you more about the carving when I have your fascinating letter about it before me. I have always been deeply interested in du Bois Ruymond [sic] and association with him makes it doubly precious to me.²

I am glad that the Index Catalogue has reached you safely and that you will be able to pack it up with your other books.³

How courageous of you to write to each one of the sponsors. I know that they will appreciate it but it will be a terrific chore - just like you, however, to want to do it.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever sincerely,

John

P.S. I have now broken out in a [xxxx] and they pronounce it measles ! Could anything be more ignominious !

J.

¹ F.'s telegram missing. [xxxx] Protected Health Information, Chesney Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. "Voltaire carving" and "fascinating letter" see letter 368.

² Du Bois-Reymond see letter 345.

³ "Index Catalogue" and "sponsors" see letter 370.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 June 1947

My dear Henry:

I am glad to report that the research fund which has been established for the support of your work on the history of medicine has been deposited in the Treasurer's Office and I am writing at the request of the Treasurer to find out how you would like payments made and in what amounts.¹ The sum at the present stands at \$ 5,200 and it is anticipated that it will be increased to \$ 7,000 before the first of the year. I suggest that payments be made at the rate of \$ 500.

When the additional funds have been added to make the total of \$ 7,000 we can arrange with you for the new allocation.

If you wish the drafts made to the credit of a particular bank in Switzerland, will you give us the details ?

I am gradually recovering from a [xxxx] which overtook me last week.² I expect to be back on my feet within a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

John Fulton

¹ When leaving Hopkins S. needed another source of income. After unsuccessful negotiations with the Rockefeller Foundation the Cushing family and Yale created a Cushing Professorship with in absentia status.

² [xxxx] Protected Health Information, Chesney Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore ?, 18 June 1947

Dear John:

I was very much upset to hear of your [xxxx].¹ What a crazy disease to indulge in at your age. I am only glad to know that you have overcome the attack and are on your way to recovery.

Many thanks for your letter of June 16. I am happy and proud to be connected with your Library and as far as the money is concerned, I think the best would be to do nothing right now.² I expect to be in Switzerland next week and will take the matter up with a bank in Zurich and will find out from them what they consider the best way of transferring funds regularly from America to Switzerland. I will let you know immediately what the situation is.

I very much hope you will be able to look us up when you go to Europe in the summer. Two lift vans with books and furniture are already on the high seas and I hope that we will be able to move into our house some time in July. 80 boxes of books could not be packed in the vans and are travelling separately. God only knows when I shall see them.

Until we are settled, our temporary address will be 182 St. Albanring, Basel, Switzerland. This is my Mother's [sic] house through which I can always be reached. As soon as we are in Pura, I will send out a postcard with my permanent address.

Wishing you good and prompt recovery, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ [xxxx] Protected Health Information, Chesney Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

² "Money" see letter 372.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 19 June 1947

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your special delivery of the 18th written just before you took off for Switzerland. I have asked the Treasurer's Office to do nothing about transferring funds from your research grant until we have had word from you. We want to be quite certain that we do not run afoul of taxes.

I am not yet certain whether I shall be able to go over to the continent during my trip. I shall be away only four weeks but if possible, I should very much like to pay a brief visit to Switzerland. My address during July will be in care of Magdalen College, Oxford.

With best wishes to all of you,

Very sincerely yours,

John

S.'s research grant see F. to S. of 16 June 1947.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Baltimore or Washington ?, 21 June 1947

Dear John:

It just occurs to me that I would appreciate it if your Treasurer's Office could make the first two payments of \$ 500.00 to my Baltimore bank, The Fidelity Trust Company (Charles & Lexington Streets, Baltimore 1, Maryland) where I am keeping a checking account. I still have some obligations here in America and I think it would suit me very well if these first two payments were made in this way.¹

Thereafter, that is from September on, the payments could be made to me in Switzerland and I shall write you about this later after I have found out what the best way might be. I hope that this change in my dispositions will not inconvenience you.

We expect to be in Washington at the Hotel Statler from this afternoon until the 24th, leaving Washington by air on the 24th in the evening.

I very much hope that you are feeling better and with warm wishes, I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Monthly payments see 372.

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*Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 June 1947*¹

My dear Henry:

Yours of the 21st is here, and I shall see to it that the first two payments from your research fund are paid into your account at the Fidelity Trust Company in Baltimore. We shall await word from you about the later payments after you have consulted your Swiss bankers.

I am not quite certain that this will reach you before you leave; but in case it does, our best wishes for a comfortable trip. I am going over to England on Saturday and I shall be writing you from there in care of your mother in Basel.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

My address during July will be

Magdalen College, Oxford

¹ This letter is addressed to the Statler Hotel in Washington, DC. Payments: see letter 375.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, Switzerland, 31 July 1947

My dear John,

I meant to write you long ago but the last few weeks have been frightfully busy. Our lift vans arrived in Lugano on July 14 in record time (they had left Baltimore on June 14). From Lugano they were brought on trucks to about a mile from the house, were unpacked on the highway, and the furniture and the boxes of books were brought to the house on a very narrow dirt road by jeep. Fifteen large boxes of books are still en route. There was no room for them in the vans so that they had to be shipped separately. Twenty-seven large boxes of books came from Basle where I had them stored for 15 years and I was delighted to find some books that I did not remember at all, a Ryff, an Agricola, a Ramazzini, a Manget etc.¹ They will, of course, all be very useful. When you work in the country every book counts. The library is obviously still in chaotic condition with many boxes unpacked but things are improving every day.

About ten days ago, as soon as I had a desk, I resumed my work, not on the book yet, this will probably have to wait for a few more weeks. At present I am writing 500 words a day, articles and book reviews (a long review of Conant's Terry lectures among others, for the Bulletin), mostly old literary debts that I am endeavoring to get rid of.² From August 15 on I will gradually „raise production“ to 1000 words a day and by September 1 I should be ready

to start working on the book full blast. I very much hope to be able to finish volume I by the end of the year.³

The region is perfectly enchanting. Our house is on the slope of a hill inmidst of vineyards and the view on lake and mountains is perfectly beautiful. The house is not large but comfortable and we have all we need. We have a nice garden full of flowers and fruit trees. Just now we have ripe figs, apricots and plums. We shall have large quantities of grapes but since my knowledge of wine making does not go beyond Arnald of Villanova I think it will be safer to make just plain grape juice this year.⁴ By next year I may have learned something from the natives who, by the way, are very nice people. The village fortunately is entirely off the tourist lane. The people are mainly craftsmen in the building trade, highly skilled ones, masons, carpenters, cabinet makers, painters, decorator stucco workers etc. Before World War I they all used to go to France in the early spring, work there during the building season and come home in the early winter with their pockets full of money. They all own a little land that is usually attended to by the women who in true Mediterranean fashion do all the hard work. The girls are beautiful, well built and dark-eyed but the beauty, alas, does not last very long. Nature fortunately is exuberant and produces new beauties all the time.

Well so much for today. I hope you had a good time in England. Best wishes to Lucia, Madeline and yourself⁵

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Walther H. Ryff (ca. 1500-1548) German pharmacist and author. Georg Agricola (1494-1553) German physician. Bernardino Ramazzini (1633-1714) Italian physician. Jean-Jacques Manget (1652-1742) Swiss physician and author. Conant's Terry Lectures (Sigerist 1947a).

² James B. Conant (1893-1978) president of Harvard University.

³ Volume I of S.'s *History of Medicine* took another four years to be published (Sigerist 1951a).

⁴ Arnald of Villanova (? – 1311) Spanish physician, (Sigerist 1944a) see also letters 287 and 295.

⁵ Lucia Fulton and Madeline Stanton.

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 August 1947

My dear Henry:

Your nice letter of July 31st arrived last evening and I am simply delighted to have news of you. I had intended to write you while I was in England but life became very involved and when I arrived in Oxford expecting to find my old secretary I discovered that she had died several months previously from something obscure, and much that I planned to do was left undone.¹ I did get over to Sweden for a few days to see Eric Waller.² He had asked me to come to look over the manuscript catalogue of his library on which he has been at work for the last three years.

Waller had forgotten to tell me that he was not in Stockholm and I spent two days trying to reach him on the telephone at his summer place at Gåsö in the northern part of the western archipelago. It is a small island occupied by a fishing village. I managed to get up there by making myself a companion of a Swedish air mail pilot in a small amphibian that left from

Göteborg. I had six hours with the Wallers and was very much impressed by the job he had done in cataloguing his 35,000 items. The entries are all on foolscap in his exquisite handwriting and annotations are all in English. It will really be a great catalogue and I gather that he is going to leave his collection intact to Uppsala but this I believe is unofficial and should not be passed on for the time being.³

The Oxford Congress was a most impressive experience - only about fifty people from our side and a total registration of 1,350, mostly from Europe and all hungry for contacts with people from other places.⁴ By getting myself writer's cramp I did manage to keep rather full record which may some time interest you to look over.

Meanwhile we are tremendously interested in the news of you and yours, of the progress you are making on history, and of the local color and charm with which you are surrounded. Let us thank God for exuberant nature - to use your words !

With warm greetings to Emmy and Erica⁵

Yours ever,

John

¹ F. had spent time in Oxford as a student.

² Waller see letter 254.

³ Uppsala: University town in Sweden.

⁴ Oxford was the site of the first post-war Congress of the International Union of Physiological Sciences.

⁵ S.'s daughter Erica was her father's first secretary in Pura.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 1 October 1947

Dear John,

In unpacking my books I found that I have an extra copy of a bound set of the Collected Papers of the Leipzig Institute of the History of Medicine from 1925 to 1932, and of the Hopkins Institute from 1932 to 1944, 15 volumes all in all. It occurred to me that the Historical Library might care to have this set, and I am sending the books through the mail. They probably do not contain many papers that are not available in your library in some form or other, but I always find it convenient to have such bound sets. I will have the collected papers from 1944 to 1947 bound as soon as I find them, and this volume will reach you somewhat later.

I also found piles of letters written to me between 1917 and 1925, some of which the Library may care to have. I have a folder of letters from Arnold Klebs that I will send you anyway, since they should be in your Klebs collection.¹ But then I also have a large folder of letters from Karl Sudhoff, some of which are very interesting indeed.² I also have letters from Neuburger and a number of other distinguished medical men.³ If you care to have them, I shall be glad to send them because I feel that they are interesting enough to be kept in the archives of a historical library.

From 1925 on I have practically nothing because I was in charge of an Institute from that year on, and the letters I received in the 22 years from 1925 to 1947 are either at Leipzig or in Baltimore.⁴

I was very much upset to hear about the decision of the trustees of the Wellcome Foundation, and I think it is perfectly awful to have the collection boxed up for who knows how long.⁴ Genevieve sent me a carbon of your note, and I am going to write something about it too as tactfully as possible.⁵ I wish the collection could be turned over to the University of London which I am sure would take better care of it.

I do not plan to attend the international congress of the history of science that is being held in Lausanne. My work is processing so beautifully that I do not want to interrupt it at this moment. Besides I think that I am entitled to having a whole year without conventions.

We picked our grapes a few days ago in a great hurry because we are hit by a very severe drought. With the help and machinery of a neighbor I did make some wine after all, and I very much hope that you will come and taste it next year.

With warm regards I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Klebs see letter 63.

² Sudhoff see letter 43.

³ Neuburger see letter 136.

⁴ Wellcome Library and Museum in London: The center of medico-historical activities in Britain.

⁵ Genevieve Miller.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 October 1947

My dear Henry:

Your most generous letter of October 1st arrived as I was leaving for a three-day trip. You may be interested to know that on Thursday, the 9th, we installed Robert Oppenheimer as the new Director of the Institute for Advanced Study.¹ He is a remarkable fellow, a classical scholar by training who only secondarily went into atomic physics. The whole morale of the Institute staff has improved as a result of the appointment, and we are looking forward to great things.

The Consultants of the Army Medical Library had a two-day meeting on the 10th and 11th, and McNich [sic] (San's friend), the new Director, has really put life into the place; but the Army does not make progress simple.² We are proposing to establish an editorial board to effect a merger of the Index-Catalogue with the Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus.³ Instead of having a quarterly index, we hope to have it appear monthly and cumulate annually, and then to have five-year or ten-year cumulations thereafter which would include A.M.L. accessions and thus constitute a modernized version of the Index-Catalogue to begin the fifth series.⁴ It is a rather ambitious program, but your great and good friend, Morris

Fishbein, is also behind it and has promised \$ 60,000. a year from A.M.A. funds toward making it possible.⁵

Genevieve Miller was here on Sunday and Monday for the first meeting of the History of Science Society's Committee on the History of Science in General Education. Bernard Cohen is Chairman of the Committee, and we really had a very good session.⁶ Genevieve seemed in good spirits, but I guess things are very lonely for her at the Institute.⁷ The committee seems unable to make up its mind about your successor and I have no information as to when they are likely to move. I suspect that the Prophet Isaiah does not view with enthusiasm anyone of liberal mind.⁸

But, my dear Henry, you are extraordinarily generous to send a bound set of your collected papers from 1925 on. We shall be simply thrilled to have them as we are very short as far as your early publications are concerned. The later ones we have as separates, but it will be most helpful to have a bound set which will mean that individual copies will not get lost.

Your letters from Sudhoff and others between 1917 and 1925 will be invaluable as source material, and we shall of course be proud to possess them.⁹ Forgive me if I sound indecently eager. I do have a conscience, but it is a very elastic one.

I wish that I could be there to see your activities as a vintner. I hope I may be able to quaff the result next year or the year after.

With every good wish to Emmy,

Yours ever,

John

P.S. We are just plunging into the Sheff centenary celebrations, and I am sending you under separate cover as a small token of regard from the Library the four publications which are being issued in connection with the centenary.¹⁰

J

¹ Robert Oppenheimer (1904-1967) physicist. Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.

² McNinch see letter 370. "San", probably Sanford Larkey, see letter 76.

³ Index Catalogue see letter 370. Index Medicus is a comprehensive index of medical journal articles published from 1879 to 2004.

⁴ A.M.L. Army Medical Library.

⁵ Morris Fishbein see letter 273. A.M.A. American Medical Association.

⁶ I. Bernard Cohen (1914-2003) historian of science.

⁷ "Institute" of the History of Medicine in Baltimore.

⁸ "Prophet Isaiah" = Isaiah Bowman, see letter 344.

⁹ Sudhoff see letter 43.

¹⁰ "Sheff": Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, founded 1847.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 11 November 1947

Dear John,

I just noticed that I have not thanked you yet for your letter of October 14 and for the latest Report of the Historical Library.¹ Again I read it with the greatest interest, and I saw the page that you had devoted to my appointment. I think it states the facts very correctly and very fairly. Some people at Johns Hopkins like the prophet Isaiah may not like the matter, but they cannot possibly blame me for not having given them a warning.² Three years ago I told them exactly what the situation was and what plans I had. I offered them to stay on if an arrangement could be made that would give me more time for research, and I was willing to accept a smaller salary than I had. Since the war was still on, I obviously did not want to leave the Faculty in the lurch and stuck it out as long as I could, but the letter I wrote at the time is in the files of the Hopkins Faculty, so that they cannot possibly say that they were taken by surprise.

Yes, I read that Robert Oppenheimer had become Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies, but I did not know that he had started out in classics.³ This seems to be an excellent combination for such a post. The place certainly needs rejuvenation.

I was also very happy to hear about your plans with the Index-Catalogue and the Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus.⁴ I hope that this will be the opportunity to make a few changes in the editorial policies of the Index Medicus because it needs overhauling.

Genevieve gave me a full report of the very good meeting you had of the History of Science Society's Committee of the History of Science in General Education, and now you are going to meet again at Princeton. It is most gratifying to see that the history of science is being paid so much more attention than in the past.

Things are going their normal and uneventful way here. The book is progressing satisfactorily, but what a job it is.⁵ It hardly leaves me time for anything else. The season is still beautiful, and the coloring of the trees is not as gorgeous as in New England because we have not your maples, but it is very beautiful also. We are fortunate also in that we seem to have sufficient fuel for the whole winter. Coal is rationed, but we have a fair amount of it, and wood is unrationed and easily available.⁶ Coming from the overheated houses of America, it would have been rather tough to sit here and freeze, but our central heating functions very well.

With kind regards I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

P.S. The four publications issued in connection with the Sheffield centenary have just arrived. Many thanks. More about them in my next letter.

HES

¹ "Historical Library" of the Yale University Medical Library. Report (Fulton 1977).

² "Prophet Isaiah" see letter 380.

³ Oppenheimer and Institute of Advanced Study see letter 380.

⁴ Index Catalogue, Index Medicus see letter 380.

⁵ “The book”: S.’s *History of Medicine*.

⁶ Certain goods like coal were still rationed years after the war in European countries.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 11 November 1947

My dear Henry:

Madeline Stanton has just written me of the arrival of four vols. of your early papers at the Historical Library.¹ I need not tell you how deeply we appreciate your thoughtful gift and I shall be writing you further about it when I return.

I am having a most interesting session here in Britain. Last week the Royal Society of Edinburgh celebrated the 150th anniversary of the death of James Hutton, founder of Modern Geology; and the next day the Centenary of Simpson and Chloroform was duly observed.² We were in Scotland and all printed pieces connected with the Centenary seemed extraordinarily difficult to obtain. I have sent a set of cuttings to Genevieve Miller and also some of the menus and a small brochure. I have an extra copy of the latter for you, and Genevieve will no doubt let you see the other pieces if you wish to have them. As with the Centenary last year in Boston there was very little committed to paper but perhaps they will print the proceedings. I kept a running diary which I will have an extra copy run off for you when I get back.

I am meanwhile involved in giving a series of five Heath Clark Lectures on the History of Aviation Medicine.³ Two of them were given last week and I have three more this week. On Saturday I will be in Glasgow with the Neuro-Surgeons, and after three days in Oxford I am flying back on the 19th. I shall be calling for mail at the Mayfair on the 19th.⁴

I have seen Ashworth Underwood and will enclose a carbon of the diary’s note about the fate of the Wellcome Museum.⁵ It is a sad business and if you have a moment to do so, drop Underwood a line as it would cheer him enormously. He is making a great fight and he needs every possible encouragement. His permanent address is now 28 Portman Square, London, W.1.

With every good wish,

Yours ever,

John Fulton

¹ Stanton see letter 182.

² James Hutton (1726-1797) Scottish geologist. James Young Simpson (1811-1870) introduced chloroform anesthesia.

³ Heath Clark Lectures at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, founded by Charles Heath Clark; in 1952 S. was invited to give them (Sigerist 1956).

⁴ Mayfair, Hotel in London.

⁵ Underwood see letter 356. Wellcome Library and Museum see letter 379.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 24 November 1947

My dear Henry:

Just before leaving for England I had your cordial letter about the Mackintosh manuscript and on returning I find not only your welcome letter of the 11th in which you mention our latest Annual Report, but also the fifteen splendid volumes of your own collected papers and the papers of those whom you have inspired.¹ It is a remarkable collection and we are especially happy to have the volumes which emanated from the Institute at Leipzig. The whole collection, I can assure you, will be greatly treasured and they will also serve as a pleasant reminder of the fact that you are now a member of the Yale family.

I shall see what can be done about the Mackintosh manuscript. I gather that when he discovered what had happened, he stopped work and that the manuscript is not in fact ready for the printer. I am writing him, however, for further details.

The History of Science Society is meeting in joint session this year with the American Historical Association in Cleveland on Saturday, 27 December. There are a group of interesting papers by Carl Stephenson, Theodore Hornberger, and J. W. Olmsted.²

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John

¹ The letter about the Mackintosh manuscript is missing. No paper by Mackintosh was published in the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* prior to 1953.

² Carl Stephenson (1886-1954) and Carl Homberger, historians. Olmsted see letter 287.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 22 March 1948

Dear John,

I have not written for a very long time because I had always hoped that I might be able to report that volume one of my *History* was finished, but it is not quite completed yet, and I am afraid that I will need a few more months before I am actually through with it.¹ Quite apart from writing the narrative, there is so much accessory work that has to be done, such as checking references, securing illustrations, maps, etc., and the first volume is a difficult one. I am quite sure that the following volumes will be very much easier.

I feel confident, however, that volume one will be finished and sent off to the publisher before the end of the academic year.

Early in June I will send you a more detailed report of my activities of the year that you may wish to use for your annual report of the Historical Library.

We had an extraordinarily mild winter and the fruit trees are in full bloom. I enjoy my work here more than ever, and could not think of a better place for writing the History.

I think Genevieve's plan of spending a couple of years at Cornell is a very excellent one.² Their History Department is very good and with Henry Guerlac in the History of Science and Adelman I am sure she will have much inspiration and good training and will be able to write her history of the inoculation of smallpox and of vaccination.³

Should you come over to Europe this summer, I count on your visit. As head of the Historic Library it is your duty to look me up and to see how I am fixed and what I am doing.

With all good wishes I am

Yours very cordially

[Henry]

¹ Volume I of S.'s *History* took considerably more than a year to be completed (Sigerist 1951a).

² Genevieve Miller studied history at Cornell and obtained a Ph.D..

³ Henry E. Guerlac (1910-1982). Adelman see letter 229. Genevieve Miller's history of inoculation (Miller 1957).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 March 1948

My dear Henry:

I am so pleased to have your nice letter of March 22nd. I had no idea that you might be able to report that the first volume of the History was finished. After all, you have been settled for only a few months and I fear that you have been bombarded with correspondence from your well-meaning friends and that you feel obliged to respond to each and all.¹ It is most gratifying to know that the volume is in such a forward state and we shall keenly look forward to its ultimate appearance.

I shall also look forward to a report of your activities, but for heaven's sake don't feel obliged to go into too much detail as it will only distract you from your major theme.² I would like to have a few paragraphs for our annual report because your association with the Historical Library is the most distinguished thing that has happened to us since the Library was established in 1941.

I feel a little indecent about lectures, proofs, and going abroad again. We have just had word that my Heath Clark Lectures are now in proof and on the way, and I am slaving over a series of William Withering Lectures that must be delivered the first week in June in Birmingham.³ In addition to this, I am trying to take the place of Castiglione [sic] in giving a series of lectures to the students here.⁴ I enclose a copy of the schedule. They are all being written out beforehand because I hope sometime to publish them.

All your friends at the Historical Library send you very affectionate greetings to you and yours.

Yours ever sincerely,
John

¹“Only a few months”: Apparently F. does not remember that S. started to write his *History* in 1945.

² Report (Sigerist 1948b).

³ Heath Clark Lectures see letter 381. William Withering Lectures of the Medical Faculty of the University of Birmingham, England.

⁴ Castiglioni see letter 36; he left Yale to return to Italy in the summer of 1947.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 May 1948 (telegram)

MAX NEUBURGERS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY COMES DECEMBER EIGHT DO
YOU THINK BIRTHDAY NUMBER BULLETIN FEASIBLE NEUBURGER
SEETTILLING [sic] BUFFALO WITH SON IN JUNE GRETINGS FULTON¹

¹ Neuburger see letter 136; a birthday number has not appeared in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, see also letter 387. Neuburger's son lived in Buffalo, NY.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 21 May 1948

My dear John,

Thanks ever so much for your cable concerning Neuburger.¹ You of course know that Dr. Emanuel Berghoff in Vienna, a former student of Neuburger, is preparing a *Festschrift* for the 80th birthday.² I saw that your name appears among the sponsors.

As far as the Bulletin is concerned, I cannot give you any assurance because my editorship ceased with the Nov./Dec. Number of 1947. I would therefore advise you to consult with Genevieve Miller. I know that the Bulletin will continue to be published through the year, and I personally would greatly welcome it if the Nov./Dec. Number could be issued in honor of Neuburger. The time, of course is a little short.

The future of the Bulletin will depend entirely on what happens to the Institute. A ten-year grant from the Rockefeller Foundation that covers one half of the total budget expires this year on June 30, but I know that the University is negotiating to have the grant not only renewed but increased, because otherwise they will never be able to have anybody take charge of the Institute.

I was delighted to hear from Genevieve that Lucia and you will be in Europe this summer and we certainly count on your visit.³

With kind regards I am yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ Neuburger see letters 136 and 386.

² Berghoff: Austrian medical historian.

³ Genevieve Miller and Lucia Fulton.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 28 May 1948

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 21st. I discussed the possibility of a Neuburger number of the Bulletin with several people at the Association meetings yesterday in Philadelphia.¹ The general feeling was that since there is to be a Vienna Festschrift and since he already had one on his seventieth birthday, a third one was not indicated. I agree with this. Ackerknecht proposed an eightieth birthday dinner with the thought that the speeches might be collected and put into the Bulletin sometime in 1949.² How does this strike you ?

The future of the Bulletin was discussed at some length. Temkin was made Acting Editor until January 1949 when the Hopkins subvention is to cease.³ Shryock is appointing a committee to look into the financial future of the Bulletin.⁴ My suggestions were these: (i) that we make it a bi-monthly limited to 600 pages per volume; (ii) that the subscription rate be increased to a flat six dollars for all categories of subscribers; (iii) that we stir up greater membership in the Association and increase subscribers; (iv) that the question of income from advertising be looked into (this was Leake's suggestion).⁵

I feel that the Bulletin can be made, without too much grief, to pay its own way. Hopkins cheerfully withdraws its subvention but insists on retaining title to the Bulletin. In other words, it wants the distinguished sheet without being willing to pay for it. I believe that some mutually satisfactory arrangement can be worked out and if you have any suggestions, I should like to have them. Temkin seems rather timid about doing anything. I can understand this in view of the circumstances and I can only hope that Shryock appoints a committee that will be tough with that self-satisfied academic body (Hopkins, not Temkin !).

Lucia and I are sailing this afternoon and I shall write you further from the May Fair, London W. 1, which will be our headquarters from June 4th to July 9th.⁶

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely
John Fulton

P.S. I have just discovered that I never answered your inquiry in an earlier letter about d'Irsay's history of physiology.⁷ I have a carbon copy of one of his chapters (circulation, I believe it was). The concept was interesting and it was a pity that the book was never published for it was a sound piece of scholarship and very well documented. It would not have appealed to medical students, but he did not intend it for them.

I much appreciate your suggestion concerning my own lectures. They are not yet in a state for publication but I may try to do something with them sometime.

JF

¹ Neuburger number see letter 386. “Association“, American of the History of Medicine (AAHM).

² Ackerknecht see letter 342.

³ Temkin see letter 245.

⁴ Richard H. Shryock (1893-1972) medical historian, S.’s successor at Hopkins.

⁵ Leake see letter 53 and Sigerist/Leake correspondence.

⁶ Mayfair, Hotel in London.

⁷ D’Irsay see letter 73; a history of physiology has not been published, see also letter 418.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 4 June 1948

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter of May 28. I think the idea of a dinner for Neuburger is a very good one.¹ Too many Festschrifts are a terrible nuisance, particularly when they do not get published like the one that was in the making for Neuburger 10 years ago or like the Singer volume that is not even in type yet.²

I am awfully sorry that Hopkins made such a mess with the Bulletin. They had 18 months’ time to secure funds and did just nothing until very recently. I also find that it was very foolish of them not to discuss the matter with the officers of the Association before the meeting.³ My method of solving such problems was always to invite all the people involved to a very good dinner with choice wines, and I found that meetings at the white table gave much better results than those of the green table.

The future of the Bulletin will not be determined definitely before Hopkins has secured funds to carry on with the Institute, but in the meantime, I am quite sure that a satisfactory interim solution could be found, because the amount of money involved is not large. I think it would be fatal to sever the connection between Bulletin and Association at this moment.

Your suggestions are very good indeed. The Bulletin is a bi-monthly since last year. I made the change myself before I left. Last year’s volume was somewhat overgrown because so many manuscripts had piled up that we felt should be published, but in the future the volume could be limited to 600 pages without any harm. I also think that membership dues could be raised to \$ 6.00 without our losing members. Many societies have raised their dues for the same reason. The Hopkins Press fortunately has a new manager, who may be able to get some advertisements and also more subscribers. The former manager was a nice fellow, but utterly inefficient. Temkin is a scholar but he has no guts; all his life he has been afraid of assuming responsibility and he is utterly unable to negotiate anything. I am sure that Shryock will handle the matter, however, in the best possible way.⁴

I greatly appreciated your electing me an Honorary Member of the Association, which will always be close to my heart.

Hoping you had a good crossing, I am looking forward to seeing you and Lucia. I also expect Sarton, Singer, Shryock, Genevieve, in other words, the better part of the fraternity in the course of the summer.⁵

With all good wishes to Lucia and you in which the family joins,

I am yours very sincerely,

[Henry]

¹ Dinner for Neuburger see letter 388.

² Singer see letter 93; Singer volumes (Underwood 1953).

³ “Association“ American, of the History of Medicine (AAHM).

⁴ “Shryock will handle the matter“, as chairman of the committee.

⁵ Sarton see letter 75.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 28 June 1948

My dear Henry,

I have delayed acknowledging your letter hoping that I could write definitely about coming over to pay you a visit, but alas, our friends here involved us in such a continuous round of social activities, that a further trip I am afraid, is out of the question this summer. I have to be in New York for a meeting on July 14th so we are sailing on the Queen Elizabeth on the 9th. (Lucia dis-liking the air). It is a disappointment, but I shall be over again during the winter and also we are planning to spend two months abroad next summer.

I have just had an enthusiastic letter from Genevieve Miller saying that she has received her Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies. This is most welcome and heartening news and I am sure that you will be as pleased as we all are. She is planning to come over in August as you no doubt have already heard. I am very glad that she has made a break with the Bulletin and decided to take a Degree in History. It is unfortunately true that a woman has little chance in Academic life in the States without a Degree and her decision to take one is undoubtedly realistic, but I regret that it proved necessary as she is so well grounded, which is largely due to the excellent background which you gave her.

I have found a few good books this summer, but they have kept us so busy between Birmingham, Oxford and London that I have had little time for shops. Lucia is standing up to the round of dinners and late nights extremely well, and while it is all very gratifying, I shall be extremely glad to get on the boat where we can have a little rest !

With all good wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John Fulton

Henry. There is not much connexion between this letter and what I dictated. I should have written by hand. I miss my gals [?] in the Library - but it will at least convey the - to me - sad news that I shall not be able to see you on this trip.

JF.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 10 July 1948

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter of June 28. Of course we were disappointed that you did not come to the continent, but could understand that you were kept very busy in England, and we count on your visit on the next opportunity. From Castiglioni I heard that you got an O.B.E.¹ This is a great and certainly well-deserved honor, and I wish to congratulate you most sincerely.

It was a great relief to hear that Genevieve Miller got a fellowship from the ACLS, because it would have been very hard on her to have to be supported by her family after having been independent for so many years.² I am sure that she made a good choice with Cornell. They have an excellent History Department and Henry Guerlac should make a very congenial mentor.³

The Report on my work during the past year will be finished over the weekend and should reach you next week.⁴

With warm regards I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

P.S. What a charming idea to send out reprints of the Dinner Addresses to the Sponsors and those who attended the party.⁵ Genevieve just wrote me about it. HES

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36. O.B.E.: Order of the British Empire.

² ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies.

³ Guerlac see letter 384.

⁴ Report (Sigerist 1948b).

⁵ Dinner addresses (Sigerist 1948a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 July 1948

My dear Henry:

Your nice letter of the 10th greeted me on my arrival and I am now looking forward to the report of your work of the past year.¹ I should like to incorporate the substance of it in our Annual Report which I am just finishing.

Thanks so much for your generous congratulations about the O.B.E.² Although it has been announced, the investiture does not take place until next Friday, the 23rd, at the British Embassy. It came as a very great surprise and I am of course much pleased although I am sure there were many others more deserving.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my appreciation of Edward Streeter.³ I do not recall how well you knew Streeter, but I am sure your paths must have crossed.

With warm greetings,
Yours ever,
John

¹ Report see letter 391.

² O.B.E. see letter 391.

³ Streeter, see letter 248, had died in 1947. He had given courses in medical history at Yale and donated his collection to the Historical Library.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 19 July 1948

Dear John,

At last I am sending you enclosed the Report of my activities during the past academic year.¹ I made it somewhat detailed because I wanted you as Head of the Historical Library to be fully informed about what I had done during the past year. Perhaps you may also wish to show this Report to Mrs. Cushing who with other members of the family so generously supports my work.²

Please feel free to make any use you wish of these leaves for your printed report and to shorten it in any way that seems fit to you. I doubt very much if it would be of any interest of readers of your report to know what books I had reviewed.

Yours cordially as ever,
[Henry]

¹ Report (Sigerist 1948b).

² S.'s grant from Yale was through the Whitney Foundation which was partly money donated by the Cushing family.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 26 July 1948

My dear Henry:

A few hours after I had posted my letter to you of last week your letter arrived enclosing that most admirable report of your work for the year.¹ To all of us it was a most impressive document and I do congratulate you on the extraordinary progress you have already made with your history. The outline is compelling, and we are also especially interested in the appendices which you plan to include.

And speaking of appendices, we should like your permission to include the full text of your report as an appendix to our printed Annual Report of the Historical Library. This will offer vindication of the saying that the appendices of a report are generally more important than the report itself ! We are sending the materials for the Report to the printer today and hope they will have it out for us expeditiously. We shall send marked copies to Mrs. Cushing and the other members of the family who are sponsoring your work. I think it would be better to wait a few weeks and do it in this way rather than to send it in typescript. Would you like extra copies of the Annual Report or reprints of your report itself ?

With thanks and very best wishes,

Yours ever sincerely,

John

¹ Report (Sigerist 1948b).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 29 July 1948

My dear John,

I had a letter from Philip Vaudrin of the Oxford University Press in which he says that he had lunch with Mr. Spivak.¹ It seems that they are both very much concerned over the fact that I am not writing my History fast enough.

It is perfectly true that I miscalculated the speed with which I would be able to finish Volume One. The first mistake I made was that I expected to be able to resume work on the book by September 1 of last year, that is, five weeks after we moved in, while it actually was November before I had full access to my books. Volume One, moreover, presented more difficulties than I had expected. I had to reread the entire Egyptian and Babylonian medical literature several times, and it was not always easy to find what had been published in Europe on the subject during the war years. It also still takes a very long time to get books, even from

one European country to another. All this has delayed the volume considerably. I also did not estimate quite correctly the time that all the accessory work would take, such as, the preparing of bibliographies, the filling in of gaps in the footnotes, the procuring of illustrations, maps, charts, etc. You know from the Report addressed to you, however, that the work is well under way, that Volume One should be completed in the near future, and that I will start writing Volume Two without a day's interruption.²

You know that I am not loafing. I have not left the village since last January, and outside of a few book reviews that I write in order to keep up-to-date I do nothing but work on the book, but I cannot do it satisfactorily if I feel that I am rushed. I have written Vaudrin in the matter, and if you happen to see Mr. Spivak, I would appreciate it if you would explain the situation to him. If he feels that I am not working fast enough, I will try to find another source of income. There is much interest in the book here, and I am quite sure that I could publish it in Europe in at least four languages. Einaudi in Turin already has a contract for an Italian edition; a German publisher in Stuttgart will apply for the rights of the German edition; and I am quite sure that French and Spanish editions will come forth also.³

I hate to bother you with such matters, but I cannot work if I feel that I have a whip cracked over my head.

With kind regards I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Vaudrin see letter 351. Spivack see letter 350.

² Report (Sigerist 1948b).

³ Einaudi Italian publisher.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 August 1948

My dear Henry:

I am very sorry that Philip Vaudrin has conveyed to you the idea that Mr. Spivack thinks you are not moving rapidly enough with the History.¹ This is utter nonsense and you should feel under no pressure whatsoever. Your annual report, which will be available for distribution very shortly, is a remarkable document and once this is in Spivack's hands, and those of the family, I am sure they will immediately realize what an extraordinary privilege is theirs to be sponsoring an undertaking of such unique distinction.

Vaudrin is on holiday at the moment. I had a letter from his secretary this morning about some Home University Library business. As soon as he is back I shall write him to hold his soul in patience and I shall, incidentally, send him a copy of your annual report. Our University Press moves rather slowly in August but they have promised page proof this week which means that we ought to have copies by next week at the latest. I am to be in California from the 18th to the 21st but shall be back at the Library on the 23rd. If Vaudrin or Spivack should push you any further, I wish you would send their letters to me for reply and not waste your precious time over them.

One other thing, please don't place any sinister interpretation on anything that Spivack may have said. He is a naive boy and the family also have quite a lot of naive enthusiasm as I discovered when I had not finished the Cushing biography six months after Dr. Cushing's death. They just couldn't think why it was taking me so long !

With best wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ See letter 395..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 August 1948

My dear Henry:

Your fascinating card of 12 August arrived yesterday acknowledging the appreciation of Edward Streeter.¹ I was delighted to see the house and the valley of Pura in the Canton Ticino. Oddly enough, Max Zehnder, now of Zurich, was here for the evening and it seems that he was born and spent his early life in Italian Switzerland.²

I am glad that you like the appreciation of Streeter. I think he deserves something more but if it is done it must come later. We have had the page proof of our annual report and I hope to be able to send copies of it to you before long.³ During the past week we have had the most trying heat-wave ever recorded in the history of the New York Weather Bureau - a full week with temperatures between 90° and 102°. Zehnder was in a collapsed condition as he had spent nearly the whole time in New York (in a tweed suit). I succeeded in getting his coat off, sleeves up, and his tie off, and he then enjoyed my martinis.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ S.'s card is missing. Streeter see letter 248.

² Max Zehnder, Swiss angiologist.

³ Report (Sigerist 1948b).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 29 September 1948 (telegram)

WISH COULD [?] BE WITH YOU SENDING WARM WISHES¹

HENRY EMMY

¹ John and Lucia Fulton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 29 September 1948.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 October 1948

My dear Henry:

I have been very dilatory in correspondence lately, partly because of our anniversary but principally because a new edition of Physiology of the Nervous System was under way and went to press a short time ago.¹ Yesterday I sent the first seventeen chapters of Howell, the 16th edition, to Saunders.² Now I feel a good deal easier and am working on a paper on Servetus which I am reading next week in Boston before the Club of Odd Volumes.³

Your warmhearted cable reached us on the 29th.⁴ I don't know how you could have known about our anniversary but I can assure you that your thoughts warmed our hearts and I believe Lucia has already written Emmy about it.

Copies of our annual report have been going out during the last week and everyone who has read your appendix has commented about it enthusiastically.⁵ I shall keep you informed of any important developments. Meanwhile everyone is looking forward to your History. Take what time you need and don't allow impatient and unimaginative people to upset you.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Anniversary see letter 398. *Physiology of the Nervous System* (Fulton 1938b), 3rd edition 1949.

² (Howell/Fulton 1949). William H. Howell (1860-1945) physiologist. W. B. Saunders, publisher in Philadelphia.

³ Servetus see letter 129. Club of Odd Volumes: A Boston private club. Report (Sigerist 1948b).

⁴ See letter 298.

⁵ Report see (Sigerist 1948b).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 8 November 1948

Dear John,

This morning's mail brought the two volumes of Collected Papers of the Historical Library, and I am perfectly overwhelmed. This is a magnificent gift and the papers will of course be most useful to me.

I also received the copies of the Annual Report, and again I am amazed to see how much the Library achieved on a very moderate budget. The new librarian, I am sure, will be a great help.¹

Thanks also for your most encouraging letter of October 16. In the meantime I also had a very kind letter from Philip Vaudrin.² The book is growing daily and Underwood is supplying me most generously with illustrations from the enormous collections of the Wellcome Museum.³ This, of course, is a very great help. The section on Mesopotamian medicine, the last section of my first volume, is slow because the literature is frightfully scattered in a great variety of journals; the Babylonian medical texts are extremely monotonous, but I do not wish to put the finishing touch to the book before I have seen all the texts. The Swiss libraries, I am glad to say, are most cooperative and I can get any number of volumes including bound journals sent to my house on interlibrary loan through the intermediary of the state library at Lugano. They also let you keep books for several months if there is no request for them, and at the moment nobody seems to be working on Babylonia in Switzerland. Bern has a union catalog, and what I cannot find in Switzerland, I got from Washington on microfilm. Thus I have not had any difficulties so far, and the second volume should be much easier because I have practically all the Greek and Latin medical texts at home.

I expect to complete and send off the manuscript of volume one before the end of the year. Visitors are rare now and the work benefits by it. The season is still beautiful, and our garden still full of flowers, but the coloring of the leaves is not as gorgeous as with you in New England.

We were rather surprised by the result of the elections.⁴ Strange things did happen such as Connecticut voting for Dewey and at the same time electing a Democratic governor.

With all good wishes I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ New Librarian: Frederick G. Kilgour.

² Vaudrin see letter 351.

³ Underwood see letter 356. The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, London.

⁴ In the presidential election of 1948 Republican Thomas E. Dewey lost against Democrat Harry S. Truman.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 November 1948

My dear Henry:

By way of arousing interest in the Medical Library, we have formed a new body of Associates similar to the Friends of the Bodleian at Oxford.¹ The response has been an exceedingly gratifying one, and it occurs to me that you may like to enroll yourself, so that you will automatically receive notices of our meetings and other activities. I enclose the piece of blackmail describing the new organization.

I picked up a good story the other day in Boston. A wealthy maiden lady took her handsome chauffeur into the Mass. Gen. Hospital after he had had a stroke. The house officer took the history from her and then asked: „Are you this man’s wife ?“ Whereupon Miss Peabody drew herself up and said: „Certainly not, young man, I am his mistress.“

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Bodleian Library: The main research library of the University of Oxford, England.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 14 December 1948

My dear John,

Thanks for letting me know about the Associates of the Yale Medical Library.¹ Of course I am delighted to join and have sent in my contribution directly. When I was Acting Librarian of the Welch Library, I strongly recommended the organization of a similar group, because it not only brings in some money, which is always welcome, but it keeps a number of people interested in the library.

Thanks also for your circular letter concerning the History of Science Society and the publication of *Isis*.² Cohen’s suggestions of an endowment fund is excellent, but it will not be easy to find the money.³ I wonder if industry could not be approached in the matter particularly the electric and chemical industries which have made such enormous profits in recent years. In the meantime it will be necessary to get some money immediately. The National Academy of Sciences may be able to do something; I once got \$ 1,000 for the *Bulletin* from them through Raymond Pearl.⁴ The American Philosophical Society also has loads of money and may be approached. George Corner might possibly do it because he is a member of several committees of the Society.⁵

Things are going well here. I am on the last chapters of volume one, and am revising what I have written so far; at the same time I am getting illustrations together and am preparing the appendices. As you know, I write in longhand and there will still be a good deal of typing to

be done, but on January 2 I plan to send whatever is finished, that is, nine tenths of the manuscript, to the press and the rest as soon as it is typed.

I will probably not have all the illustrations ready by that time because I depend to a large extent on Underwood, who is extremely cooperative but sometimes a little slow and of course under the present circumstances has difficulty in getting hold of some of his material.⁶

Since the appendices are mostly bibliographical, I would like to send them to you first for suggestions and possibly for the checking of a few items.

This first volume was a terrific piece of work because with it I developed my method of approach and presentation. The second volume dealing with Greece and Rome should be much easier. I have outlined the first section and I have bought a number of basic books that I had not in my collection yet.

I recently gave a lecture at the University of Bern and had a delightful evening with von Muralt.⁷

Warm wishes for the holidays to Lucia and yourself in which the family joins

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Associates of the Yale Medical Library see letter 401.

² Isis: A journal of the history of science.

³ I. Bernard Cohen see letter 380.

⁴ Raymond Pearl (1879-1940) biologist.

⁵ George Washington Corner (1889-1982) anatomist and medical historian.

⁶ Underwood see letter 356.

⁷ Alexander von Muralt (1903-1990) Swiss physiologist; he had visited F.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 December 1948

My dear Henry:

I am delighted to have your letter of 14 December in reply to my memorandum concerning the future of the History of Science Society. Your suggestions are excellent, particularly that of approaching the Philosophical Society through George Corner.¹ The Carnegie people are being rather ruthless; the real difficulty stems from Vannavar Bush who thinks all history not pertaining to the O.S.R.D. is nonsense.² Unfortunately Sarton over the years has also irritated the more liberal trustees such as Weed who might have been willing to give him something more than a pension after he is sixty-five.³ Alan Gregg thinks highly of Sarton and he is one of the few in the Foundations who really appreciates the importance of the history of science movement, but he has so many demands upon his dwindling resources that I am a little hesitant to approach him, but I shall probably go to him for advice.⁴ My chief problem is to keep Sarton from insulting people in high places. Bernard Cohen is proving a tower of strength as Managing Editor of *Isis* and I feel that he has really saved the Journal and the Society.⁵

I wish you could be here for our annual meeting on the 30th. I cannot easily tell you how much we miss you, particularly in times of crisis.

I have heard nothing further about your successor at the Hopkins. Weed feels that Temkin should have the post without any question but I guess the committee doubts whether he has administrative capacity.⁶ Det Bronk takes over from Mr. Bowman next month and I don't suppose anything will happen until he puts his mind on the problem.⁷ I gather that Shryock, whom the committee seems to have sounded out, is reluctant to consider it because of the uncertainty of future financial support.⁸ I wonder what your innermost feelings are.

I congratulate you on getting along so rapidly with the History. I note that you plan to send all that is ready of the first volume on January 2nd. I shall be very glad to go over the appendices as you have suggested.

Meanwhile our thanks for that attractive Christmas card and all good wishes for the holidays.

Yours ever,
John

P.S. I enclose a copy of my Christmas letter which is intended for former fellows and staff members and for a few special people such as H.E.S.⁹

¹ Corner see letter 402.

² Vannavar Bush (born 1890) director of O.S.R.D., the WWII Office of Scientific Research and Development, and visionary of the computer age since 1945.

³ Sarton see letter 75. Weed see letter 207.

⁴ Alan Gregg (1890-1957) Rockefeller Foundation officer, S.'s friend.

⁵ Cohen see letter 380. Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society.

⁶ Temkin see letter 389.

⁷ Detlev W. Bronk (1897-1975) biologist, President of Johns Hopkins University. Bowman see letter 344.

⁸ Richard H. Shryock see letter 388.

⁹ H.E.S. Henry E. Sigerist.

My dear John,

Thanks ever so much for your letter of December 21 and for your Xmas message. What a delightful idea to give a report of your manyfold activities which I am sure will greatly interest all of your friends. You certainly have been active during this past year and it is a great blessing to have people like you.

I notice that you would like to know my innermost feelings about the Johns Hopkins Institute. It is not quite easy to formulate what I think because I am not quite sure about it myself. No candidate is perfect but what I think at the moment is briefly this:

Temkin is by far the most scholarly medical historian available at the time.¹ His knowledge is stupendous and he has a full command of Greek, Latin, Arabic, Hebrew, Assyrian in

addition to half a dozen modern languages. He is a very good teacher. What he has written so far is first rate. He is a perfectionist and therefore unproductive. As an administrator he is over-conscientious and I am sure that he would never make any decision without first consulting the Dean. Genevieve could probably tell you more about this aspect of his activities as she worked under him for a whole year.

Shryock would have limitations in so far as he is not a physician - but he could compensate this easily through his staff.² He is a good administrator and teacher, is able to make friends and would undoubtedly bring money to the Institute. He is not so young but would undoubtedly succeed in keeping the Institute very much alive until the younger generation has grown up.

Ackerknecht is a man who should be considered very seriously because he presents the very unusual combination of being a physician with psychiatric training [,] a historian and social anthropologist all in one.³ His books and papers are first rate, he is energetic and productive and I am sure would make the Institute a success.

George Rosen you know as well as I do.⁴ He is a very good man that I like very much but I am not sure that he would take the job. He and his wife together probably make more money than Hopkins could ever pay and he seems to be tending more toward the field of social medicine.

Last week I mailed the first 525 type-written pages of my first volume to the Oxford Press. The rest will follow soon.

With all good wishes to Lucia and yourself I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Temkin see letter 245.

² Shryock see letter 403.

³ Ackerknecht see letter 342.

⁴ Rosen see letter 252; he was a physician and sociologist, working with the New York Public Health Department; his wife, Beate, was practising medicine in New York.

My dear Henry:

My congratulations to you on despatching the first 525 pages of your first volume to the press. We are all thrilled about it. Thanks also for answering my rather bold question about your thoughts regarding the future of the Institute. I thought afterward that it was none of my business, but I certainly appreciate your confidence. As you say, Temkin is an extraordinary fellow with an immense background of scholarship.¹ Weed feels that he would rise to his administrative responsibilities, and we both hope that he will receive the appointment.² Ackerknecht would probably make a better administrator, and I don't think they would do badly if he were chosen.³ Shryock is too serious minded and is perhaps a little too old.⁴

Det Bronk has now taken over but so far he seems to be spending only about two days a week in Baltimore.⁵ He can't seem to bring himself to give up any of his previous responsibilities, which I find a little alarming.

Last Saturday we had a very pleasant unveiling ceremony of Malvina Hoffman's bust of H. C.⁶ We expect to have the speeches done in a small brochure which you will receive in due course.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John

¹ Temkin see letter 404.

² Weed see letter 207.

³ Ackerknecht see letter 342.

⁴ Shryock see letter 403. He eventually became S.'s successor, while Temkin in 1959 became Shryock's successor.

⁵ Bronk see letter 403.

⁶ Malvina Hoffman (1887-1966) sculptor, pupil of Rodin. H. C.: Harvey Cushing.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 18 March 1949

My dear Henry:

Those two interesting Haller items have now reached us from Hausmann.¹ I have acknowledged them but it suddenly occurred to us that possibly the books were a gift from you and it was you rather than Hausmann who should be thanked.

Last November Castiglioni wrote to us rather vaguely about plans for an International Congress of the History of Medicine which would be held in Milan sometime in September.² I have as yet seen no definite announcement and I wonder whether you have had word. If so, what are the exact dates? Lucia and I expect to be in Paris the week of September 5th for the International Neurological Congress and it would not be difficult to go from there on to Milan if the Congress is really to be held. Nor would it be difficult to interrupt you for an afternoon at Pura which we should dearly love to do.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John

¹ Albrecht Haller see letter 9. Haller items (Hintzsche 1948a,b). Hausmann: Swiss company for medical equipment.

² Castiglioni see letter 36.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 25 March 1949

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter of March 18. You need not thank me for the Haller items because all I did was to ask Hausmann to send The Historical Library and the Baltimore Institute copies of the two publications.¹ They were issued privately, as a Christmas gift to the Swiss physicians, by Hausmann, one of the large local firms making medical instruments, appliances and also drugs.

I know that a Congress is to be held in Milan in September because Castiglioni invited me to attend it, but I always thought that it was to be the Italian Convention of the Society of Medical History.² It may be that Castiglioni may wish to make it international, and I will drop him a line to find out. I also do not know what the exact date is to be. At any rate, I very much hope that Lucia and you will attend it, and will come to Pura either before or after the meeting. We are only about 40 miles from Milan.

I am busy preparing volume II of my book for which I think I have an interesting and somewhat unusual plan, in that it will discuss not only Graeco-Roman medicine but will give India and Indian medicine a rather prominent place.

I am still working on the appendices to volume I, but cannot finish them before I have been in Basel and Zurich which I will do in April.

Philip Vaudrin wanted to rush volume I through the press so as to get it out in the fall, but I think that this kind of book cannot be rushed because every reference and every quotation must be checked carefully, and I would also like Temkin and Ackerknecht to read these sections in proofs that they have not yet read in manuscript.³ I therefore suggested to him to make the book rather a spring issue of next year. By that time the manuscript of volume II should be ready, or almost so.

I have good news from Genevieve, who greatly enjoys her work with Guerlac.⁴

With kind regards to Lucia and yourself, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Haller items and Hausmann see letter 406.

² Castiglioni see letter 36.

³ Vaudrin see letter 351.

⁴ Guerlac see letter 384.

Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 1 June 1949

Dear John,

I was much disturbed to hear that you could not attend the meeting of the Association for reasons of illness.¹ Please let me know how you are. I sincerely hope it is nothing serious. You have been driving yourself too much during the last few years for the benefit of all of us, but I know only too well from my own experience that there is a limit to what the human organism can stand. So do take care of yourself and take it more easily. Slowing down your pace will not in any way reduce the value of your work nor its amount.

Toward the end of June I will again let you have a report of my activities during the past year.² Vaudrin should by now have the entire manuscript of volume I in hands with the exceptions of the appendices.³ You know what bibliographies are like; you never feel that they are complete enough and keep adding items here and there. Vaudrin, at any rate, may go ahead with the book whenever they are ready for it, and I am quite sure that we shall get it out in the early spring.⁴

In the meantime I am working with great delight on volume II. I was sick and tired of the Babylonian ghosts and evil spirits, and it is a great joy to breathe the pure atmosphere of ancient Greece. I also enjoy the exotic color of India, and what I am actually doing is discussing Greek and Indian medicine in parallels. It is quite striking how parallel cultural developments have been in the two countries, in content as well as chronologically. Of course, with a significant difference that one civilization unfolded itself in the temperate zone and the other in the tropics.

I also did a good deal of work in the preparation of volume III, which will be a kind of triptych with Arabic medicine as central piece, with Christian-Western medicine as one panel and Indian-Chinese medicine as the other panel. From volume IV on, that is from the Renaissance on, the emphasis well [sic] be on Western medicine. At any rate, you see that my book is very different from the histories of medicine that have been written in the past.

E. Hintzsche, the Professor of Anatomy at the University of Berne, who, by the way, is a very nice fellow, keenly interested in medical history, and particularly in Haller, was here the other day and told me that a bibliography of the works of Haller is being prepared by the University Library of Berne.⁵ They, of course, have a superb collection of his works, including the manuscripts returned by the Italian government, and the large number of volumes of letters written to Haller. I hear from Castiglioni that the Milan Meeting has been postponed to the first week of October, and I still hope that you will be able to attend it and to visit us on the way.⁶

With all good wishes, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ "Association", American of the History of Medicine (AAHM).

² Report: Like (Sigerist 1948b).

³ Vaudrin see letter 351.

⁴ Volume I (Sigerist 1951a).

⁵ Erich Hintzsche (1900-1975) Swiss anatomist and medical historian, see correspondence Sigerist/Hintzsche. Haller see letter 9. “Bibliography of the works of Haller”: Probably (Lundsgaard-Hansen 1959); for a complete bibliography see (Steinke/Profos 2004). The Burgerbibliothek in Bern keeps 13,300 letters written to Haller.

⁶ Castiglioni see letter 36.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 June 1949

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st. Henry Viets apparently announced in Lexington that I was seriously ill, which is something of an exaggeration.¹ I discovered two months ago that I was spilling sugar, and being fifty and overweight, I have gone on a diet and have lost fifteen pounds. After a week of the diet, I became sugar-gree [sic] and have remained so, so that I do not anticipate further difficulty. I want to lose enough so that I can enjoy some of your Neufchatel (?) in September.²

I have not seen Vaudrin recently, but I expect to spend the day at the Oxford Press on June 9th at a board meeting of the Home University Library.³ Vaudrin will undoubtedly tell me then about your MS.⁴ Your plans for Volumes 2, 3, and 4 are most fascinating, and I am especially eager to know how you are going to deal with Greek medicine. Several months ago in connexion with a lecture I gave on Greek physiology I became stirred up about Alcmeon of Croton.⁵ Do you happen to know of any recent studies of Alcmeon as a physiologist? Eric Sjöqvist, the Swedish archeologist, told me that during the war he identified the site of the town of Croton and established that the greater part of the town had slid into the Mediterranean. Apparently no attempts at excavation have been made.

I had not heard of the projected Haller bibliography.⁶ This is good news, and it of course should be done at Berne because the library there has everything. The bound collection of Haller's correspondence is a fantastic thing as he was in touch with practically every important personage of the eighteenth century. I went through the file in 1931 when preparing a lecture on Haller that I gave at the Boston Medical Library.

I shall probably attend Castiglioni's meeting, but I must be back in Manchester on the 6th of October as I am giving the Ludwig Mond Lecture there on the 7th.⁷ I shall be writing you from Paris in September. We shall be there the greater part of the month and plan to stay at the Regina.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

P.S. We are looking forward to receiving your report.⁸

¹ Viets see letter 75. Lexington, KY, was the site of the 1949 AAHM convention.

² Neuchâtel: A region and wine in Switzerland.

³ Vaudrin see letter 351.

⁴ MS: Manuscript.

⁵ Alcmeon of Croton (around 500 B.C.) Greek physician; three years later S. wrote about Alcmeon and Physiology (Sigerist 1952a). Croton: Town in southern Italy.

⁶ Haller bibliography see letter 408.

⁷ Castiglioni see letter 36. Ludwig Mond Lecture at the University of Manchester, England, named after L. Mond (1839-1909) German/British chemist.

⁸ Report see letter 408.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 July 1949

My dear Henry:

Your annual report has arrived very promptly and we are of course delighted with it.¹ I take it we have your permission to append it to our printed Report as we did last year.

I think you have made phenomenal progress in the short time you have been at Pura and we all look forward to the succeeding volumes. When I was in New York the other day at the Oxford Press, Vaudrin expressed great enthusiasm over the first volume but I gathered that it had gone to the printer as he was unable to show it to me.²

I admire your strength of mind in resisting invitations to lecture. In the future I think I shall try to follow your example as most lectures take a lot of time and energy. Having said this, I must confess to having just accepted an invitation to inaugurate the new research chair established by the Franqui Foundation at Louvain which will mean being there during March, April, and May, 1950 and lecturing in French – which will be hard on my psyche but good for my soul.³ It will probably also be hard on the audience. The Swiss-American Foundation has also asked me to do something similar in September, 1950 and I shall seek your advice as to what to talk about when I see you next September. It will involve lecturing in Berne, Geneva, Zurich, and Basle.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

John

¹ S.'s second annual report (Sigerist 1949a).

² Vaudrin see letter 351.

³ The Franqui Foundation furthers the development of higher education and scientific research in Belgium.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 2 August 1949

My dear John,

This was a regular shower. First came your Heath Clark Lectures on Aviation Medicine that I read with the greatest interest.¹ Two days later the mail brought the delightful pamphlet about the ceremonies at the unveiling of the Harvey Cushing bust. Everything the Library

prints is presented so very well and one immediately finds the touch of Mr. Rollins.² And now a few days ago, I received your Withering Lectures which I have not read yet because a colleague, who is very interested in the subject, grabbed the book so that I will have to wait until it comes back.³

I am lost in admiration at your productivity and wonder how you succeed in getting books written while you are in charge of two departments, a member of endless committees and at the same time lecturing in very many places.⁴ I also very much like your style and general way of presenting a subject. This is in the best Osler, Cushing and Sherrington tradition.⁵

We are looking forward with great pleasure to your visit in September, and I am also delighted to know that various engagements will bring you again to Europe next year.

With warm wishes,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Heath Clark Lectures see letter 381 and (Fulton 1948).

² Rollins see letter 131.

³ Withering Lectures see letter 385 and (Fulton 1949a).

⁴ “Two departments”: Physiology and Historical Library.

⁵ William Osler (1849-1919) professor of medicine at McGill University, Johns Hopkins, and Oxford, England. Sherrington see letter 110.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 13 August 1949

My dear Henry,

Thank you for your nice letter of the 2nd which has just been forwarded from New Haven. Lucia and I came over on the QUEEN ELIZABETH which arrived on 10th and we are spending the rest of the month here and plan to be in Paris at the Regina from September 3rd. Our plans, after the Neurological Congress are still a little nebulous and before arranging the details we should very much like to know whether it would be convenient if we dropped in on you for a few hours some afternoon towards the end of the month. We shall probably be motoring and could come on the 29th or the 30th or Saturday October 1st. My particular desire is to have a visit to you without interrupting your work too seriously as I know under what pressure you are moving.

Castiglione [sic] has reiterated that he wants me to be in Milan on the 3rd.¹ Lucia is doubtful whether she will go on into Italy because it will mean flying back as I have an engagement in London on the 5th. I think she will probably take a car back to Paris and return to London by train from there (for she hates flying).

I was tremendously appreciative of your generous comment about the Withering and Heath Clark Lectures.²

With all good wishes to you both,
Yours very sincerely,
John Fulton

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36.

² Withering and Heath Clark Lectures see letter 411.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 19 August 1949

Dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of August 13. Of course, we count on your visit and are looking forward to seeing Lucia and you very much, indeed. Any time in the second half of September or early October would suit us perfectly, and do not be afraid that you might be interrupting my work; I like to have a break from time to time and I will have to interrupt for a few days anyway because Castiglioni wants me to attend the Milan meeting also and even wants me to give a paper in Italian.¹

From September 3-5 I shall be in Lausanne for the meeting of the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine. I will be back in Pura after the meeting; Emmy plans to take a short motor trip to Southern France in the first week of September.

Henry Guerlac was here last Sunday with his very delightful family.² You may run into them in London or Paris. It is most encouraging to see that a very promising young generation is growing up in the history of science. Gregory Zilboorg was also here a few days ago, and yesterday we had a short visit of Richard Shryock's daughter and her husband.³

With warm regards to both of you

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36.

² Guerlac see letter 384.

³ Zilboorg see letter 265. Shryock see letter 388.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 24 August 1949

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th. I shall write to you further from Paris about coming to Pura. It will probably be on September 29th. We plan to motor for a few days in Switzerland and Lucia wants me to come back to Paris with her. She is then returning to

England and I shall fly out to Milan for Castiglione's [sic] meeting on the 3rd and 4th October.¹

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 16 September 1949

My dear Henry:

This is just a line to tell you that Lucia and I are leaving to-morrow for Bordeaux and we plan next week to work our way across the South of France by motor via Le Puy, Vienne, Grenoble and Turin to Lugano.

We expect to be at the Park Hotel in Lugano, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and we shall very much like to drop in on you on Friday the 23rd, if that is a good day for you. You can reach us either at the Hotel Central in Vienne on Wednesday the 21st or leave a message of course at the Park Hotel, Lugano. If for any reason you wish to get in touch with us before then, we shall be spending Sunday and Monday with friends in Bordeaux (Dr. Paul Delmas Marsalet, 14 rue de l'Abbé de l'Épée).

We have been having a most delightful trip but I shall tell you more of the details when we meet.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John Fulton

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 27 September 1949

Mon cher Henri:

Notre déjeuner avec vous et Emmy et Mlle. Bacher à la Casa Serena demeurera un de nos meilleurs souvenirs, avec les vignes et le Lac de Lugano, ainsi que les montagnes suisses et italiennes.¹ Tout ceci constitue une ambiance merveilleuse pour un historien de la médecine. Vous êtes comme Gerolamo Fracastoro à Lago di Garda.² J'espère que vous écrirez [sic] une biographie [sic] du grand humaniste lorsque vous aurez terminé l'histoire de la médecine.

Après vous avoir quitté nous avons diné [sic] au Park Hotel et nous avons visité les petits magasins de Lugano; Lucia a fait quelques achats et selon vos conseils j'ai trouvé deux

grandes bouteilles de Johnny Walker Black Label qui rendent mes journées parisiennes très agréables.

Nous avons été très heureux de vous voir à Casa Serena; je suis persuadé que votre livre rédigé dans un endroit aussi sympathique apportera une grande contribution aux sciences médicales et à l'histoire de la civilisation. L'Université de Yale tire une grande fierté d'être associé avec vous dans la préparation d'un ouvrage aussi important que le vôtre. Je vais écrire à M. Jacques [sic] Whitney et aussi à Mary Astor au sujet de notre visite à Pura.³

Samedi nous sommes revenu [sic] par le Simplon.⁴ C'était une journée magnifique avec un soleil très clair; cette route est bien moins dangereuse que le Petit Saint Bernard et je serai très content de connaître [sic] l'histoire Romaine de ce col.

Dimanche nous sommes passés par le Faucillon pour rentrer à Paris et cette route est encore plus effrayante que le Petit Saint Bernard, car il y a beaucoup de travaux et les tournants ne sont pas protégés; aussi notre chauffeur avait un visage tourmenté à l'idée des 600 kilomètres qu'il fallait faire. A midi il a eu une „Beaune idée“ et nous avons goûté quatre crus différents au déjeuner.⁵ Nous avons bien regretté de ne pas vous avoir avec nous.

A bientôt, à Milan dimanche.

John

Our love to Emmy

Summary: F. praises the day spent with S. and the beauty of the lake and the mountains around Pura. He compares S. with the humanist Fraccastoro on Lake Garda. He then tells about his and Lucia's days in Lugano and their motor trip to Paris.

¹ Claire Bacher: S.'s secretary.

² Fracastoro see letter 43.

³ John Hay (Jock) Whitney (1905-1982) husband of Cushing's daughter, Yale philanthropist. "Mary" Vincent Astor Cushing's daughter.

⁴ Simplon, Petit Saint Bernard, and Faucillon: Swiss and French mountain passes.

⁵ Beaune: French region famous for its Burgundy wines.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 30 September 1949 (telegram)

DELEGHTED [sic] DINE CASTIGLIONI SATURDAY AVENING [sic] ARRIVING
AIR FRANCE SAME AFTERNOON

FULTON

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 19 October 1949

My dear John,

It was so good to see you in Milan and I was only sorry that you did not feel quite well.¹ Your paper interested the people a great deal, as they apparently knew very little about the subject and always like to hear that an Italian reached prominence abroad.

It is such a pity that you are not on the enclosed photo which I find unusually good. I tried to identify as many people as I possibly could with certainty but did not get beyond twenty-three. I hope the picture will remind you of a very pleasant and friendly meeting. I just wrote a report about it for the Bulletin.

I do not remember if I ever told you that Stephen d'Irsay left the manuscript of a history of physiology behind, which has never been published and really was not ready for publication when he died.² It contains an enormous amount of literature and was written entirely from primary sources. The book does not give the story chronologically but according to subjects. I think you may find it helpful in preparing your book, and the literature he gives may save you time and trouble.³ So far as I can remember, the last who had the manuscript in hand was Joseph Needham in Cambridge and he may possibly be able to locate it.⁴

We recall Lucia's and your visit in Pura with so much pleasure and only regret that it was so short. I am so anxious for my friends to know the environment in which we live and work.

With warm regards to Lucia and yourself, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ On the Fifth National Congress of the Italian Society of the History of Medicine see (Sigerist 1950a).

² D'Irsay see letters 73 and 388.

³ "Preparing your book": Probably a new edition of F.'s *Textbook of Physiology* (Howell/Fulton 1949).

⁴ Joseph Needham (1900-1995) British biochemist and medical historian.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 November 1949

My dear Henry:

Your letter of October 19th was longer than usual in transit, but I am delighted to hear from you and am especially pleased to have that nice photograph. It was most thoughtful of you to include the individual identifications. I had misunderstood about the time at which the photograph was to be taken and am very sorry not to have been in it. It is particularly good of you and Emmy; and trust Castiglioni to put himself beside the youngest gal in the

gathering !¹ I wonder if they are all as attractive as that in Caracas. My good friend, Augusto Pi-Suñer from Barcelona, went down there to spend six months and he has remained for six years.²

With regard to Stephen d'Irsay's History of Physiology, he loaned me carbons of two of its chapters (one on Galen, the other on the circulation) shortly before his death, and I still have them somewhere.³ The one on Galen, as I recall, was particularly good. But I could never bring myself to sympathize with his impersonal manner of presentation. He studiously avoided all biographical details and attempted to deal only with ideas. It is a great pity, however, that he did not complete the work because an enormous volume of literature was covered and, as you say, he dealt only with primary sources. I had had an idea that you had the whole MS. At the Institute and had not realized that it had gone to Joseph Needham.⁴ I shall try to run it to earth.

I am leaving for Kansas City in a few minutes where I am inaugurating the Logan Clendening Lectureship which Mrs. C. has just established at the University of Kansas.⁵ I enclose the circular. It will be primarily a student audience and I hope I can arouse some interest even though I shall not be reporting upon anything that is particularly new. I wish I had your knack for firing the student imagination. The next day I am giving two lectures on the frontal lobes in Topeka, after which I shall be returning to a houseful of my somewhat drunken classmates who will be here for the Harvard-Yale game.⁶ Two years ago I managed to be in London watching the royal wedding procession one day and the Harvard-Yale game the next !

With best wishes to Emmy and also to that most attractive assistant of yours,⁷

Sincerely yours,

John

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36.

² Augusto Pi Suñer (1879-1965) Spanish biologist.

³ D'Irsay letters 73 and 388.

⁴ Needham see letter 73.

⁵ Clendening see letter 167; Mrs. Dorothea Clendening.

⁶ The physiology of the frontal lobes of the brain was one of F.'s research subjects.

⁷ "Assistant": Claire Bacher.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 December 1949

My dear Henry:

Our congratulations and also our warmest thanks for the Barcelona translation of your Great doctors.¹ I have always thought that this was one of the most attractive things that you have ever put together and it has done much to stimulate younger men into a real interest in the history of medicine. It clearly deserves the great popularity which it has enjoyed.

I am in a stew at the moment trying to write the Rosenbach Lectures for February.² If I haven't already told you, the title is to be The Great Medical Bibliographers, which I have patterned rather after your title. I hope you don't mind ! Right now I am trying to unravel

Symphorien Champier.³ Do you happen to know of anyone who has studied him recently ? I of course have the Allut but there are a good many things that Allut missed.⁴

With all good wishes,
Yours ever,
John

P.S. The date, November 1, 1949, which you put into Los Grandes Medicos happened to be my fiftieth birthday.

¹ *Great Doctors* (Sigerist 1933a); the Spanish translation appeared in 1949.

² Rosenbach Lectures: A bibliographic lectureship founded in 1931; F.'s lecture (Fulton 1951a).

³ Symphorien Champier (1472-1539) French physician and medical historian.

⁴ Paul Allut wrote on Champier (Allut 1859).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 5 December 1949

My dear John:

Thanks for your letter. I never thought of you as being half a century old. You always were a young professor but, of course, time flies and how rapidly ! At any rate I wish you another half century of happy returns.

I hope to be able to send you another book soon. The University at the Crossroads was translated into Chinese and just came out in a very handsome edition, well printed on good paper and bound in red silk.¹ I am amazed that the Chinese can publish such books while the civil war is raging. So far I have only one copy but hope to get more. Reddy in Madras is translating The Great Doctors into Telugu.²

I read somewhere that you were giving the Rosenbach Lectures in Philadelphia and you certainly have an excellent subject.³ You will undoubtedly include [sic] Choulant whose books are still extremely useful.⁴ I do not know of any recent literature on Symphorien Champier and I fully agree with you that Allut has not exhausted the subject.⁵ Good luck also for the Clendening Lectures and when you see Dorothea, please, remember me to her.⁶ I was always very fond of her.

At the moment I am in constant touch with the Oxford Press. They are preparing the publicity for Vol. I and I expect proofs very soon. They have an excellent editor in Margaret Nicholson who had some very good suggestions. Besides writing Vol. II I am also preparing an edition of the letters of Jean de Carro to Marcet in London.⁷ The letters are in the Jacobs Collection and I had done most of the work while I was still in Baltimore.⁸ I have all the materials here and am putting the finishing touch to the edition. Shryock will publish it as a Supplement to the Bulletin.⁹

We had a beautiful winter so far with glorious sunshine every day.

With war [sic] wishes I am
Yours as ever
[Henry]

¹ *University at the Crossroads* (Sigerist 1946b), Chinese translation 1949.

² D. V. Subba Reddy (1899-1987) medical historian in India; his translation probably has not appeared.

³ Rosenbach Lecture on *The Great Medical Bibliographers* (Fulton 1951a) see letter 420.

⁴ Ludwig Choulant (1791-1861) German medical historian.

⁵ Champier and Allut see letter 420.

⁶ Clendening Lecture and Dorothea Clendening see letter 419.

⁷ Jean de Carro (1770-1857) physician in Vienna and Carlsbad; Alexandre Marcet (1770-1822) physician in Geneva and London; Carro/Marcet correspondence (Sigerist 1950b).

⁸ Henry Barton Jacobs (early 20th ct.) physician and medical historian; donated his collection to Johns Hopkins University.

⁹ Shryock see letter 403; had become S.'s successor in 1949.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 22 December 1949

Dear Henry:

When I was at Pura in September, you mentioned that the cheques you were receiving from the Treasurer of Yale were larger than you had anticipated. I now discover that payment from the beginning has been on the basis of \$ 6,000 a year whereas it had been the donor's wish that you have \$ 7,000 the first year (the extra amount to help in moving) and

\$ 5,000 for the next two years. Instead of this, all payments have been made at \$ 6,000 a year.

All this means that there must be some adjustment of the income during the next six months. One solution would be to omit payments in May and June. The other would be to reduce each cheque from January through June to three hundred dollars. Will you let me know as soon as possible which course you would prefer to have us follow ?

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

I hate to worry you with financial problems in one breath and wish you Merry Christmas in the next ! But I do so anyway –

JF

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 28 December 1949

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of Dec. 22. I thought that I was getting too much and I am glad that the matter is being straightened out. As we are living from hand to mouth I would prefer to have cheques reduced to three hundred dollars rather than be two months without salary.

We had a very nice Christmas with the children who had come from Rome and Geneva.¹ I hope you have a good meeting of the HSS, the program sounds very interesting.²

Once more, a happy New Year ! and the most cordial wishes of your

[Henry]

¹ "Children": Nora (born 1922) with husband Jack Beeson who had won the Prix de Rome; Erica who was librarian at the U.N. World Health Organization in Geneva.

² HSS: History of Science Society.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 17 January 1950

Dear John,

Just a short note to thank you for your very delightful Osleriana.¹ Emmy was particularly touched that you intended the paper on Lady Osler for her, and inscribed it in such a charming way.

It was an excellent idea to reprint George Blumer's History Taking for the Associates of the Library.² I read it with much pleasure and I am sure it will be generally appreciated. It is very important to keep the interest of the associates alive. In Leipzig I used to issue small private publications every year for the friends of the Institute, and I had always hoped that the Welch Library would do something similar.

Speaking of Leipzig, it will amuse you to hear that I recently had several letters from members of the faculty who on behalf of the Minister of Education wanted to know if I would be willing to consider taking over my old Institute again. Professor von Brunn, who has the chair at the moment, is far over 70 and very ill.³ The Institute is in excellent shape, has never been bombed and has merely lost a few rare books that were hidden in an old castle and that the Russians shipped to Moscow. I need not tell you that I did not feel tempted.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Osler see letter 411. His wife, Grace R. Osler (1854-1928): F.'s paper on her (Fulton 1949b). In 1949, the hundredth birthday of Osler, F. wrote several papers on him.

² George Blumer (1858-1940) physician and author (Blumer 1949).

³ Walter von Brunn (1876-1952) German medical historian, S.'s successor in Leipzig.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 4 February 1950

Dear John,

Last night it suddenly occurred to me that you might care to have my History of Medicine designated as a publication of the Historical Library, and I would have no objection to it at all; on the contrary, I would be delighted. It would, of course, be clearly understood that this would not put any obligation on the Library as to the future of the project. Volume I was written and Volume II is being written while I am connected with the Library, so that you certainly are more than entitled to consider these volumes publications of the Library and to designate them as such. Vaudrin, I am sure, would welcome the idea.¹

I also meant to tell you that I would be very happy if you would contribute a preface to my first volume. I do not want you to think that you must do it but if you like the idea, I think that a preface coming from you would be most appropriate.

I do not know if I ever told you that I dedicated the book „To the memory of Karl Sudhoff, William H. Welch, Harvey Cushing, whose teachings and encouragement made this work possible“.²

With warm greetings, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Vaudrin see letter 351.

² Sudhoff see letter 43. Welch see letter 14. Cushing see 40.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 February 1950

My dear Henry:

Your nice letter of February 4th pleases us enormously. I had thought of raising the question of whether, in view of your informal association with Yale and the Historical Library, your History of Medicine might be designated as a publication from the Library.

But on second thought I wondered whether it would be claiming too much for the Library to have such a distinction, and I refrained from writing you. Now that you have proposed it, I can only say that we are thrilled; and if you wish a number to go in our monograph series, it will be No. 27.

My Rosenbach Lectures on „The Great Medical Bibliographers“ are to appear, I hope, by summer as a publication of the Pennsylvania University Press.¹ They will be No. 26 in our

series. I am sending a copy of this note to Phil Vaudrin for his information.² I had not heard of your dedication, but I am sure it will please everyone who is concerned with the history of medicine. As for a preface, I look upon such a request from you as a command; but as an amateur in matters historical, I feel shy and hesitant in associating my name with a work of such eminence.

I think I told you about my metabolic difficulties last summer. Things went from bad to worse during December and January, and I finally went up to George Thorn at the Brigham Hospital for a general check-up.³ He feels that I'll never get back into proper regulation without a holiday, so he has ordered me to defer my Louvain assignment until October and to take the next six months as a complete holiday with no formal responsibilities of any sort.⁴ Lucia and I are therefore sailing as we had planned on 23 February, and our address during March will be the Regina, Paris. We hope later in the month to go to Italy, but we have no reservations and I am afraid the Holy Year pilgrims may make it difficult to find anything. We shall undoubtedly be descending upon you at Lugano either going or coming from Italy. Meanwhile, our affectionate greetings to you both.

Sincerely yours,
John

¹ Rosenbach Lectures see letter 420 and (Fulton 1951a).

² Vaudrin see letter 351.

³ George Thorn (1906-2004) physician in chief of Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

⁴ "Louvain assignment" see letter 410.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 3 March 1950

Dear John,

I was terribly sorry to hear that you had so much trouble with your health. When I saw you in Milan last autumn, and heard of the many engagements that you had accepted, I felt very apprehensive; but I am delighted that Thorn was able to persuade you to take a long vacation.¹ This is just what you needed, and I am sure, that after six months you will again be in full control of your metabolism.

We saw in the Herald Tribune that you arrived in France, and we are very happy to know that we shall see Lucia and you, soon I hope. There should not be too much difficulty in securing reservations in good Italian hotels. Most pilgrims, after all, travel rather primitively. I plan to be here until the end of May, and you will be most welcome to us at any time.

The first week of June I will spend in England. I promised Janet Vaughan to give the Brice [sic] Lecture at Somerville College, and will also address the Royal Society of Medicine at the last meeting of the History Section under Underwood's presidency.² I am anxious to get illustrations for my second volume, and London with its wealth of museums is the ideal place for such a purpose.

I am so glad that you liked the idea of having my book listed as a publication from the library; it is an honor to me to be connected with it. And I count on your preface. Nothing

could please me more than to have your name associated with my book, together with those of Sudhoff, Welch and Cushing.³

Well, I hope you will have a very pleasant time in Paris. Soon they will be selling violettes de parme in the streets. We had a belated snowfall a week ago, but today I cut the first camellia, and the garden is full of crocuses, snowdrops and other spring flowers.

With warm wishes to Lucia and yourself in which Emmy joins, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Thorn see letter 426.

² Janet Vaughan (1899-1993) British physiologist, pupil of Sherrington, principal of Somerville College in Oxford. “Brice Lecture”: Probably James Bryce Lecture. Underwood see letter 356.

³ Sudhoff, Welch, and Cushing see letter 425.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 3 March 1950

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of the 21st saying that you are sending sections II-IV of your first volume; they have not yet arrived but I shall guard them carefully and return them promptly immediately I have perused them. Many thanks also for your generous comments about my Mond lecture.² I put a good deal of thought into it and to my surprise it has attracted rather more attention than I had anticipated. The title has apparently intrigued people, which reminds me of an amusing experience I had when I first went to New Haven. The local medical society invited me to read a paper and when they called for a title I suggested The Hypothalmus [sic]. The secretary called me a day or two later and said ‘for heaven’s sake what are you really going to talk about. No one has ever heard of the hypothalmus and you won’t have an audience.’ When he asked me what the main topics would be I said the hypothalmus regulates thirst, metabolism, also sex and sleep. He was a quick witted Irishman and said immediately “that’s perfect. Your title will be ‘Thirst, Metabolism, Sex and Sleep’.” Every doctor in town turned out along with their wives - and I think some who weren’t their wives !

I am scandalized by your report concerning the treatment accorded you by the Harvard University Press and unless you have serious objections I would like to report it directly to Mr. Conant because he had asked me several years ago for advice about the future management of the Press.³ I don’t think any of the advice was followed and your letter gives me an occasion to reopen the subject anew. After all, I hold two Harvard degrees which gives me the precious privilege of abusing the administration.⁴

We have decided to stay here until April 15 as we have had difficulty trying to obtain accomodation in Florence. If we are unsuccessful we shall probably come and vegetate in Lugano. If we do this you and Emmy must not have us on your mind as the one important thing in my mind is your History and we do not want to distract you in any way. I am getting the diabetes fairly well under control and have begun to feel much more secure about the future. An hour in the Louvre however still kills me off.

Our love to Emmy and our greetings to that nice secretary of yours.⁵

Yours ever

John Fulton

3:3 P.M. Je viens d'arriver

JF

¹ S.'s letter of 21 February is missing.

² Mond Lecture see letter 409 and (Fulton 1950a).

³ James B. Conant see letter 377.

⁴ "Two degrees": B.Sc. and M.D.

⁵ "Nice secretary": Claire Bacher.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 7 March 1950

My dear Henry,

We were immensely pleased to find your letter of March 3rd shortly after our arrival last week and I much appreciate your generous messages. We have had a quiet time for a week at the Regina and we are recovered from an extremely rough passage (that does things to the metabolism of even a normal person).¹

For me it will of course be a great honor to prepare a preface for the first volume of your forthcoming history; you did not mention how far along the first volume is and I forgot to ask Vaudrin when I saw him two weeks ago in New York.² Is the book as yet in type and if so when would the preface be required? I have nothing to do in the immediate future and I would like to put my mind on composing something that may be appropriate. When you approached the Oxford Press, did you prepare anything in the way of a general prospectus describing the aims and scope of the history? I know in a general way what they are, but I think I might be able to be a little more relevant if I had them before me in your own words.

I am of course greatly pleased that the opus is to be an official publication of the Historical Library. It will be the most significant publication with which the Library has ever been associated. I am glad that Janet Vaughan is prying you loose in June for the Bryce Lecture; she should pry me loose from anything, anytime she chose.³ I have known her from the early twenties and thought she was a goose not to get married because she had among other things such remarkable chromosomes. I think she has been married once [?] but it didn't work - or something.

Yours ever

John

Love to Emmy

¹ Regina: Hotel in Paris.

² Vaudrin see letter 351.

³ Vaughan and Bryce Lecture see letter 427.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 13 March 1950

My dear John,

Many thanks for your letter. I was sorry to hear that you had such a rough passage, and I must say that I always find flying much more comfortable; I must admit, however, that I never had the experience of a real storm in the air, although I flew many thousands of miles on four continents.¹

I expect galley proofs of Volume I at any moment, and do not know why I have not received them yet. Vaudrin intended to have the volume out as a spring issue, but it seems rather late for that.² He had nine tenths of the manuscript in hands in January 1949 and a complete manuscript at least half a year ago, so that there is nothing I can do in the matter but wait for the galleys to come. When they do arrive, I will send you a set, at least of the introductory part, because that will tell you best what the book is all about and how I approach the subject. Unfortunately I have no prospectus nor even a typescript of the first part here.

I am including the program of a small informal conference that will be held here in two weeks.³ If you happen to be in the neighborhood, we should, of course, be delighted to have you with us. The Swiss medical historians who teach the subject in the universities meet twice a year in Aarau to discuss their current problems.⁴ They usually bring some graduate students along or invite some colleagues from neighboring fields. This year it was decided to devote two days to the meeting and to hold it in Pura. We have a nice little hotel here that can accomodate the participants. As you see, we have quite a good program, with seven papers and plenty of time for discussion. The official convention of the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine and Science is held in the fall as a section of the Association for the Advancement of Science and is usually so rushed, that we very strongly felt the need for a more leisurely type of gathering.

Yes, Janet Vaughan is a great woman, and I am extremely fond of her.⁵ We were together in India in 1944, where we had a most interesting time and came to know one another rather well. I was very sorry to hear that John Ryle, who was with us in India also, died recently.⁶ You must have known him.

Emmy is in Geneva at the moment visiting with Erica, otherwise I know she would join me in sending Lucia and you our warm wishes.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

P.S. I have here a typescript of three fourths of Volume I including the sections on Primitive, Egyptian and Mesopotamian medicine. If this could be of any help to you, I should be glad to send it.

¹ “Four continents”: (North) America, Europe, Africa, Asia.

² Vaudrin see letter 351.

³ Pura Conferences: This was the first of these annual conferences; the participants were Heinrich Buess, Eduard Fueter, Edgar Goldschmid, Erich Hintzsche, Johannes Karcher, Nikolaus Mani, Bernhard Milt, Karl Reucker, Charles Salzmann.

⁴ Aarau: Town in northern Switzerland.

⁵ Vaughan see letter 427.

⁶ Ryle see letter 333.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris ?, 15 or 16 March 1950

My dear Henry,

Your nice letter of the thirteenth, enclosing the pleasant invitation to the Medizinhistorische Konferenz at Pura on the 25th and 26th März, arrived yesterday and I have been sorely tempted to come but I regret to report that I am really not up to much and anything in the way of travelling reduced me to a vegetable.¹ You have a most attractive programme arranged and I should particularly like to hear your paper on the Anfänge der Griechischen Heilkunde.² If you discover anything new about the physiology of Alkmeon I hope you will let me know.³

If I can recover from the chronic lassitude which has robbed me of most of my energy for the last three or four months we may go down to Florence during April and come back by way of Lugano and see you and Emmy.

I have been formulating ideas about a preface for your history and Vaudrin writes that he would like it some time in April. I don't like to ask you to send me the typescript of Vol. I of the History, but I should be fascinated by it as I have nothing much to do but read and try and resist the overtures of my book-seller friends. If I had it I am sure it would help me to be more relevant in the Preface.

With all good wishes, yours ever

John Fulton

¹ Pura Conference see letter 430.

² "Anfänge der Griechischen Heilkunde": Origins of Greek Medicine.

³ Alkmeon see letter 409. Vaudrin see letter 351.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 16 March 1950

Dear John,

I just received the carbon of your letter to Vaudrin of March 10, and I am sending you enclosed the carbon of a letter I just wrote him.¹ I suppose it would have been correct for me

to approach him before I wrote you in the matter of the preface, but I was anxious to have your consent, and never had any doubt that Vaudrin would be delighted with the idea.

The purpose of my book may perhaps be summarized in the following few points:

1) No detailed history of medicine has been written for over a hundred years.² The Handbuch of Puschmann, Neuburger and Pagel of 1902-1905 is not a history but a collection of essays, some of which are very good while others are very poor. The same is true of the three-volume book edited by Laignel-Lavastine, which has a few very excellent chapters, while most of them are very weak. The book, moreover, is primarily a picture book. Hence there is decidedly a need for a detailed history which at the same time will be a synthesis and starting point for further research. I tried to make the book readable but have it fully annotated so that it may serve all purposes.

I am probably one of the last medical historians prepared to write such a book, because I had a solid classical education, several years of university studies in Oriental languages combined with experience in medicine and public health. The historians of the young generation may be good historians and sociologists but usually lack philological training.

2) I am endeavoring to set a new pattern to medical historiography. Most books written on the subject so far were primarily histories of medical science, while I am also discussing the history of disease, of the patient, of the physician, of public health, of living and working conditions; in other words, of all factors and efforts that affect the people in health and disease.

3) The book will also be different from others in that it is more universal in its approach to the subject. Most histories trace the development of our own, that is, Western medicine, while I am taking a more global view. In volume II I give India almost as much space as Greece. In Volume III the Arabs will be in the foreground, and Chinese medicine will be discussed in detail. In Volume IV the civilizations of Central America and whatever we know of their medicine will be discussed. From the Renaissance on emphasis, of course will be on the West, where the most significant developments took place, but I will never lose sight of what happened on other Continents. In the history of science Sarton has the same universal approach.³

I just find that I once discussed medical historiography in a lecture at the New York Academy.⁴ I have no reprint of it, but I am sending you the book in which it was published under separate cover.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Vaudrin see letter 351. Carbon copy.

² “No detailed history of medicine for the past 100 years”: Surprisingly S. does not mention (Castiglioni 1941), (Garrison 1913) or 19th century works like those of Withington, Baas, Häser, Daremberg; mentioned are only (Neuburger/Pagel 1902) and (Laignel-Lavastine 1936).

³ Sarton see letter 75.

⁴ S.’s lecture on medical historiography (Sigerist 1938).

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 18 March 1950

My dear Henry,

Your letter of the sixteenth enclosing a copy of your very generous letter to Vaudrian [sic] about me, has just come and I am exceedingly grateful to you for the summary which you give of the aims and objectives of your history.¹ This will be no end helpful to me in composing the preface. I hope to get it in hand before the end of the month but I insist that you feel completely free to make any emendations or deletions that you feel are indicated. The history is going to be a great contribution to scholarship and I feel specially proud that you want me to be associated with it.

Good news from Lew Weed, who has just left Saranac and has settled in for three months in a house on his brother-in-law's estate in Reading, Pa.² He has taken on a new Jap servant who had been in the menage of an Episcopalian bishop for twenty years, and Lew writes that he is past-master at shaking good martinis and that his highballs are also impeccable. There are great advantages attaching to serving the cloth !

This is just a line to acknowledge your letter and I shall be writing you further as soon as I am able to put my mind on the preface. At the moment the only thing I can put my mind on is the autocratic decision of that ass, Lewis [sic] Johnson [....] he has just announced that the Department of Defense is turning the Army Medical Library over to Oscar Ewing and the Public Health Service and that the new building will be erected out in the wilderness of Bethesda.³ If I weren't something of a cripple I would take the next plane to Washington. I sent a cable of protest that cost me twenty three dollars ! I hope this news won't upset your gastric mucosa as it did mine –

Yours ever

John

I have no copy [....] as she [....] forgot to put in a carbon - I have been spoiled by an efficient harem !

¹ Vaudrin see letter 351.

² Lew Weed see letter 207. Saranac: Possibly the village in the Adirondacks, NY.

³ Louis A. Johnson secretary of defense. Oscar Ewing (1889-1980) at Federal Security Administration which is in charge of Public Health Service.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 21 March 1950

Dear John,

I sent you today a carbon of Sections II-IV of my first volume. As I wrote you before, I unfortunately have no carbon here of Section I, the Introductory section which would have been the most important for you. But, if you read e.g. the chapter on Egypt, you will have an idea of what the book is like. I am sorry to say, however, that the carbon is not good and not fully corrected. With these noisless machines you cannot get decent carbons.

Thanks ever so much for your beautiful Mond Lecture, which I read with the greatest pleasure.¹ How right you are in emphasizing the need for humanism in this age of science, and I am glad that you also mentioned the importance of reading the classics, those of science as well as the Greek and Roman classics.

You will be interested to hear that the Harvard University Press makes a charge for every quotation from the Loeb Classical Library.² Of twenty-one publishers from whose books I quote in my first volume, the Harvard Press was the only one to make a charge, to insist on a contract being made for the quotations and to request an advance copy of the book, whereupon I dropped the quotations and made my own translations of the passages in question. I am perfectly willing to pay a few dollars for a quotation, but I object to the principle of having the translations of the Loeb Classical Library retailed by the Harvard Press paragraph for paragraph, which was certainly not the intention of Loeb, who founded the series to make classical literature popular and not to provide a source of revenue for a publisher. As long as the series was in the hands of Heinemann and Putnam, the volumes were not copyrighted and the spirit was totally different. The Harvard Press has become so commercial that it should not have been entrusted with a series that is so tremendously important for the whole English speaking world. I had intended to make a wide use of it in my second volume, but now I am ignoring it entirely and am making my own translations or using old Adams. I repeat, that I do not care about paying a few dollars for quotations, but I object to the principle in the case of the Classics.

It was shocking news, indeed, to hear that the Army Medical Library will be turned over to the Public Health Service and that the new building is to be erected in Bethesda. What a damn fool Johnson is ! I saw in yesterday's Herald Tribune his announcement to the world that the Army was preparing biological, chemical and radiological weapons, much more potent than the hydrogen bomb, just to increase the jitters.

I am delighted to hear that Lew Weed has recovered so well and that he is in Japanese hands again. I have no doubt that this will accelerate his recovery still further.

With warm regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Mond Lecture see letter 409.

² Loeb Classical Library: Book series of Greek and Roman literature in original and translation. Heinemann and Putnam, publishers. „Old Adams“: Francis Adams, who wrote on ancient medicine, around 1850. Johnson and Weed see F. to S. of 18 March 1950.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 30 March 1950

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter of March 3. I liked your story of the hypothalamus [sic] and thought of it this morning when I read in the INTERNE a story that Maurice Visscher told in an address at last years [sic] annual convention of the AIMS.¹ A chemist was hauled before a magistrate charged with illegal possession of a still. He explained that he had done nothing illegal with it, but was explained that the mere possession of the equipment was a crime; whereupon he said that he felt he should plead guilty of other crimes as well, for instance of rape. When he was asked whether he had actually committed rape he said, „No, but I have the equipment for it in my possession.“ You may have heard the story before.

I was delighted to hear that you are getting your metabolism under control. Just keep very quiet, be very careful and do not let yourself be tempted by invitations. Of course, we would love to have you in Lugano and you would not disturb me a bit. I am well launched in Volume II and like to have a break from time to time. We could have a few boat rides and drive you to a few quiet places if you felt like it. The hotels are packed full during the week of Easter but once this is over, you can always get good accomodations at the Splendide or Palace. A hotel that has a very beautiful garden is Villa Castagnola, which is somewhat outside of Lugano. There is also the Clinica San Rocco, which is half sanatorium and half hotel. Should you ever wish to have a few weeks of real rest with strictly controlled diet and lab tests, this would probably be the place. They have a very good young doctor there, a former Resident of the Zurich University Hospital. If we can be of any help in making reservations, or otherwise, just let me know.

Our medico-historical conference went off very well.² The papers were remarkably good and the discussions were very stimulating. We were ten, just the right number for such an informal gathering, and the weather was perfect so that the Ticino presented itself in all its beauty.

As to the Harvard Press, I do not wish to create the impression as if I were complaining, but if you think that your writing to President Conant might help improve conditions, feel free to do so.³ I am including copies of my correspondence so that you have the facts straight. As you see, the fee they charged was very small. What I disliked was that they make such charges at all for short quotations, while all other publishers I approached do not, and I particularly resented their making charges requiring a contract and an advanced copy for quotations from the Loeb Classical Library.⁴

My first contact with the Harvard Press was a number of years ago, around 1943 or 1944. The Institute in Baltimore had been working extensively in the field of Greek and Roman medicine, and we had manuscripts practically ready of texts and translations of Caelius Aurelianus (never published since the 18th century and never translated into any modern language), and a collection of fragments of Praxagoras that had never been made in the past. We felt that these texts belonged in the Loeb Classical Library, where they would have had a

relatively good sale. The conditions that the Press offered, however, were simply impossible: The Institute was to pay for the entire cost of production of the volumes, the Press was to keep the total receipts from the sale of the first edition, and from the second edition on, the Institute would have received a small percentage of the receipts. The result is that Drabkin's Caelius Aurelianus is now being published by the University of Chicago Press, and I do not know what Temkin is going to do with Soranus and Praxagoras.⁵

By the way, have you heard that Sidney Licht in Cambridge, Mass. has commissioned Prof. Green to translate works of Galen into English?⁶ Charles C. Thomas will publish them, and I hear that *De sanitae tuenda* is being set in type.⁷ This is a splendid idea because Galen will never be sufficiently known before his complete works have been translated into modern language. If I had stayed in Baltimore, I would have launched a series of Greek and Latin medical classics, including some mediaeval authors, but it may be just as well to have different publishers take an interest in the field. Did you see the beautiful job that Williams and Wilkins did with Ilza Veith's Chinese classic?⁸

Love to you both and greetings from Claire⁹

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

P.S. The more I think about it, the more I believe that a month at Clinica San Rocco would do you a great deal of good. The season is perfect, and I could supply you with books; you would have a chance to relax completely. Talk it over with Lucia

¹ Hypothalamus story see letter 428. INTERNE: Possibly the abbreviation of a journal of internal medicine. Visscher, Maurice B. (1901-1983) physiologist. AIMS: Probably American Institute of Medical Science and Education.

² Pura Conference see letter 430.

³ Conant see letter 377.

⁴ Loeb Classical Library see letter 434.

⁵ Caelius Aurelianus (5th ct. A.D. ?) Roman physician, see (Drabkin 1950). Soranos of Ephesos (2nd ct. A.D.) Greek physician and author on gynecology. Praxagoras (4th ct. B.C.) Greek physician. No publication of this title by Temkin.

⁶ Licht, Sidney (1907-1997) physician. Green, Robert M. translator of Galen.

⁷ Thomas, Charles C., publisher.

⁸ Williams & Wilkins, publishers. Veith, Ilza (born 1915) medical historian, pupil of S.

⁹ Claire Bacher see letter 416.

Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 1 April 1950

Dear Henry,

Many thanks for your letter of the 30th. I was simply delighted with the interne story which was quite new and I am going to pass it on to Lew Weed who enjoys tales of that ilk.¹ I am sure it will expedite his convalescence. I have just written him a longish letter which also has a rather good story in it and I enclose the carbon. Will you let me have it again some time for my file.

The various sections of the first volume of your History have arrived and while I have not yet been through them all, I am thrilled with the parts which I have read. It is all beautifully turned out, well documented and is of course just the type of thing that you will expect from your able pen. I am getting at the drafting of the preface this week-end and I hope to send you a preliminary draft some time next week.

I appreciate your advice about my metabolic problems and the suggestion of a month at Clinica San Rocco is very attractive. I am conferring at the moment with the people at the American Hospital here and I shall let you know later what they advise.

The correspondence with the Harvard Press people interested me very much and I shall probably bring it to Mr. Conant's attention next time I write.² I thought perhaps first, however, I would find out from I. Bernard Cohen just who is responsible now for formulation of policy at the Harvard Press.³

The news about Green's proposed translation of Galen into English is very exciting, but I am much surprised to hear that Charles Thomas is willing to take on publication.⁴ He is the most cautious man in seven kingdoms and one of the most ruthless - but perhaps he is feeling the heat of Schuman's competition.⁵ This reminds me that my associate - Elizabeth Thomson - has finished her short biography of Harvey Cushing for the Life of Science series and it will be out next month.⁶ I am really very proud of her and feel, as I guess you do, about Genevieve.⁷

Greetings to Claire and all good wishes to you both.⁸

John

¹ Weed see letter 207.

² Conant see letter 377.

³ Cohen see letter 380.

⁴ Green and Thomas see letter 435.

⁵ Schuman see letter 250.

⁶ Elizabeth Thomson, Research Associate at the Historical Library.

⁷ Genevieve Miller.

⁸ Claire Bacher see letter 416.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 5 April 1950

My dear Henry,

I am simply delighted with the reprint of your letter from Pura.¹ It is written in your best vivacious style and as with all the things you write it contains much interesting and informative factual information. I of course appreciated your generous reference to me and my prowess in the sphere of aviation medicine. I may not have told you that on that rather rugged trip from Paris there was an 81 year old Cardinal in the seat in front of me who believed [sic] more in God than he did in oxygen and when we were at an altitude of 21,000 feet over the alps he turned purple and lost consciousness. The stewardess, who was also anoxic, didn't quite know what to do about it so it remained for me to administer oxygen to this prince of the church. I managed to bring him around while getting anoxic myself and

when he came to [?] he seemed to have some doubt as to whether or not my intentions were honourable !

We have been having a series of most extraordinary experiences in Paris. There seems never to be a dull moment. The other day at lunch a casual restaurant acquaintance told us of a quiet little place near the Etoile run by White Russians where they always had caviar Auberge Amrillé. This was too much for me as I have a great weakness for caviar and it fits in with my diet. So off we went at 8 o'clock for dinner there. I was a little shaken when we entered because there were about 30 waiters all groomed in immaculate white ties, tails and white gloves, and to be sure they had fresh caviar flown in that day from the Caspian at \$ 5 a throw. I saw that we were in for and took it stoically, knowing we could eat for the next two weeks at real bistros on the left bank. But I didn't appreciate what was really coming. At 9 o'clock some 15 gentlemen of the press arrived with cameras, movie equipment and flood-lights and shortly thereafter the idol of the French cinema, Michel Simon, appeared with his 15 mistresses and their various consorts and every gal was in someone's lap within 10 minutes.² One almost landed in mine after a tumbler of vodka, mistaking me for her escort. But the best was yet to come. A ravishing (but I am sure not unravished) red headed Delila with a pair of clippers in [?] an umbilical plunge landed in Monsieur Simon's lap and proceeded to remove his Mephistophlean beard which he had apparently grown for his film *Dr. Faustus*. We were at the next table and having had our caviar and vodka there seemed to be only one other thing to do and that was to order a bottle of champagne and a few gateaus [sic] for Lucia [?] we were presented by a majestic white-gloved waiter with a bill for 12,000 francs ! But the unexpected entertainment and the plunges were really worth it. Lucia had a slight headache the next morning but I am glad to report that I was sugar-free and have been without insulin for a week. So I am feeling enormously encouraged and as I told Lucia yesterday the gals of Paris are beginning to look prettier and prettier.

With all good wishes, yours ever,

John

P.S. I have a first draft of the Preface which I shall polish tomorrow and send it on after a session with Mme Doucet [?]. This has been typed by my 22 year old gal friend Pam - who thinks I am very odd !³

¹ *Letter from Pura* (Sigerist 1950a).

² Michel Simon (1895-1975) French actor.

³ Mme. Doucet and Pam were F.'s helps in Paris.

My dear Henry,

When I wrote the life of Harvey Cushing I found it a very exacting responsibility because I believed in him and was utterly devoted to him. I feel the same way about you and I have procrastinated about the preface for your History because I felt somehow an interloper in the field of serious scholarship. However, with complete immodesty, I do feel that I represent a

certain group of those seriously interested in the history of medicine and I am especially proud to have the privilege of saying what we all feel about you. I speak not for myself but for a very large group of those whom you have stimulated in most vital fashion and, I like to think that I know enough about scholars in Western Europe to feel that I represent them in stating what you have contributed. I knew Sudhoff and admired him more as a scholar than as a man (because he irritated me and he died a Nazi but he gave us a tremendous amount in learning, and I think he had a touch of arterial disease toward the end of his life).¹

I enclose a wholly provisional preface to your History, and I want you to feel completely free to add and subtract, and if you do not think it is worthy of the history you have written you must tell me in utter candour. I have just been recovering from a wretched metabolic upset which I have already written you about and I do not fully trust my judgment; but I know that your History is²

¹ Sudhoff see letter 43.

² The remainder of this letter is missing.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 18 April 1950

My dear John,

Claire is in Florence and this is why I am so late in answering your letters.¹ I am doing my own typing and I am afraid it is going to be very poor. I suppose I need a new ribbon but I am not quite sure how to put it in. Is it not terrible that we are so dependent on girls (in every respect) ? Claire left without a hotel reservation and I warned her that she would have to spend the first night under Ponte Vecchio but somehow she managed to get a room inspite of the Easter rush, I would never have been able to.

First of all, I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the perfectly superb preface; it is a beautiful piece of writing and much more than I deserve.² Your friendship makes me very happy and it is a source of constant inspiration for me to know that I have friends who take an interest in my work. Do not change a line in the preface; it has a certain Easter serenity that must be preserved.

Of course, you are perfectly right in what you say about Sudhoff.³ I am grateful to him because he was my teacher and got me started in the right way. He urged me to work on tough early mediaeval texts when I would have much preferred to write nice stories, and I owe him much of my equipment. His work is simply colossal but he had great weaknesses first of all an almost pathological vanity. I could tell you stories that you would hardly believe. May be it resulted from a feeling of inferiority. To the age of fifty he was a small town practitioner who had published very little. He came to the university late and in the highly hierarchized German university was looked upon with a certain suspicion by his colleagues. He was very ambitious and intolerant and mistreated his colleagues in a shocking way. Neuburger, Ruska and many others suffered a great deal from it.⁴ He was always very nice to me because I was his student and I could tell him a lot that he would never have taken from others. Later when he became a Nazi our correspondence stopped almost entirely. It was probably his vanity that made him join the Nazis; he did not want to be left out and the Nazis, of course welcomed

every famous man who joined their ranks voluntarily. I was told that [,] old man that he was, he marched in parades in a brown shirt carrying a Nazi flag. A sad end - senility, of course, was a factor too and probably also wrong sort of patriotism. He was a fanatical German who suffered a great deal from the defeat of World War I. I have many very revealing letters of Sudhoff that I will present some day to the Historical Library.

I am returning the letter to Lew Weed - I liked the story.⁵ [sic] also your caviar adventure. No objection to caviar, but I am not sure that the vodka that goes with it was good or the champagne on top of it. I hope you have recovered from your upset. Take care of yourself and let me know how you are.

I have not seen the Withering biography and have not heard about it. It is probably too early for reviews.⁶

My warm wishes to both of you and pardon my long silence. The Easter holiday that brought us Erica and a number of friends, and Claire's absence upset my day's work.⁷

As ever your

[Henry]

¹ Claire Bacher see letter 416.

² Preface to (Sigerist 1951a).

³ Sudhoff see letter 43; his letters were indeed presented to the Historical Library after S.'s death and from there found their way into the Sigerist Papers of the Yale University Library.

⁴ Neuburger see letter 136. Julius F. Ruska (1867-1949) German orientalist and historian of science.

⁵ Weed see letter 207.

⁶ William Withering (1741-1799) British physician, described the medical uses of foxglove.

⁷ Erica Sigerist (daughter).

Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 19 April 1950

My dear Henry,

I am delighted to have your letter acknowledging the Preface to the History and it is a great satisfaction to know that the general tenor of the Preface pleased you. Before receiving your letter I did some tinkering with the text and I also sent it back to New Haven where I knew that Madeleine [sic] Stanton and Elizabeth Thomson, who invariably rewrite anything I put on paper, would have constructive suggestions.¹ They did and I now send you the result of our combined efforts. I feel somehow that it is considerably better than the draft which I originally sent you but if you feel that we should return to any of the original phraseology I should be very glad to do so. As you say so rightly the gals in our life are so indispensable in so many directions; I never dare let anything loose of an historical nature that has not been critically surveyed by Madeleine [sic] and Elizabeth. They almost always pick up some of my most ridiculous blunders; now and again but not very often I pick up theirs.

I have also sent a copy of the Preface to Temkin, Bill Francis and Lew Weed because I have great confidence in their judgment, and they also have a keen appreciation of the great importance of your project.²

But speaking of our gal friends I am glad to hear that Claire did not have to sleep under the Ponte Vecchio when she went to Florence over Easter.³ You and I might have had to but I am sure that nothing like that could ever happen to her. Will you give her my respectful salutations.

Your comments about Sudhoff interest me enormously; you are generous and tolerant as you of course would be to one who had given you much of your original stimulus in historical research and I know that everyone will respect you for it --- at least everyone who is not a bigotted senator Macarthy [sic].⁴ You are more than generous to suggest presenting your Sudhoff correspondence to the Historical Library and being the shrinking violet who tries never too actively to encourage the giving of gifts, I can only say that we shall be utterly thrilled to receive it. Miss Stanton repeatedly tells me that I am without shame and without conscience; perhaps so but we really have a good library and through friends such as you it is growing stronger every day. I have found some good things here in Paris; I don't quite know how we are going to pay for them yet but we have a new President in the offing at Yale who believes in us and I think we may one day have a proper book fund that is not derived from royalties and the sale of duplicates.⁵ Meanwhile the royalties from my two text-books, the 16th edition of Howell and the third edition of the Physiology of the nervous system, both of which have appeared in the last four [?] months will help a lot and I think keep us solvent for another two or three years.⁶ They printed 20 thousand of the Howell last September and I have just heard they are going into a new printing --- which gives me courage with my book-seller friends; but the Howell does not really compete with Mr. Kinsey.⁷ Perhaps I should go in for sex !

I was simply delighted with your letter and I wanted to tell you so immediately.

Yours ever

John Fulton

¹ Madeline Stanton and Elizabeth Thomson see letter 183 and 436.

² Francis see letter 172. Lew Weed see letter 207.

³ Claire Bacher see letter 416.

⁴ Sudhoff see letter 207. Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, leader of the anti-communist "witch hunt".

⁵ Yale President Alfred Whitney Griswold (1906-1963).

⁶ The two textbooks are (Howell/Fulton 1949) and (Fulton 1938b).

⁷ First Kinsey Report on sexual behavior (Kinsey 1948).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 25 April 1950

Dear John,

Thanks ever so much for your letter of April 19 and for the revised version of the preface. I did not think that it could be improved, but it decidedly is and reads more smoothly. I made one little change: I was 56 not 55 when I retired from Hopkins, as I was born in 1891 and left the University in 1947. This is not important, but we may as well have the facts correct, and I overlooked the point in the first draft.

It is a shame that the Historical Library has not a decent budget and must rely on royalties and similar sources of income.¹ How very generous of you to let them have the royalties from your books.

If the Library receives many gifts, this is primarily due to the fact that the donors know that whatever they present is appreciated and kept in good condition. This, I am sorry to say, was not always the case at Hopkins. Of course, I saw to it that whatever the Institute received was acknowledged, catalogued, well-kept and exhibited; you saw a number of our exhibits. In the Welch Library, however, - this between you and me - conditions were chaotic to the very time I left the University.² This was due to several causes of which the chief one was that the first Welch librarian namely Garrison was old and not interested in administrative matters.³ I think that it is not unfair to say that he completely fell down on the job. It was a big task to consolidate three different libraries and a number of special collections, all of which were catalogued according to different systems or not catalogued at all. There were also petty jealousies between the staffs, the old ladies that had to be taken over from the Hospital, Medical School and School of Hygiene. I liked Garrison very much and it was very stimulating to have him in the school. He was one of the most cultured individuals I ever met, keenly interested in everything except library administration. The result was that very many books were never catalogued, that the existing catalogues were never consolidated and that the Library had boxes full of documents, autograph letters, etc., that could never be found. Kelly presented the Library with a very fine collection of Japanese and Chinese books, which Ilza Veith is cataloguing now.⁴

Larkey came during the depression, when the budget was shrinking every year, so that he could not do much.⁵ When I was acting Librarian for three years, I hoped to be able to clean up the mess, and it could have been done financially, because the Library saved the librarian's and other salaries so that about \$ 60,000 were available. I had a plan all worked out according to which the Library would have been cleaned up in one year's time, once and for all, but the war was on, Bowman was not interested and Chesney thought one should not take personnel away from other institutions so that nothing happened.⁶

Most of my correspondence from 1925 to 1932 remained at Leipzig and that from 1932 to 1947 at Baltimore, but the letters of Sudhoff, Neuburger, Klebs, Singer and other medical historians that I still have, I will give to the Historical Library; I am sorting them at the moment.⁷

We had awful weather for the last two weeks, with snow on the hills, but it may change from one day to the other.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

P.S. I am returning the preface enclosed as you may wish to have this copy.

¹ Historical Library of the Yale Medical Library.

² Welch Medical Library of the Johns Hopkins University.

³ Garrison see letter 80.

⁴ Kelly see letter 165. Ilza Veith see letter 435.

⁵ Larkey see letter 76.

⁶ Bowman see letter 344. Alan M. Chesney (1888-1964) professor and dean at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. S.'s letters mentioned see also letter 439.

⁷ Sudhoff see letter 207. Neuburger see letter 136. Klebs see letter 63. Singer see letter 93.

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*Sigerist to Fulton, 1 May 1950*¹

Dear John,

I just received from the Harvard University Press a carbon of their letter of April 25 addressed to you. It contains a great deal of information that I did not have, and could not possibly have. I was particularly sorry to hear that the New York branch of the Oxford University Press has not joined the agreement of the American university presses about reciprocal free quoting.

I still believe that it is a mistake to make charges for quotations from the Loeb Classical Library, as its purpose should be to propagate the knowledge of ancient literature as widely as possible. I also think that funds could be obtained from foundations to subsidize the series, or at least certain volumes of it. There is a tendency now to pay more attention to the humanities, and I could not think of any more important project than the Loeb Classical Library. If France is able to finance a superb collection of Greek and Roman classics (that of the Association Guillaume Budé), the volumes of which are sold at a very low price, this should be possible in America also.

As I wrote you before, I have no objection to paying a few dollars to a publisher for a quotation, but as a friend of classical studies, I am greatly concerned about the principle involved, and I must say, that I was rather astonished that of twenty-one publishers from whose books I quote passages, the Harvard Press was the only one that made a charge.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

[Henry]

P.S. I am sending a carbon of this letter to Mr. Thomas J. Wilson of the Harvard University Press.

¹ See also letter 434.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 3 May 1950

My dear Henry,

I have been having some of the troubles that you had over the Easter week-end when you lost your faithful Claire.¹ Pam was gone to London for two weeks and Mme. Doucet has been

heavily involved with an English avocat - platonically I am sure, so my correspondence is profoundly in arrear; having been spoilt by a harem for the last 25 years I keenly dislike writing letters by hand because I know in advance that no one can read them.²

I was immensely pleased by your reaction to the revised version of the Preface which you sent me last week. I sent it on immediately to Miss Stanton asking her to incorporate two or three suggestions that Temkin and Donald O'Malley had suggested and I asked her to send it on immediately to Vaudrin.³ I also had her send copies to Mary Astor and Joch Whitney as I want them to know about the present status of the History.⁴

In a letter which arrived yesterday from you[,] you commented on the letter of the Director of the Harvard Press. I had not actually written either to the Press or to Mr. Conant but apparently my loyal staff in the Historical Library were so exercised when they read your letter that they sounded out I. Bernard Cohen and he in turn must have taken it to the Press.⁵ The reaction seems to have been instantaneous; I thought Mr. Wilson's letter was a rather silly one but we have certainly put him on the defence.⁶ His letter reached the Library by special delivery and was marked "Urgent - Please forward immediately". I shall take my time about acknowledging it and wait until Mme. Doucet concludes her affair with the 'avocat anglais' !

I still am not feeling up to doing much and on the advice of the people at the American Hospital we have reluctantly decided not to come to Switzerland, but we plan to cross to England on May 18th and will be at the Mayfair until we sail on the Queen Mary June 1st.⁷ A very curious thing has happened in that I have not only been off insulin for five weeks but have developed a rather conspicuous case of hyperinsulinism; and I suspect that it may be due to an islet tumor. They are easily removed and the prognosis is good but I don't want to risk an operation over here, for if there are any complications it would be an awful nuisance for Lucia.

Our warm greetings to Emmy and the girls, if they are with you; also to Claire.

Yours ever,
John

¹ Claire Bacher.

² Pam and Duocet see letter 437. Avocat = lawyer.

³ Stanton see letter 183. Charles D. O'Malley (medical) historian. Vaudrin see letter 351.

⁴ Astor and Whitney see letter 416.

⁵ Conant see letter 377. Cohen see letter 380.

⁶ Wilson see letter 442.

⁷ Mayfair Hotel, Paris.

Dear John,

I was very sorry to hear that you had to change your plans, and, of course, we are disappointed that you will not be able to come to Switzerland. The only compensation is that I

will have a chance to see you in London, where I shall be on my way to Oxford May 29 to 31. I am flying from Zurich and have decided to spend a couple of days in London first, in order to see Charles Singer, who will be there at the time.¹ I plan to be at Oxford May 31 to June 5 when I will be back in London until June 12. I have a reservation at the Ivanhoe Hotel, and I very much hope to have a glimpse of Lucia and you.

Your pancreas is certainly giving you a lot of trouble, and I understand very well that you prefer to be at home for an operation. I hope that all will go well and that you will be completely restored once it is over.

The Harvard Press really had a big scare, and I am sure it did them a lot of good, as it forced them to think over their policies. Of course, it is not necessary to bother Conant now.²

I wish I could see you off at Southampton on June 1st, but this is just the day I should give the Bryce Lecture at Somerville College.

Best wishes to both of you from both of us and also from Claire

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Charles Singer see letter 93; his home as a retiree was in Cornwall.

² Conant see letter 377.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 8 May 1950

Dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of the 5th. I am delighted to learn that we may see you in London the end of this month. I have sent all my correspondence back to the office and I don't recall whether I told you that we would be staying at the Mayfair Hotel after the 19th. Give us a ring when you find you have a free moment as we shall want you to take lunch or dinner with us. There are a great many things I want to talk to you about[,] relating to the Library and to future plans.

That letter from the Harvard Press still amuses me. I haven't yet acknowledged it because I think it is just as well for them to remain a bit worried.

With all good wishes from us both ,

Yours ever,

John

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 3 July 1950

My dear John,

I feel most apologetic for being so late with my report this year.¹ I was frightfully busy correcting galleys of my first volume and somehow had not collected the data for the report in time. But now the galleys are off; the printer did a beautiful job and there was very little to correct.

It was a very great pleasure indeed to hear from Madeline that you are back in New Haven, feeling comfortable, and I hope to hear soon that you have recovered entirely.² Your many friends in Europe hope to see you next year.

I greatly enjoyed the two weeks in England. I had not been there since the war and found conditions infinitely better than I had expected. Excellent work is being done in every field. Medical history, as you well know, still needs a centre and it is a great pity that the Wellcome Museum and the Library are separated. I found Singer very cheerful and more active than ever; Dorothea, however, has aged a great deal and seems to be in rather poor health.³ Oxford is a regular island of scholarship and peace in a troubled world; you completely forget the cold war and the food at Magdalen College is still exquisite. I had dinner there as a guest of Hugh Sinclair who takes a very active part in the recently organized Society of the History of Medicine.⁴ I, of course, also saw Sherwood Taylor and his Museum in the Old Ashmolean.⁵ In London I had a most pleasant evening with the medical librarians, Le Fanu, Bishop, Poynter, Morton etc. a most congenial group of people who do excellent work in medical history.⁶ It is so easy to get to England from Switzerland by air that I may go again next year. In the meantime I shall probably go to Copenhagen in October for four lectures.

I expect Genevieve here toward the middle of the month. Shryock, Urdang, others are to follow and we shall miss you when we have our symposium in August.⁷

With warm wishes to yourself and your ladies

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Report (Sigerist 1950c).

² Madeline Stanton see letter 183.

³ Singer see letter 93; his wife and collaborator Dorothea.

⁴ Sinclair, Hugh (1910-1990) British biochemist and nutrition expert.

⁵ Taylor, Sherwood F. (1897-1956) of Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archeology, Oxford

⁶ Le Fanu, William R.; Bishop, W. J.; Poynter Frederick N. L., Wellcome librarians. Morton, Leslie T., librarian at St. Thomas Hospital, London.

⁷ Anglo-American Symposium in Pura of August 9-11, 1950 with Urdang Madison, WI), W. R. Bett (London), Genevieve Miller (Baltimore), P. William (New York), E. A. Underwood (London), E. R. Weinerman (California), J. N. Morris (London), P. Kimbre (New York), I. Perry (California). Shryock see letter 403.

Urdang, George (1882-1960) German-American historian of pharmacy.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 5 July 1950

Dear John,

I wonder if the Library could do me a very great favor ? Could you find somebody who would be good enough to check the titles of my Appendix IV of which I am including a set of galleys. The cards from which the list was made were checked carefully at the time, but this was a few years ago and since then they have been copied and set in type so that a wrong initial or page number might have crept in very easily.

I have no way of doing this here, while you must have most of the journals readily available at Yale.

If you find any mistakes, will you please communicate with Miss Margaret Nicholson at Oxford University Press, Inc., 114 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y., who is my editor, and there will certainly be time to make the corrections, at least on the page proof.¹

With kind regards , I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Nicholson see letter 421.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 July 1950

My dear Henry:

On returning from the midwest I find your letter of July 3d [sic] and your gratifying annual report.¹ You do these things so extraordinarily well; they always make good reading and the record, as usual, is a most impressive one. You have certainly not been idle ! As with your last report, we propose to include it as an appendix to our Library report. I trust this meets with your approval.

What a man ! Since you could not trust your Sanskrit scholar friends, you had to brush up on your own knowledge of the language ! There is some interesting medical lore in Iceland and I suppose when you come to deal with it, you will have to get your Icelandic in good form !

I was much interested in the account of your trip to England. Bishop, whom you mentioned, left shortly after he had seen you and gave us a most enthusiastic account of your lecture before the Medical Library section.² He in turn gave a very excellent lecture in Boston before our Medical Library Association. It was really a first rate presentation and I didn't realize before I heard it that he has such a sense of humour and can even be slightly caustic. The three hundred gals and Henry Viets were in quite a dither after he had spoken.³

If Genevieve is with you, be sure to give her our warm greetings.⁴ I am of course disappointed not to be at Pura for the symposium but I shall count on you and Genevieve to give me a detailed account.⁵

Madeline is working on the bibliographical appendix to your book and as soon as the things have been verified, she will send them off to the press.⁶ She finds some inconsistencies in the style of abbreviation of the journal titles but I have suggested that she leave them as they are if they are clear because it would cost too much at this juncture to put them all in standard World List form.

Good news from Lew Weed who is now up at his place in Cross Fork writing saucy notes to his friends.⁷ He has resigned, however, from the chairmanship of the Division of Medical Science and has been succeeded by Winternitz.⁸ He has retained his various trusteeships -- the Carnegie, Institute for Advanced Study, Yale Corporation, etc. He enjoys this kind of thing but I think Washington was really too much for him.

I enclose a bit of Rabelaisian nonsense for your postprandial consumption.⁹

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

John

¹ Annual report (Sigerist 1950c).

² Bishop see letter 446.

³ Viets see letter 75.

⁴ Genevieve Miller.

⁵ Pura Symposium see letter 446.

⁶ Madeline Stanton see letter 183.

⁷ Lew Weed see letter 207. Cross Fork, PA.

⁸ Division of Medical Sciences, part of the National Research Council in Washington, DC. Winternitz see letter 37.

⁹ Enclosed was among others a "Menu for a Slightly Rabelaisian Dinner" of 10 November 1944 in honor of Edward Clark Streeter, see letter 248. François Rabelais (1494-1553) French writer, popularly known for his grotesque and bawdy writings.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 25 July 1950

My dear Henry and Genevieve, if she is still there,¹

That amusing card proposing yourselves for membership in the Rabelaisian circle has all but thrown us into a convulsion.² I gather that you must have enjoyed the irreverent piece and I enclose another one for Genevieve as I guess she is old enough to read it. You are indeed enthusiastically welcomed into the Circle and when opportunity presents itself, I shall see that you learn the grip and have appropriate ceremonial words said over you with some 1929 Chateau Latour in the baptismal font.

I think you may not have seen a dinner menu which we put together for Edward Streeter's seventieth birthday.³ It is one of Carl Rollins' better efforts as a printer and I think you will enjoy it.⁴

I have finished my two annual reports and now feel free as air -- free to get on with my history of physiology.

With all good wishes and special greetings to those who attend the symposium,⁵

Yours ever,

John

¹ Genevieve Miller.

² See letter 448.

³ Edward Streeter see letter 248.

⁴ Rollins see letter 131.

⁵ Pura Conference see letter 446.

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Sigerist to Fulton, 4 September 1950

My dear John:

I meant to write you long ago to thank you for your letter of 25 July and for the fascinating menu of the Rabelaisian dinner of 1944 and to tell you about the Pura Conference but I was frightfully busy during the past month, first with the Conference, then with making the Index of Vol. I, and now I just spent a week in Geneva where I addressed Milton Roemer's group and had talks with several officers of the World Health Organization.¹ They would like me to give them a few lectures in which they want me to develop a kind of philosophy of world health. Well, we shall see.

The Conference succeeded very well. The spirit was excellent, the papers were good and the discussions very lively. George Rosen offered to publish the „Transactions“ of the meeting in the Journal.² I have to think the matter over because some papers would need polishing. Some - like my own - were given from notes and still have to be written but I think that a worthwhile publication could be made from the material we have. More than ever I am convinced that there is a definite need for such small informal gatherings. I conveyed your greetings and everybody regretted that you were not present. Shryock unfortunately was not here either.³ He sailed home sooner than he had expected. He got stuck in Europe once before when a war broke out and he is afraid to be caught again (although I must say that personally I do not believe that the war will spread to the west.⁴ You would be astonished how little war talk there is on this side of the Atlantic).

I hate to bother you but I would greatly appreciate it if you could let me know what the chances are of having my appointment at Yale renewed for a few years.⁵ As you undoubtedly know[,] it expired on 30 June of this year. If for some reason or other the appointment would not be renewed I would have to look for a job and it would take me some time to find one. My book is so well launched by now that I would hate to interrupt it. I cannot expect any royalty from the first volume because I had an advance royalty of 2000 dollars in 1946 when I signed the contract with the Oxford Press. I needed the money at the time for a trip to Europe with the family. In a few years, once several volumes of the book will have been published, I think I may count on a certain income from the book.⁶ The next few years will be the critical ones.

I hope your health continues to improve and with kind regards I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Pura Conference (Symposium) see letter 446. Milton I. Roemer (1916-2001) health administrator, pupil of S..

² George Rosen, see letter 251. A note of the Pura Symposium did not appear in the „Journal“ of Medical History and Allied Sciences.

³ Shryock see letter 403.

⁴ “I do not believe that the [Korean] war will spread to the west“.

⁵ S.’s Yale appointment was originally for three years.

⁶ S.’s prognosis for the next few years proved utterly unrealistic.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 9 September 1950

My dear Henry:

I was utterly dumfounded when I received your letter of 4 September saying that your Yale appointment had terminated on 30 June of this year. Madeline Stanton is away on holiday so I am not able to determine yet exactly what happened, but I suppose that owing to the fact that I was in Paris in February when reappointments are ordinarily recommended, nothing was put on paper, and the Secretary’s Office, instead of making the usual enquiries, failed to do so.¹ During my absence the University was over-zealous in not bothering me about routine things, and this no doubt accounts for the near calamity. Thank Heaven, you wrote me about it because we are more proud of your association with Yale University than of almost anyone who has become connected with us in recent times. We are also proud that your history is to appear under the auspices of the Historical Library.

I wrote Mr. Whitney a few weeks ago, telling of the progress of your history and sending him a copy of your annual report.² I sincerely hope that he will feel impelled to renew the grant on the same basis as the previous grant. He has not thus far replied to my letter, and I think it would probably be unwise to do anything further until Miss Stanton returns toward the end of this month.

I am most interested to see the program of the Pura meeting, and I more than ever regret that I could not have been there.³ Informal meetings of this sort are always most attractive and stimulating, and under your direction they would be particularly so.

We are just recovering from an International Congress of Cell Biology which has had sessions here all during the week. They are a nice lot, but my only objection to them is that they never seem to know when it is bedtime ! The Congress made a great to-do over young Victor Rothschild who was reporting upon his studies on spermatozoa carried out at Trinity College.⁴ The upshot of the report seemed to be that spermatozoa tend to swim toward eggs - all of which was well documented by his Lordship’s movie demonstration. The Congress members were fascinated but they were a little disappointed when he added as an afterthought that they were the spermatozoa of a sea urchin - nothing baronial !

With best wishes,
Yours ever,
John

Love to Emmy

¹ Stanton see letter 183.

² Whitney see letter 416.

³ Pura meeting see letter 446.

⁴ Victor Rothschild (1910-1990) British biologist, teaching physiology at Trinity College, Cambridge, England.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 9 September 1950 (telegram)

YOUR YALE APPOINTMENT HAS NOT TERMINATED SECRETARYS OFFICE
CONFUSED OWING TO CHANGE PRESIDENCY FORMAL NOTIFICATION
REAPPOINTMENT WILL COME FOLLOWING OCTOBER MEETING CORPORATION
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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 28 September 1950

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 17th which I have not acknowledged as promptly as I ordinarily would because I was awaiting Madeline Stanton's return from her Minnesota holiday.¹ I had meanwhile been in touch with the Office of the Secretary of the University, and Mr. Lohmann was very much upset that the question of your reappointment had not been brought to our attention last spring when such things are ordinarily reviewed.² The next meeting of the Corporation takes place on October 7th after our new President, Whitney Griswold, has been installed (October 6th), and you will forthwith have notification of your reappointment and it will be as from July 1st so that there will be no lapse.³ As I said in my earlier letter, the fault is really mine because I simply didn't think about it when I was in Paris; I was much more interested in the Preface to your first volume which I was so proud to be invited to contribute.

I am in somewhat of a quandary about Jock Whitney.⁴ I did remind him of your continued study and the fact that the first volume of your History was in press. I am sure the family wish to continue the grant, but Mr. Whitney is an erratic man who is often tardy in correspondence. I am writing him again this week, posing the direct question. If it turns out that he is unable to continue, I shall go to Alan Gregg.⁵ Meanwhile, I very much regret that you are faced with

this uncertainty as we don't want you to interrupt your work on the History and we are especially eager that you continue to have the secretarial assistance so essential for preparing your materials for press.

You have probably seen the announcement of the Ford Foundation and the fact that Mr. Paul Hoffman is taking over as director. Young Henry Ford sent me a personal letter the other day enclosing an advanced copy of the prospectus announcing the Foundation, and two members of his advisory board have asked me for advice about the areas which they might most profitably support. I don't know whether they will listen to my proposal about medical history; but if they do, you will be top man on my agenda. Don't take all this too seriously as nothing may come of it, but they have 238 million dollars to play with, and they are planning to use principal rather than income. If you think of any particular approach that might be appealing to a hardfisted fellow like Paul Hoffman, let me know. The Foundation is interested in human behavior, the social sciences, and promoting peace and human welfare !

With all good wishes and affectionate greetings to you both in which Lucia and the whole Library staff join,

Yours ever sincerely,

John Fulton

¹ S.'s letter is missing. Stanton see letter 183.

² Lohmann see letter 143.

³ Griswold see letter 440.

⁴ Whitney see letter 416.

⁵ Gregg see letter 403..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 12 October 1950

My dear Henry:

We were all very much touched by your nice letter from Copenhagen reporting upon your lectures and your visit with the local medical historians.¹ I was very much disappointed not to be there, because I am especially fond of the Danes, and I had wanted to renew my contacts, not only with the physiologists, but with the medical historians who, in the past, have been a small but very distinguished group. You no doubt discovered that they reproduced Steno's volume on the structure of the cerebral cortex; we have the original in the Library, and on looking it up the other day I discovered, rather to my embarrassment - because I had forgotten - that Dr. Cushing gave it to me on his seventieth birthday, April 8, 1939.² He was always doing things like this, and although my memory for such things is usually quite good, I had completely forgotten about it.

I think you will be having some word about your reappointment shortly, as the Corporation met several days ago - it usually takes the Secretary's Office about ten days to send out the votes.

Jock Whitney, it seems, is away on a cruise, and he has not yet answered my letter; but I shall let you know immediately I hear from him.³

Roemer has just been to see me, and he carried warm greetings from you both.⁴ He was most enthusiastic about all he saw at Pura.

The annual report has been slightly delayed owing, apparently, to labor troubles in the printing office, but we finally had the page proof and passed it last week; and you will have copies shortly. Meanwhile, my warmest greetings,

Yours ever,

John

P.S. A letter has just come this afternoon from Jock Whitney's office intimating that they are still interested in your project and asking how much you need to maintain your secretary and how much for books and supplies essential for the completion of the history (I had said that you would probably have to give up your secretary if the grant were not renewed). Mr. Whitney's office also asked how far you are along and for a rough estimate of how long you may require to complete the project. While waiting for your reply I shall, on the basis of your annual report, elaborate on what I have already told him -- that the first volume will appear very shortly and that the manuscript of the second is well in hand; that three and four are in the outline stage but well planned.

J.F.

¹ S.'s letter is missing.

² Nicolas (Niels) Steno (1638-1686) Danish anatomist and theologian; his book on the brain (Steno 1669).

³ Whitney see letter 416.

⁴ Roemer see letter 450.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 16 October 1950

My dear John,

I just received your letter of 12 October and I hasten to answer it so as to give you a few facts and figures that you may need in your endeavors to have my stipend renewed.

First of all, let me say that I am very happy to know that Mr. Whitney is still interested in my project.¹ You see, the question of a stipend means not only having a secretary or not, being able to buy books or not; it means that if the stipend for some reason or other could not be renewed, I should have to give up Pura, not later than next summer, and take a job that would provide a sufficient income for my wife and me to live on.

Before World War I I had some money of my own that I had inherited when my father died. It was not very much but enough to make it possible for me to study not only medicine but also philology and history and to be „Privatdozent“ for a few years with very small earnings. From 1925 on I was full professor with a good salary so that there was nothing to worry about. The money I inherited was mostly invested in neighboring

countries -- France, Germany, Austria -- and after the two world wars there was practically nothing left. The interest I receive today, after taxes have been paid, amounts to the equivalent of a few hundred dollars a year, and this is all I have.

In Baltimore I had accumulated about \$ 16,000 in my Retirement Annuity account. I had to cash it when I left because moving to Europe with all the books cost me \$ 6000, and I needed a few thousand dollars to get the house in shape and to buy a small car for Emmy. At the moment we are living on these savings.

It is very difficult for me to tell exactly how much I need to maintain a secretary and to purchase books and supplies, because there is no sharp borderline between my general household and my office expenditures. The secretary lives with us like a member of the family. Erica who came from a very good job received the equivalent of \$ 100 a month.² Claire was willing to work for less because I could not afford to give her more.³ She is returning to the States in November and I shall manage to get along without a secretary during the winter. In the spring, however, I will need somebody to type the manuscript of Volume II.

I buy few books, mostly reference books or basic texts for daily use, or books that I cannot find in Swiss libraries, but these are usually rather expensive books. I also have to buy photographs for illustrations, photostats and microfilms. General office supplies and particularly postage stamps amount to about \$ 500 a year. As you know the air mail rates from East to West are very much higher than vice versa. My work also requires that I make a few trips every year. I simply have to consult large libraries once or twice during the year. Next spring I should like to spend a few weeks in Italy for the sake of Volume II which deals with Greco-Roman medicine. I am anxious to see the excavations made during the last sixteen years, and I am sure that in Rome I could get good and new illustrations for Volume II in a minimum of time.

From 1947 to 1949 I received from Yale University \$ 6000 a year and with this amount we got along quite well. The following year, when I received less, I had to draw on my savings. The trip to England last June cost me a good deal and the constant shipping of proofs of the book to America by air mail caused considerable expenses. As you undoubtedly know, the cost of living in Switzerland is almost as high as in America and as I pay taxes in both countries, I must count that about 30 per cent of whatever I get has to be spent on taxes.

I cannot possibly tell how long it will take me to complete the project. I realize that I was too optimistic when I thought that I could write one volume of 600 pages every year. The first volumes dealing with antiquity and the Middle Ages are the most difficult because many of the sources are in Oriental languages. From Volume IV on the task will be much easier. I am confident that Volume II will be completed in 1951, Volume III in 1952. If I could get

\$ 6000 a year for five years this would give me a feeling of great security and by that time the work would probably be so well advanced that I would need very little aid, if any.

During the last three years I was offered full professorships at the universities of Zurich, Berlin, Jena and Leipzig. A few weeks ago I was approached unofficially by a department of the World Health Organization in Geneva where I could have a very interesting job at twice the salary I had in the past year. A few days ago Oxford friends drew my attention to the fact that the position of Curator of the Museum of the History of Science was vacant and urged me to apply for it. So far I have turned down every offer because I would like to stay in Pura, if ever possible in spite of all the insecurity involved, in order to continue my work. I now have a good workshop here and feel confident that given time and a minimum amount of security, I shall be able to achieve something.

Gotfredsen gave me a copy of Steno's book on the brain and I found it fascinating, not so much for what he has to say on the brain -- he frankly admits that he knows little about

it -- as for his sound skepticism and his methods.⁴ His plea for full-time anatomists, his condemnation of any rigidity in methods of dissecting, the credit he gives to the artist, are very good indeed. Gotfredson has just published a one-volume History of Medicine in Danish which makes a very good impression.

I do not remember if I wrote you about an afternoon I spent with Dr. E. Møller-Christensen, in Roskilde. He excavated a mediaeval cemetery that was connected with a monastery and examined several hundred skeletons for pathological changes, with extremely interesting results. This is very important because we know so little about the incidence of illness and the major causes of death at that time. The Danes are doing very good work in medical history, indeed, and their society has over 600 members, in a country of only 4 million population.

All good wishes to you and yours

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Whitney see letter 416.

² Erica Sigerist.

³ Claire Bacher.

⁴ Edvard Gotfredsen (1899-1963) Danish medical historian (Gotfredsen 1950). Steno see letter 454 and (Steno 1669).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 December 1950

My dear Henry:

I have a number of things to report, but I do so on the strict understanding that you are not (being secretary-less) to bother to reply until more definite word comes about the grant. The situation is this: Jock Whitney has proposed that the Whitney Foundation put up \$ 15,000 for a five-year period with the understanding that Yale will match this sum.¹ I am a member of the publications Committee of the American Philosophical which makes grants for learned publications; you, too, are a member of the Philosophical, and our next meeting takes place on December 16th. To seek outside funds for any University purpose, I must have the authorization of the University fathers. I have approached our new president who has been out of town for some little time, and today I have had the enclosed note from him which I think will come to something.² I am planning to see him early next week. If for any reason the University (which is very hard-pressed at the moment with a current deficit of nearly a million dollars) should not authorize me to seek outside funds, you can do so directly as a private person, and if you approach the Philosophical which meets every month, I can back it even without authorization from the University. I know that the uncertainty must be distressing to you, and I am sorry that the wheels have not turned more rapidly; with a new administration everyone is cautious, and I have gained the impression that I am a source of worry to our administrative colleagues because I attempt to move too rapidly - but I am very optimistic especially now that we have your first volume before us. Everyone is most impressed by it and it will of course bring great and enduring credit to the University.

The second item of information is that that nice gal, Claire Bacher, has just paid us a visit. She had lunch with Madeline and Elizabeth Thomson with Roemer as host; I was, unfortunately, tied up with a dignitary from Canada who wanted to talk privately about personnel problems in his Medical School and who - as I discovered - was trying to steal some of the best members of my staff!³ I have just had a nice visit with Claire over in the Library, and she has given us her Salt Lake City address, so we plan to keep in touch with her. It must be very awkward for you not to have her services, and I hope that ways and means can be found to ensure her return. Temperamentally, I think she is ideally suited for the kind of responsibility that you have given her.

With best wishes, and our affectionate greetings to Emmy

Yours ever,

John

¹ Whitney see letter 416.

² “New President” Griswold see letter 440.

³ Madeline Stanton. Thomson see letter 436. Roemer see letter 450.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 19 December 1950

My dear John:

I have to thank you for a great deal, for your very charming telegram which was the first eye-witness account of my book having actually come from the press, for your very enlightening and inspiring Christmas letter, for ten copies of the Report of the Historical Library, for your letter of 7 December and, finally, for your continued efforts on my behalf.¹

A few days ago I received a letter from the Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Berne of which I am sending you a copy enclosed. As you see, they plan to create a chair of medical history if they can get the right man, and they would like me to take it.

Now, you know that I would prefer to stay in Pura and devote all my efforts to the completion of the History, but this I can do only if I may count on financial support for the next five years. Otherwise, I must take a job in the near future, and if I must take a job, a chair at the University of Berne would probably be the best. This is why I have to consider this offer very seriously.

Whatever job I may have to take, I would obviously continue to work on the book and it would remain my main project, but I have enough academic experience to know what the launching of a new department means. I am also fully aware that in every university you cannot escape a lot of committee work, and since Berne is the national capital and I have the reputation of having a certain experience in the field of international social medicine, I must count on being called upon by university and government for a number of additional tasks. This all is very interesting but would, of course, delay the completion of the History considerably or would make it impossible altogether. Here, moreover I now have a well-established workshop and moving to another city, no matter how close it may be, always causes a serious interruption of the current work.

I am sure you will not misunderstand me. I am not trying to rush you in any way. Many times in the past I had to raise fund in America myself and I know well enough that these matters cannot be rushed and need time, but I wanted you to know what is going on at this end. I shall have an interview with Professor Hallauer afte[r] the holidays; I will try to postpone a decision as long as possible and at any rate will keep you informed.²

We have no Christmas card this year as somehow we had no suitable picture. Please accept with Lucia and the members of your staff in thid [sic] informal way our warm wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours as ever

[Henry]

P.S. My experience with the Philosophical Society has been that they hardly ever give money except for books that they publish.

¹ F.'s telegram is missing. "The first eye-witness account of my book having actually come from the press": Volume I is dated 1951 (Sigerist 1951a). In a Christmas letter of 22 November 1950 to his friends F. gives an account of his health problems, his three months of relaxation in Paris, the people and work in the Yale Laboratory of Physiology and the Historical Library. F.'s Report (Sigerist 1950c).

² Curt Hallauer (1900-1994) Swiss bacteriologist, Dean of Medical School in Bern. For the negotiations between S. and the University of Bern see correspondence Sigerist/Hintzsche.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 December 1950

My dear Henry:

On Saturday last I presented a request to the American Philosophical Society for fifteen thousand dollars to cover a five-year period in support of your history. The Publications Committee were sympathetic, but Luther Eisenhart, the Chairman, wished to be assured that the grant would not constitute a stipend for the Principal Investigator.¹ As you probably know, the American Philosophical never makes grants for the salaries of investigators.

I assured him that your personal stipend was well covered by your pension, and anything else that you needed would be covered by Mr. Whitney's grant.² It will be necessary for you to fill a formal application - a copy of which I enclose - and if you will return it to me filled out, I will submit it to the Society. I send two copies of each of the two forms; unfortunately, they must be submitted in duplicate, but you can perhaps arrange to make a copy for your files, if you wish to make the application.

With all good wishes

Yours ever

John

¹ Luther P. Eisenhart (1876-1965) Princeton mathematician.

² Whitney see letter 416.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 26 December 1950

My dear Henry:

Before it reaches you by the grapevine, I must report upon a rather surprising development which landed on me last week without the slightest warning. Our new President, Whitney Griswold, summoned me to say that the Yale Corporation had placed a new Sterling professorship at his disposal with recommendation that it be assigned to me provided I would accept the chair and resign from the rather heavy administrative duties which I have as chairman of the Department of Physiology.¹ It has caused a good deal of soul searching but as both Lewis Weed and Wilmarth Lewis have urged me strongly to accept and as the chair will be a permanent thing so that someone else can carry on when I step down, I have decided to accept.² All this, however, is subject to confirmation at the January meeting of the Corporation. I am not a professional historian and I do not have the scholarly background that one should bring to such a chair, but I think it will be possible to develop a department and to surround it with people who have more training than I have in languages and in the classics. I don't know yet how much I shall have to work with but when I know what resources there are, I shall turn to you for advice about personnel. I have several people in mind whom I think would lend distinction to such a department.

I wrote you last week about the American Philosophical. I am sorry that you have to be bothered with filling in forms -- this I had hoped to spare you, but it seems there is no alternative. Mr. Griswold has seen your first volume and is most enthusiastic about it as is Lew Weed and everyone else who has seen it. I don't think you should be too much disturbed over the arrangement of the footnotes. It makes the book more palatable for the general reader even if it is rather annoying for the scholar. I personally prefer to have footnotes at the bottom of the page but in these fallen times publishers seem to be convinced that it is not only much more expensive, but that it puts off sales. Clare [sic] Bacher told me that you were much upset about it.

If the Corporation approves my appointment at the January meeting, I shall be moving my office over to the Historical Library on February first.

With all good wishes to both of you for the New Year,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Whitney Griswold see letter 440.

² Wilmarth Lewis see letter 333. Lewis Weed see letter 207.

Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 2 January 1951

My dear John:

It certainly was great news to hear that you have been given a Sterling Professorship of the History of Medicine. My warm congratulations to you and to us who are the winners. It is, of course, a tremendous loss to the Physiology Department but considering the fact that you must slow down your pace (as I had to do) I think this is a very good solution and I expect a great deal from it for the advancement of medical history in the States. Yale has all the equipment for a first-rate department and with you at the head it is bound to become a great success. Do not say that you are not a „professional“ historian. Historians are not the men who hold degrees in history but those who have an understanding of history and this you have in a high degree. No historian is an expert on every period and every field but you may easily build up a staff that will work as an integrated group, as we had it, in a small way, at Hopkins.

Now to the Philosophical Society. I am most grateful to you for all the trouble you have taken. I spent the past week studying the matter, thinking it over very carefully and making tentative budgets but I am afraid that such a grant would present great difficulties. I see from the „General Principles“ of the Society that the money is not to be used for secretarial assistance nor is it to be used for „usual or permanent equipment“ which I assume include books, microfilms, photographs etc. Moreover, I should have to present reports of expenditures semi-annually which means that I should have to establish an elaborate bookkeeping department at Casa Serena. This is all very easy when you work in a university department but when you work at home and your entire life is centered around a research project it is almost impossible to decide of every object you purchase, a book, a pencil or a writing pad, whether it serves the project directly or indirectly or not at all. There are other complications even in the case that a secretary should be allowed. What I need is an English-speaking girl but it is almost impossible for a foreigner to obtain the permission to work in Switzerland (except in a few specified trades). In the past we had the secretary live with us as a guest and the money I gave her was considered pocket-money. In this way we did not have to report her to the authorities. She paid no taxes and I paid the tax for whatever the amount was. In other words, the situation is such that I should have an unrestricted stipend, as I had during the past three years and from an organization that has confidence in me and trusts that I will not spend the money on whiskey.

I know how much trouble you had with Sarton and I am afraid that I am just as bad and that I am adding heavily to your load.¹

I received the first copy of my Volume I on Christmas Eve.² Binding, paper, type and margins are quite decent. The jacket is perfectly awful but this is not so serious as its logical place is in the waste-paper basket. The illustrations are not satisfactory. Most American publishers try to or must save money on the illustrations and this is not good. I also wanted the illustrations in the chapters to which they belong or if they had to be kept together I would have preferred to have them at the end as a kind of picture appendix. However[,] I was never consulted in the matter and in fact never saw proofs of the illustrations. Wages are so high in America that the cost of producing books becomes prohibitive. It is a paradoxical situation: the higher the standard of living the fewer books the people can buy while the bankrupt

European countries are able to produce much more beautiful books - and can afford to have the footnotes at the bottom of the pages. Still - all in all, I think the book looks quite decent.

With all good wishes to you and yours I am

Yours ever

[Henry]

¹ Sarton see letter 75.

² Volume I of (Sigerist 1951a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 2 January 1951

My dear Henry:

Your nice letter of 19 December was somewhat delayed by the Christmas rush, and it reached me on Saturday when I was somewhat paralyzed by secretarial holidays and the things that happen at New Year's ! Unlike you, I cannot run a typewriter, and my handwriting becomes increasingly illegible.

I have every confidence that the Philosophical application will come to something, but as I have no further word from Mr. Whitney - since I think he is awaiting word from the Philosophical - I feel very uncertain about what to advise you concerning the invitation from the University of Berne; it presents a most attractive opportunity but, on the other hand, we all want you to finish your History, and I have felt rather desperate that we have not succeeded more promptly in giving you the security at Pura which we are all so eager for you to have.¹ It would be most disturbing for you once again to be uprooted when you have your own scholarly laboratory immediately at your elbow at Pura. The continental universities require so much in the way of administrative work, and they have little notion about the importance of administrative assistance. I propose to write Mr. Whitney once again to tell him of the situation, and I hope that he will definitely commit the fifteen thousand which he has offered for a five-year period with the expectation that from one source or another we will be able to match it in the very near future. All things considered, it would seem to me that this is the least he can do. Meanwhile, our warmest greetings to you both for the New Year,

Yours ever,

John

¹ "The Philosophical application": Grant application to the American Philosophical Society. Whitney see letter 416. University of Bern see letter 457.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 9 January 1951

My dear Henry:

You are very generous to say what you have about the prospect of the new chair of the history of medicine. The matter comes before the Yale Corporation for action on Friday or Saturday of this week, and unless the Korean situation gives the Corporation the jitters between now and then, I fancy that it will go through.¹ I shall let you know immediately what action is taken. I still don't know what is involved budget-wise, but I hope there will be some latitude to enable me to build up a small department.

I can understand your feelings about the American Philosophical. Their grants are rather bound up in red tape, but they are nothing compared with what we have to put up with when accepting government grants. We have a secretary on our lobotomy contract supported by the Veterans Administration who puts most of her time into filling out the forms. I am hoping that the new Science Foundation will take a leaf out of the book of the British University Grants Commission which doles out funds to the universities with almost no red tape at all. If they have confidence in the institution, no accounting is called for; they merely assume that the funds will be expended wisely, and as far as I can gather they generally are.

Rumor has it that Det Bronk will be general director of the National Science Foundation; at least so I gather from The New York Times.² The President has another candidate who is not acceptable to the 24-man advisory commission, so it looks as though our Det will have one more major responsibility; and unless I Miss [sic] my prediction, the silly man won't give up anything else. The Vice President of the Hopkins must be a very busy fellow !

But to come back on your immediate problem. I am going to be in New York this week for three days giving the Salmon Lectures, and as I plan to see Alan Gregg about another matter I shall tell him of your situation and seek his advice.³ I can do this quite informally without any embarrassment to you or the University. I also hope to see Jock Whitney if he is back from his travels.⁴ If not, I shall see Mr. Park, his financial advisor. You may possibly be interested in the Salmon Lectures, so I am enclosing an abstract.⁵

With warm greetings,

Yours ever,

John

¹ "The Korean situation": Korean war.

² Bronk see letter 403.

³ Gregg see letter 403.

⁴ Whitney see letter 416.

⁵ Salmon Lectures in honor of the psychiatrist, Thomas W. Salmon (1876-1927); F. spoke on lobotomy at the New York Academy of Medicine (Fulton 1951c).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 January 1951 (telegram)

RF WARMLY DISPOSED DECISION WHEN GREGG RETURNS NINETEEN JANUARY WHITNEY STILL AWAY BUT FAVORABLE ACTION BY RF WILL MEAN SIMILAR ACTION WHITNEY FOUNDATION SUGGEST HOLDING OFF BERNE UNTIL FEBRUARY¹

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¹ RF: Rockefeller Foundation. Gregg and Whitney see letters 403 and 416, respectively.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 January 1951

My dear Henry:

I sent you a cable on the 11th to say that I had had a chat with Wade Oliver about your immediate problem and that he was most receptive to the idea of securing support either from the R.F. or from some affiliated body.¹ I enclose a note which I have just had from him, and I hope that you will be able to hold off Berne until we have some more definite word.

I also paid a visit to Mr. Whitney's office and I think we can anticipate favourable action when Mr. W. returns from the South.² The delays must be exasperating for you, and I am only sorry that I have not been able to get things moving more expeditiously. It would be a terrible pity if you gave up just at this juncture when you are so well in your stride to go into the hurly-burly of a new department at Berne. I shall keep you posted of any further developments by cable.

The Corporation acted on the 13th on President Griswold's recommendation concerning the new Sterling Chair of the History of Medicine, and I am to walk into it on February 1st, stepping down from the chairmanship of the Department of Physiology at the same time.³ I am really very pleased about it although I do not yet have funds for any people with training in historiography. Madeline Stanton will be on the roster as Librarian of the Historical Library, and Elizabeth Thomson will be a full-time research assistant in the new department.⁴ They have given me Mary Wheeler to carry on with my physiological interests for a few years, including the Howell Textbook, Physiology of the Nervous System, and

J. Neurophysiol., and a personal secretary. These things were decided without much consultation, but the president assures me that there will soon be funds for someone like Dorothy Schullian and/or Donald O'Malley.⁵ We shall see.

With best wishes,
Yours ever,
John

¹ Wade Oliver, possibly of Rockefeller Foundation (R.F.).

² Whitney see letter 416.

³ Griswold see letter 440.

⁴ Thomson see letter 436.

⁵ Dorothy M. Schullian Adelman (1906-1989) medical historian. O'Malley see letter 443.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 24 January 1951

My dear John:

Thank you so much for your Clendening Lectures. They came a few days ago and I read them with greatest pleasure. I liked very much what you said about Logan.¹ He was a great fellow of whom I was very fond. His death certainly was a tragedy. It was a good idea to have his memory recalled regularly through these lectures. I liked particularly your lecture about the 18th century. It was a great century, much greater than is commonly assumed. It laid the foundation for all the achievements of the 19th century. Thanks also for the outline of your Salmon Lectures.² I suppose they will be published soon. By now you will have had all the lectureships there are.

I am returning Wade Oliver's letter enclosed.³ Things look more hopeful. I have an interview at the University of Berne next Monday and will let you know what the situation is. I am sure they will not expect me to make an immediate decision and I will postpone it as long as I decently can. I think it is very remarkable that two Swiss universities, Zurich and Berne, are creating full chairs of medical history, considering that the universities are supported by very small cantons.⁴ Of course, I still hope that I may be able to stay in Pura and continue my work here but if I do not accept the chair in Berne I [am] anxious to see to it that a good man gets in.

And so next week you will be walking into your new chair. Congratulations and all good wishes. I expect a great deal from this step for medical history in the States.

With warm regards I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

P.S. Charles Singer wrote a very generous review of my first volume for the Bulletin.⁵ Emmy is making a copy of it which I will send you to-morrow.⁶

¹ Clendening Lectures (Fulton 1950b) and Logan Clendening see letters 419 and 167.

² Salmon Lectures see letter 462.

³ Oliver see letter 464.

⁴ The first Swiss chair of medical history was created in Zurich in 1951, the second in Bern in 1978.

⁵ Singer see letter 93; his review of S.'s Volume I (Singer 1951).

⁶ "Emmy is making a copy": I.e., writing a copy (a decade before the Xerox machine).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 24 January 1951

My dear Henry:

I have just had some encouraging news from Alan Gregg; indeed I am inclined to look upon it as really encouraging as Alan does not write such letters unless there is something back of it. Thus he says:

I have been pleased to start the reading of Sigerist's volume, and your share in this enterprise is a good indication already of how extremely valuable your next job can be.

Though I am on my way to Washington tonight, I shall pick up the preliminary moves in connection with a contribution from here to help keep Sigerist at his work. I

shall do this next Monday and will keep you informed of progress in the matter, which I hope will be favorable.

I shall keep you posted.

Yours ever,

John

Gregg see letter 403.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 January 1951

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for returning the letter from Wade Oliver.¹ I have since then heard from Alan Gregg who, as I told you, sounded most optimistic, and I shall cable you as soon as there is any further word.²

That review by Singer must be very gratifying to you, and I appreciate your letting me see it in advance.³

I have had several requests to review the book; but much as I should like to do so, I felt that probably I shouldn't in view of having contributed the Preface. Fred Kilgour is reviewing it for the Yale Journal, and George Rosen is of course doing it for the Journal of the History of Medicine - he wouldn't think of giving it to anyone else.⁴

You will be distressed to hear that Vaudrin has left the Oxford Press.⁵ I shall probably be able to tell you a little more about this in my next. I am sorry, because he is an extremely

good man with much more vision and imagination than one finds among contemporary publishers. I believe that most of the things that you objected to in your first volume were forced on Vaudrin against his wishes.

Plans for the new Department are taking shape, and I am moving my office from the Lab. to the Library this week-end.⁶ Meanwhile I am deep in the Stimson Lecture on History, to be given at Goucher on February 15th, the title: “The impact of science on American history.”⁷ A rather bold theme, but I thought it appropriate for a lecture which seeks to honour both the late Henry L. Stimson and the very much alive Dorothy Stimson. I shall send you a copy of it when it is ready. Meanwhile, my warmest greetings.

Sincerely yours,
John

¹ Oliver see letter 464.

² Gregg see letter 403.

³ Singer see letter 93. His review (Singer 1951) of S.’s *History of Medicine*.

⁴ Kilgour see letter 400. Rosen see letter 251.

⁵ Vaudrin see letter 351.

⁶ New Department of the History of Medicine at Yale University.

⁷ Stimson Lecture (Fulton 1951b). Henry L. Stimson (1867-1950) statesman; Dorothy Mabel W. Stimson, historian at Goucher College in Baltimore.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 6 February 1951

My dear John:

Thanks for two letters. I was awfully sorry to hear that Vaudrin left the Oxford Press.¹ This is a great loss for the Press and for us. He is an excellent man and I always had the impression that he was trying hard to maintain an academic level against the trade forces which unfortunately are quite strong in the American branch of the Press. I shall be anxious to hear what happened and what Vaudrin is going to do.

What an excellent subject you have for the Stimson Lecture.² There is no country in the world that shows the impact of science on its destinies more strongly than the United States.

I spent a few days in Berne last week where I was received by the Faculty in the most charming way. They gave me a very good dinner and took me to a symphony concert afterwards. I had a three-hour talk with the Dean of the Medical School and spoke also with the President of the University who happens to be a medical man this year, the professor of psychiatry whom I knew very well in Zurich years ago.³ I have the impression that they would do anything for me. I told them that I would not expect an institute nor a staff but would be perfectly satisfied with a few rooms in one of the medical buildings, large enough to hold my library, with a secretary and small budget to provide for books, photos etc. This I would get without any difficulty and they would even make me eligible for a pension in spite of my advanced age. In other words it would mean security for the rest of my life and quite decent working conditions. Of course, I would have more teaching than I had in Baltimore and I am well aware that a chair, particularly a new chair might wreck my book and might

also wreck my health. Hence, if I could stay in Pura I would prefer it in spite of all the insecurity involved. My chief concern is and will always be the book. I do not have to make a decision immediately because the matter has not been brought before the government yet but, of course, I cannot keep the Faculty in suspense too long. Well, we shall see what happens but at any rate I shall not have to take a job as hotel porter in Lugano next winter. I did not see Muralt.⁴ He was out of town. You probably heard that he was offered the chair of W. R. Hess in Zurich and he is also facing a difficult decision.⁵ Berne has a better institute but Zurich will probably offer him a great deal. The trouble with the Swiss universities is that it is almost impossible to appoint a foreigner at the moment so that the choice is very limited.⁶

With all good wishes I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Vaudrin see letter 351.

² Stimson Lecture see letter 467.

³ Hallauer, Dean of Bern Medical School see letter 457. The Presidents (Rectors) of Swiss universities at that time were one-year representative posts. “Professor of psychiatry”: Jakob Klaesi (1883-1959).

⁴ Alexander von Muralt see letter 402.

⁵ Walter Rudolf Hess, see letter 103.

⁶ Except for the years after WWII the Swiss universities recruited many professors from Germany and other countries.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 February 1951

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 6th. I had hoped before this to send you some word from Alan Gregg, but I have not yet heard from him, although I feel sure that some word will come within a day or two as they are having a meeting of their Board I believe this week.¹

The account of your trip to Berne interests me, but it also distresses me because I cannot view with anything but concern your leaving Pura just at this juncture when you have the History so well in hand; such an uprooting would really be catastrophic, although I know that you would enjoy the responsibilities at Berne, and you would of course be nearer to Library facilities. The news of von Muralt and his being offered the Chair at Zurich does not surprise me, as I had had it some time ago by the grape vine, but without any confirmation.² Although I do not know too much about the local situation, I cannot believe that Zurich is sufficiently more attractive to a man like von Muralt than Berne would be where he is so firmly established. If he declines, I suppose Oscar Wyss will be the next choice.³

I am just off for Baltimore to give my Stimson Lecture and will be writing you on my return.⁴

Yours ever

John

¹ Gregg see letter 403.

² Von Muralt see letter 402.

³ Wyss see letter 103.

⁴ Stimson Lecture see letter 467.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 27 February 1951 (telegram)

GREGG ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECOMMENDING GRANT FIVE YEARS FROM
APRIL FIRST WRITING

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 27 February 1951

Dear Henry:

I have just had a very satisfactory session with Alan Gregg who is prepared to recommend allocation of \$ 3,000 a year for five years beginning April 1st.¹ It is subject to the formal approval of his Board on April 4th, but he anticipates no difficulty for the recommendation has the solid support of all his colleagues in the Foundation.

I am now writing to Mr. Whitney's office to convey this information.² I think there is every reason to believe that Mr. W. will live up to his original proposal that if we secure half, they will contribute an equal amount.

I had a nice talk with Nora last night over the telephone, and I am sending her a copy of this letter for her information.³ Meanwhile, I shall keep you posted of any further developments.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Gregg see letter 403.

² Whitney see letter 416.

³ Nora Sigerist (daughter) in New York.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 5 March 1951 ?

My dear John:

Very many thanks for your cable and letter. I am very sorry that you have so much trouble on my behalf but the latest news sounds very encouraging. Gregg has always been a very loyal friend.¹ He did so much for me when I was in Baltimore and I think it very generous of them to help me now at a time when the Foundation is giving a lot of money to the Johns Hopkins Institute.

We had an awful winter first with terrific rain storms, then with snow such as the region has not experienced in many years. Even today when I look out of the window I see snow patches right in front of the house and the temperature this morning was 30 F. Last year the garden was in full bloom at this time. In the mountains avalanches caused real catastrophes, destroying entire villages, killing over one hundred people and the St. Gotthard line was cut off several times. We think of spending a couple of weeks in Italy in the neighborhood of Naples, leaving here on April 1st. I had an attack of influenza - like everybody here - which kept me in bed for a week and coughing for another week. I think I need a change of climate. I am also anxious to see the new excavations in Rome, Herculaneum and a few other spots and at the same time I will look for good pictures for the illustration of Vol.II.

Next week-end we have a conference of Swiss medical historians in Pura with 12 participants and 8 papers.² I am sending the program enclosed. These small affairs are always very nice. I always count an hour for every paper, one half-hour for the presentation and one half-hour for the discussion. In this way there is not the usual mad rush that we have at large conventions. We have all meals together at the hotel. Cocktails and an evening reception (all very simple) are at Casa Serena so that we spend two days in very close touch with plenty of time to discuss whatever we have on our mind. I find this kind of meeting very satisfactory.

I am sure you had a very pleasant time at Goucher.³ Dorothee Stimpson [sic] is such a delightful person and a real scholar, and I think the new president is a good man.⁴

With warm regards I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Gregg see letter 403.

² S. is anticipating the second Pura conference; for more details see the Sigerist/Milt correspondence.

³ Goucher College see letter 467.

⁴ Dorothy Stimson see letter 467. It is not clear whether the “new president” refers to Goucher College or Johns Hopkins University.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 March 1951 (telegram)

BEST WISHES SUCCESS MEDICAL HISTORY CONFERENCE MUST HEAR
IMMEDIATELY ABOUT ALKMAION¹

JOHN FULTON

¹ Alcmeon of Croton see letter 409.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 March 1951

My dear Henry:

I was simply delighted to have your letter of 5 March or thereabouts enclosing the program of the Medizinhistorische Konferenz taking place at Pura today and tomorrow. I could not resist sending you a cable this morning. I hope it arrives in time to carry our greetings.

As my first official activity in the new chair I have announced a series of lectures which you will see on the attached sheet. The first one on the history of the Medical School here went off very well indeed and to my astonishment there were seventy to eighty students and staff members in the audience. I had arranged to give the lecture in the Historical Library. Next week I am talking about you and the first volume of your History, beginning with a brief account of your life and activities; then a short description of other medical histories (and I find we have them all here in the Library) and then I am going to review your first volume.

For some strange reason I have been collecting histories of medicine for nearly thirty years and Dr. Cushing also bought them when they came to his notice, so that sometime I should like to do an annotated bibliography of medical histories as such.¹ It might make a good companion volume to my Rosenbach Lectures on medical bibliographies, if indeed that ever appears.² The University of Pennsylvania Press is slower than molasses in January and I don't think the manuscript which I completed fourteen months ago has even gone to press, whereas my Salmon Lectures given six weeks ago in New York are already in galleys and will be out in about six weeks.³

I knew you would be pleased to hear of Gregg's favorable action.⁴ Once again the Whitney tribe are off in the south, but I still hope for favorable action in this quarter also.⁵ I do hope that with the assurance Gregg has given you will not feel obliged to take the chair at Bern.

With all good wishes to you both in which Lucia and all your warm friends in the Library join,

Yours very sincerely,

John

¹ F.'s plan of a bibliography of medical histories did not materialize.

² The Rosenbach Lectures were published by University of Pennsylvania Press (Fulton 1951a).

³ Salmon Lectures (Fulton 1951c).

⁴ Gregg see letter 403.

⁵ Whitney see letter 416.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 March 1951

Dear Henry:

I am sorry to bother you with so many letters, but since you seem to know all about Leviticus, I send you this poser from Luther Weigle of the Standard Bible Committee and also Dean of the Divinity School here at Yale.¹ As an accomplished Hebrew scholar, would you translate ha-yothereth al ha-kabed as the lobe of the liver or the caul ? I don't really know what a caul is in this sense, but on the other hand I am equally ignorant of what visceral organ the ancient Hebrews may have burned in their sacrifices. I know Dr. Weigle will appreciate any help that you can give us. Extraordinary things land on your desk when you become a professor of the history of medicine -- but who am I to tell you this !

With good wishes,

Yours ever,

John Fulton

P.S. Would you be good enough to tell me a little more about Claire Bacher.² I have an unexpected vacancy on my roster. It is for a secretary only but I will rather fill the position with some person who has had training in historical things and some one who has a language or two other than English. How is Claire as a secretary ? I take it that she does good typing and that she has a sense of bibliographical conformity. I seem to remember, however, that you said that she does not negotiate shorthand and I have a comparatively heavy burden of correspondence. Your advice would be much appreciated because I hesitate to bring her on from California unless you feel she would be equipped for the responsibility.

¹ Luther A. Weigle (1880-1976) theologian.

² Claire Bacher see letter 416.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 19 March 1951

My dear John:

Your telegram came in time, was read and much appreciated by everybody. We had an unusually pleasant meeting with very lively discussions.¹ Saturday we kept the discussion going until past midnight and Sunday afternoon we had an extra-session with a three-hour

discussion on the teaching of medical history. When I gave my *Tour d'Horizon* that is, a survey of progress in medical history all over the world I mentioned as the major events the creation of a chair [and] an institute at the University of Zurich and the creation of your chair and department at Yale. China, by the way, has made medical history a required subject in all universities where a course of at least 20 hours must be given. They are very historically minded and are translating about all my books. René Sand's Vers la Médecine sociale was translated twice into Chinese.²

About Alkmaion, I do not think that I said much that was new.³ The source material is limited and consists merely of 6 fragments from his book and 18 testimonia (all in Diels and analyzed by Miss Freeman). What I discussed more particularly was the dating of his life and work. The latest monograph on him by Luigia Stella simply mentions that he lived in the second half of the sixth century and it is commonly assumed that he lived at least in the last third of the sixth century. I never felt quite easy about these dates because the kind of work he did was simply not done at that time. The kind of statues that Phidias and Polyclethus made was inconceivable in the sixth century.⁴ Whoever made a statue at that time what we call archaic statues rather made [?] rigid statues such as the one in the Berlin Museum. Something similar happens in science. Certain ideas do not ripen, as a rule, before a certain time. Now, the datin [sic] of Alkmaion is based exclusively on one short sentence in Aristotle which sais that Alcmaeon was young when Pythagoras was old.⁵ This sentence[,] however[,] is found only in inferior manuscripts of Aristotle and does not occur in any of the good manuscripts. It may, therefore, be a later addition possibly from the Life of Pythagoras of Porphyry as Heidel assumes (see his article in Am. J. of Philology, 1940, 61: 3 ff. and his Hippocratic Medicine N.Y., 1941, p. 43).⁶ Heidel thinks that he lived around 450 B.C. and so does Deichgräber, Hippokrates über Entstehung und Aufbau des menschlichen Körpers (Peri sarkon), 1935, p.37. Wellmann (Arch.Gesch.Med., 1929,22: 302) thinks that he lived in the first half of the 5th century.⁷ Philologically we cannot prove that he did his work in the 6th century because one short sentence in inferior manuscripts is no proof. The 5th century seems much more likely to me for reasons of content and I do not think that he was very much older than Hippocrates. Of course he was an outstanding scientist who did remarkable work but here too we must be cautious. We know that he was right in assuming that the brain and not the heart was the seat of intelligence but this may have been a speculative assumption, at least to a certain extent. At that time one could bring forth just as good arguments for the primate of the heart as Aristotle did.

Of course, I am most interested in the course of lectures that you are giving and was quite thrilled to hear that you discussed my book[.]⁸ I am most grateful for any criticism you may have. I am trying to keep the book up to date and have quite a list of points that I am going to change or at least to reconsider in the foreign language editions. A Swiss and a German publisher together will bring out a German edition and so far as I know, Italian and Spanish editions are being considered.

I did not mean to belittle the Edwin Smith Papyrus which is a very remarkable document but I think that Breasted's enthusiasm, and a very justified enthusiasm it was, went perhaps too far so that he was not fair to the Ebers Papyrus which in its way is very remarkable also.⁹ I will be anxious to hear what Chauncey Leake will say in his Clendening Lectures.¹⁰ He, of course, is sold to the Hearst Papyrus.¹¹

I was most interested in what you wrote about embalming and will look into the matter very carefully. I have my bookbinder making an interleaved copy of the book so that I may make notes in it for a second edition. The Press wrote me that they sold 1000 copies during the first

week which is not bad for this type of book.¹² And Reichner wrote me that he had 80 subscriptions for the eight volumes.¹³

We had a few spring days and I planted roses and all kinds of summer flowers, but now it is cold again and raining, and I am looking forward to going to Italy soon.

We [sic] all good wishes I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ “Meeting”: Pura Conference 1951.

² Sand, René (1877-1953) wrote on social medicine (Sand 1948).

³ Alcmeon of Croton see letter 409. Deichgräber, Diels, Freeman, Heidel, Stella and their works are given in (Sigerist 1952a).

⁴ Phidias and Polycletus (5th ct. B.C.) Greek sculptors.

⁵ Pythagoras of Samos (6th ct. B.C.) Greek philosopher and mathematician.

⁶ Porphyry (234? – 305?) Neoplatonic philosopher.

⁷ Wellmann, Max wrote about Greek physicians.

⁸ (Sigerist 1951a).

⁹ Smith, Edwin (1822-1906) collector of antiquities. Breasted, James Henry (1865-1935) archeologist and historian. Ebers, Georg M. (1837-1898) German egyptologist.

¹⁰ Leake see letter 53.

¹¹ Hearst, William Randolph (1863-1951) newspaper magnate.

¹² Oxford University Press, New York.

¹³ Reichner, J. S. at Oxford University Press, New York.

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Sigerist to Fulton, 22 March 1951

My dear John:

Julius Preuss thinks that ha-yothereth al ha-kabed is the Lobus caudatus of the animal liver and I am inclined to believe that he is right although this is not certain.¹ In the Vulgate the term is translated by reticulum, hence caul and the Netz of the Luther translation. Julius Preuss in his classical book - still the best on the subject - “Biblisch-talmudische Medizin“, Berlin 1911 devotes two pages to the discussion of the term giving full references. I am sure that you have the book in the Library and on p. 109-10 you will find the matter discussed. I would use the neutral term appendage.

About Claire Bacher: She is intelligent and eager to learn which is very important. She knows German very well and knows some French and Italian although not much. At the moment she is taking an evening course in French and she could make herself understood in Italian. She is a very good typist but has no shorthand. She is an excellent proof reader and has developed a very good sense of bibliographical conformity. I am rather sloppy in making footnotes and she cleaned them up beautifully. In other words, she meets all requirements except shorthand which I am sure she would make a great effort to learn. With me it was not so important because I dictate rather slowly and she had a system of making abbreviations

that worked quite well. She has a very pleasant character and we miss her in the house. Of course, she would love to work with you. She feels rather lost in California working in a lab.

All good wishes

As ever

[Henry]

¹ Julius Preuss (1861-1913); (Preuss 1923).

² Claire Bacher see letters 416 and 475.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 26 March 1951

My dear Henry:

I have your two letters of the 19th and 22nd, for which my best thanks. Knowing that you are without a secretary and have to type your own letters, I feel a little guilty making so many demands on your time, but I must confess that I always enjoy your letters enormously, and I always profit by the knowledge which you share so freely and easily. I am much interested, in the first place, in your comments on chairs of medical history and especially the news that in all Chinese universities courses in the subject are obligatory. When the Chinese translation of your book appears, I hope you will order one for the Library and have it billed to us; this, too, with the European translations.

I wish your letter of the 19th about Alkmaion had arrived a day or two earlier because I discussed Alkmaion at some length in my lecture on Greek medicine last Wednesday.¹ It had never occurred to me to question the time in which he is said to have flourished, but I quite agree with you that the ideas which he put forth are much more compatible with fourth century thought than with sixth. You mention the monograph of Luigia Stella.² I haven't been able to run this to earth. If it is available through Italian booksellers, would it be too much trouble for you to drop them a card ordering a copy for the Library? I am familiar with Miss Freeman's book and with the other references cited in your second paragraph.³

If you are Ebers-minded, Chauncey is hopelessly Edwin Smith-minded when it comes to papyri, and I think your judicious appraisal of the two, with a slant toward Ebers, is both stimulating and thought-provoking; and I am grateful to you for prompting me to look into both of them again.⁴

Your reply to our ex-Dean of Divinity concerning the rendering of ha-yothereth al ha-kabed is exceedingly helpful. We do of course have Preuss' monograph, and I am sending it over to Weigle with your comment.⁵ Your suggestion of the neutral term 'appendage' is excellent and a completely safe one for the cautious theologian.

Thanks also for your comments about Claire Bacher. I suspect by now she may have obtained a permanent post. In any case, I am making enquiries.

The University of Oslo is giving me a doctor's degree honoris causa on May 10th. I have decided to try my wings once again, flying over to London on May 5th, resting up for a day or so and then going on to Oslo, returning to London via Stockholm. I should like to come to

Switzerland, but I think I had better not attempt anything further as I am still leading a rather restricted existence. I enclose my itinerary. It is a very pleasant gesture on the part of the Oslo authorities, and I am keenly looking forward to the trip.

With many thanks and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

¹ Alcmaion see letter 409.

² Stella see letter 476.

³ Freeman see letter 476.

⁴ Ebers and Edwin Smith see letter 476. Chauncey Leake see letter 53.

⁵ Preuss see letter 477. Weigle see letter 475.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 April 1951

My dear Henry:

I am delighted to have your letter from Amalfi.¹ What a gorgeous city it is and how nice that you and Emmy could get away to celebrate your sixtieth birthday. I suppose you went around from Sorrento. The last time we attempted to go, there had been a recent landslide and we were unable to reach Amalfi but we had been there on one occasion previously.

I had not known that the Stella monograph on Alcmaeon had appeared in the publications of the Accademia dei Lincei.² I am sure the University Library will have it and I have sent over for it.³ Meanwhile, if you are able to get a separate from Lier, we should very much like to have it.⁴

There is no special news beyond the cheering tidings in my birthday telegram that the Rockefeller Foundation has made a five-year grant of \$ 15,000 payable semi-annually as from April 1, 1951.⁵ That elusive Whitney man is still racing horses somewhere in the South.⁶ I saw your friend Spivack a week ago and he gave me every assurance that he thought they would live up to their end of the bargain and he also suggested the possibility of their making their grant retroactive to last September.⁷ I hope he knew what he was talking about because I find that corresponding with Jock Whitney is a little like sending messages to sea in a bottle, for you never quite know where you are. If by any remote chance Whitney and the gals do not match the Rockefeller grant, I shall look elsewhere. I have not liked to appeal to Mary or Betsey directly because it then would be obvious that I was going over Jock Whitney's head, which would of course annoy him.⁸

There was a brief but appreciative review of the first volume of your History in this week's number of the J.A.M.A.⁹ If you are not seeing the journal, I shall send the review to you. With this I send you my Oslo itinerary so that you can get in touch with me if occasion arises during the trip.¹⁰

My very best to Emmy,
Yours ever,
John

¹ S.'s letter is missing.

² Stella see letter 476.

³ Yale University Library.

⁴ Lier, Publisher in Italy.

⁵ F.'s telegram is missing.

⁶ Whitney see letter 416. "The gals" see footnote 8.

⁷ Spivack see letter 360.

⁸ "Mary" Astor (?) see letter 416. Betsey Cushing (Cushing's widow).

⁹ J.A.M.A.: Journal of the American Medical Association.

¹⁰ "Oslo itinerary" see letter 478.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 27 April 1951

My dear Henry:

I much appreciated your brief note from Rome.¹ After discovering that you had been at Amalfi for your birthday, I realized that my message probably would not have reached you, but I am very glad that you have now had news of the Rockefeller grant.

I am still somewhat in the dark about the position of the Whitneys and the Cushing gals, but I am not too sanguine in view of a letter which has just come from Mr. Whitney's associate, Mr. Park.² I don't know who has had Mr. Whitney's ear, but I am afraid he has been infected by some of the current hysteria. I have just talked with Spiv on the telephone and he is as flabbergasted by the Park letter as I am and thinks something can be salvaged; but meanwhile you have the decision about Berne.³

I sincerely hope that you won't have to accept the post, but Mr. Whitney has proved himself an uncertain fellow.⁴ As I wrote you earlier, I don't like to go over his head and approach the gals directly, but I hope to see Mary personally before I fly on May 5th. I have tried to find out whether the Ford Foundation might be interested in supporting medical history in general and your project in particular, but so far they have been very evasive and I don't think we can hope for anything from that source in the immediate future. To me everything affecting your history is important and I shall do everything within my power to see that it is fostered. I keenly regret the delay and the Whitney indecision.

With all good wishes

Yours ever,
John

¹ S.'s note is missing.

² Cushing gals see letter 479. Park see letter 462.

³ “Spiv” = Spivack see letter 360.

⁴ “The post” at the University of Bern.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 28 April 1951

Dear Henry:

I wrote you yesterday expressing my misgivings about the Whitney people. This morning I received a further letter from Mr. Park, a copy of which I enclose.¹ A thousand a year for three years is better than nothing, but I am completely at a loss to know why they have delayed so long and why they have elected to reduce the amount of the grant. If you decide not to go to Berne, let me know immediately and I shall look about for other funds to supplement the Whitney allocation. I am also enquiring whether the Whitney grant can be made retro-active to last September. It distresses me immeasurably that you should have had this uncertainty at a time when you should be completely relieved of financial worry. Incidentally, no accounting is needed from you for either of the grants; there will be no bookkeeping, for in each instance the grant is an outright one to you and you won't have to fill out any forms or worry about how the money is spent. It will be pleasant, however, if we can have your usual annual report which will this year be included in the first annual report of our new Department of the History of Medicine.

I am going out to Cleveland tonight where I shall spend two days with the Federation meetings.² I have missed the last two meetings of the American Physiological, the first in nearly twenty-five years, and I want to put in an appearance lest it be concluded that I have one foot in the grave. I shall be in Baltimore Thursday for the meeting of your Association of the History of Medicine, and Shryock has asked me to preside at the symposium Thursday night on early American medicine.³ Friday there is a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, and Saturday I fly to London.⁴

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ S. M. Park see letter 462.

² “Federation” of American Societies of Experimental Biology, among others the American Physiological Society.

³ Shryock see letter 403.

⁴ Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 29 April 1951 (telegram)

WHITNEY FOUNDATION HAS GRANTED THIRD AMOUNT REQUESTED
WRITING

FULTON

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 21 May 1951

My dear John:

I did not want to bother you while you were travelling because I know from experience how busy one is on such a tour. I hope it was very pleasant and assume that you were given a beautiful golden ring with the profile of Minerva, to be worn on the forefinger. This, at least, is what they do in Denmark and Sweden. The Scandinavian countries preserved many old customs which other countries gave up long ago. Underwood wrote me how pleased he was to see you in London.

Now that you are back I thought I would tell you what the situation is at this end although there is very little to report. Of course, I was sorry to hear that the Whitney Foundation will not appropriate the amount which had been more or less promised and which the Rockefeller grant was meant to match. It would have solved my problem for the next five years and probably once and for all because I think that after that time I should be able to take care of myself. However, I fully appreciate that there is no reason on earth why the Whitney Foundation should continue to support my work and I am most grateful that they did help me for three years.

When I came back from Italy at the end of April I inquired what the situation in Berne was and I was glad to hear that I do not have to make a decision in the immediate future. I owe this mostly to Muralt who decided to remain in Berne but made heavy demands on the government.¹ Under the circumstances the Faculty thought it would be wise not to push the matter of the new chair of medical history too rapidly. This gives me a breathing spell and I do not expect the question to become acute before the summer or possibly even autumn. I did not ask much from Berne: three rooms (seminar room, office and secretary's room), a secretary and a small budget for books, photos and office expenses, but it is a new full chair that the government must establish.

In the meantime I have been making budgets and have tried to figure out if I could run a household, and an office with secretary on 3000 or possibly 4000 dollars a year. Considering that I have to pay taxes in two countries I do not think that I could count on more than 200 to 250 dollars a month and since prices are almost as high in Switzerland as they are in America it would be very difficult to manage with this amount. We could live on it but I could not maintain an office and have a secretary. I spend 100 francs on postage stamps alone every month.

The question of the secretary is going to be acute in the course of the year because I write my manuscripts in long hand and some day they will have to be typed. Since Claire left last November I spent six solid hours every day writing letters and attending to work which is usually performed by a secretary.² As a result, I am sorry to say that I made little progress on Vol. II. Of course, I fully realize that I was asking for a great deal when I mentioned 6000 dollars a year for five years, considering that this is a pure research job without administrative responsibilities and without teaching. I suppose I could manage with 5000 but I must insist on five years if I should give up Berne. Today I still can get good jobs but this will be more difficult with every year. I am also considering the possibility of a part-time job but it is not easy to find something that will provide enough money for a secretary without taking too much time away from the book.

My dear John, you have no idea how I hate to bother you with such matters. I was spoiled all my life and never had to bother about money. My material needs were small, I never spent much but always had enough. In my formative years my family was in comfortable circumstances so that I could devote as many years to university studies as I wished. Then I had the best chairs in Europe and America. My mother who is 85 years old still has some money which some day - I hope as late as possible - will go to my sister and myself.³ It is just the next five years that are critical and if I could escape academic routine and continue the work on my book I would be very happy indeed. However, I am not afraid of going back to teaching and all that an academic job involves if it has to be.

For the present, if I could get some of the Rockefeller money, a small check every month, it would greatly help to tie me over to whatever may happen next winter.

With warm regards and hoping that you returned in good health

I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Von Muralt see letter 356.

² Claire Bacher.

³ S.'s mother, Emma Sigerist-Wiskemann (1865-1954).

My dear Henry:

I was delighted to have your letter of the 21st, but it made me feel somewhat remiss as I had intended to write you from Norway.¹ That, however, proved quite out of the question for the five days of our fête Romaine were so closely packed that I was unable to write anyone, and at the week's end I was forced to conclude that the Norwegians never sleep ! Yes, I was presented with an impressive ring which bears the insignia of Oslo University, a lyre. The ring was a little too large for me and the morning after the banquet I awakened in a panic because the ring had disappeared. It was a good banquet, but it wasn't really that good, and after searching my pockets frantically I found the ring under my pillow. I went to the jeweller immediately and had it made smaller. The ceremony was a most impressive one. We all had

the privilege of making a low bow to King Hakon and the Crown Prince.² The King is a magnificent figure of a man and a most gracious human being. Afterwards I had a week-end in Stockholm and then went down to Louvain to make arrangements for going there in October and November. I returned by way of England where I slept for several days before taking the plane !

I think I have gotten to the root of the difficulty with regard to Mr. Whitney, and I am hoping for favourable action within the next few days. It seems that some silly fellow had told him you had stopped working, and without going into the matter he decided against renewing the grant in the full amount. I cannot imagine where he got this stupid advice, but Alan Gregg has just called me asking that I write to Mr. Whitney's confidential medical Adviser, Duckett Jones, and this I have done as you will see from the enclosed.³ I am glad that you do not have to make an immediate decision with regard to Berne, and I like to think that everything will be straightened out by the next time I write. I am terribly sorry about all this delay, but I hope it has not been too disturbing to your work. I need scarcely tell you that we are all solidly behind you and we want the History to go forward. While in England I heard nothing but warmest praise of the first volume, and I shall shortly be able to send you a letter from a most interesting chap named George Mitchell, a public health official who has an enormous private library devoted to medical history.⁴

All here join in sending you both our warmest greetings.

Yours ever,
John

¹ F. was awarded an honorary degree at Oslo University.

² King Hakon and Crown Prince of Norway.

³ Gregg see letter 403.

⁴ George Mitchell see also letter 485.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 June 1951

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for sending me the full reference to the Stella monograph on the Alcmeon.¹ With these further details I think we should be able to run it down in the University Library while waiting for Lier to find us a copy.² It was good of you to put Lier on the track.

While in England I met a perfectly charming health officer named George Mitchell who had just acquired a copy of your book, and I suggested that he write me a line about it when he had finished reading it.³ The enclosed is a paragraph from his letter written under the date of June 3rd. I am sure it will please you. You would enjoy meeting Mitchell as he has spent everything he has earned during the last thirty years on old books - and his wife seems still to love him !

I have had a note from Jock Whitney saying that the Foundation is reconsidering your grant in the light of the action taken by the Rockefeller Foundation at the next meeting of the Board of the Whitney Foundation. I don't yet know when that meeting is, but it will be

sometime this month and I shall inform you immediately I have news. The delays are perfectly exasperating, and I can only say you have the patience of Job.

For your private ear I am rather sad to report that Henry Shumann is on the verge of bankruptcy owing to having over-extended himself in his Life of Science publication program.⁴ The books are moving very slowly, and when I learned that he proposed to abandon the Journal of the History of Medicine as he could no longer swing it financially, I agreed to raise funds to cover publication costs for one year in return for which he has turned over the title of the Journal to our new Department, and he is shipping us all of his inventory.⁵ I need your advice, and I wonder whether it would be a source of embarrassment to you to serve on the Editorial Board in view of your prior affiliation with the Bulletin. I shall fully understand if you don't think it feasible.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Full reference of Stella's monograph see letter 486.

² Lier Italian publisher.

³ Mitchell see letter 484.

⁴ Schuman see letter 250.

⁵ Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences: In 1951/52 Schuman was replaced by Van Dyck Printing Company in New Haven; equally Rosen by Fulton as editor-in-chief and the Board members Ackerknecht and Fulton by S. and Rosen; see also 490.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, undated (ca. 10 June 1951)

My dear John:

In my last letter I forgot to tell you that I asked Lier in Florence to get you a copy of the monograph on Alcmaeon.¹ Now I just hear from Lier that the publication is out of print and very difficult to find but that he will try to get you one. At any rate this is the exact title which I did not have in Amalfi:

Importanza di Alcmeone nella storia del pensiero greco. Memoria di Luigia Achillea Stella. Reale Accademia Nazionale die Lincei. (Anno CCCXXXVI-1939). Serie VI. Volume VIII. Fascicolo IV. Roma, 1939. G. Bardi, Tipografo della R. Accademia Nazionale die Lincei.

The monograph lists most of the earlier literature on Alcmaeon.

Greetings

[Henry]

¹ See letter 478.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 12 June 1951

My dear John:

I was terribly sorry to hear that Henry Schuman has financial troubles.¹ He was frightfully active and I often wondered where he got the money from. My guess was that Mary Trent might be helping him as they were very good friends.² It would be a tragedy to have him go out of business as we need such a publisher. He took the place of Paul Hoeber who in the early days was the only man who did something for medical history, alas with the same result.³ The Journal of the History of Medicine must continue as there is a real need for it. The Bulletin is not enough now that the Annals of Medical History and Medical Life are no longer published. I shall be glad to serve on the Editorial Board if I can be of any help. I do not see why I should not do it as the Bulletin always had the friendliest relations with the Journal. At any rate, I am most happy to know that you are taking it over.

Of course, I was very pleased with Dr. Mitchell's opinion about my first volume.⁴ Thanks for sending it.

Warm greetings as ever

[Henry]

P.S. Charles Singer was here recently, recovering from pneumonia.⁵ It was a pleasure to see him. He was in very good shape and more active than ever. You know that he is editing a four-volume history of technology.

¹ Schuman and the J. Hist. Med. Allied Sci. see letter 485.

² Mary Trent, wife of Josiah Trent, see letter 314.

³ Paul Hoeber, president of Hoeber-Harper Medical Books.

⁴ Mitchell see letter 484.

⁵ Singer see letter 93 and (Singer 1954).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 June 1951 (telegram)

WHITNEY FOUNDATION ACTS FAVORABLY FIVE YEAR BASIS WRITING
FULTON

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 June 1951

My dear Henry:

All is well. I enclose a copy of a letter just received from the John Hay Whitney Foundation. I am of course annoyed by their procrastination; but please forget it and get on with the History and find a new secretary as soon as possible so that you won't have to go on writing all your letters and you will have someone to copy the text of the second volume.

I am to-day asking the Treasurer's Office to send you the first Rockefeller installment of \$ 1500; and I shall pass on anything that comes from the Whitney Foundation as soon as it is received.

I continue to hear enthusiastic comments about Volume I. I sent you the letter from George Mitchell; but the other night in Providence when I spoke on Greek medicine in Rome, the old boys of the Providence Medical History Society - Roland Hammond, John Donley, and Herbert Partridge - had all seen the book and congratulated Yale on having so distinguished a publication issued under its auspices.¹ Naturally this pleased me very much, but of course I realized that I was basking in reflected glory.

As you know, Yale is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year. It began earlier this week with the conferring of twenty-five honorary degrees on American scholars. I enclose a list of the citations. Everything went off extremely well except when our new President got tied up in his Latin when conferring the Ph.D.'s.² This part of the ceremony is always done in Latin and Whit, as we call him, jumbled one of his Latin sentences and had three tries at it before he eventually got it out. At which point, having a good sense of humor, he turned to our friend Hendrickson and doffed the presidential hat.³ The faculty nearly exploded.

Love to Emmy and all good wishes.

Yours ever

John

P.S. I learn from our mutual friend, Fischer, that you are speaking on Hippocratic medicine next October in Zurich; and if I can possibly arrange it, I shall be there to hear you.⁴

JF

¹ Mitchell see letter 484.

² "New President" Milton C. Winternitz, see also letter 37.

³ Hendrickson, professor of Latin and Greek, see also letter 145.

⁴ Hans Fischer (1892-1976) pharmacologist and medical historian at the University of Zurich, see Sigerist-Fischer correspondence.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 June 1951

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th. I knew that you would be distressed about Henry Schuman, but I am glad to report that Bob Stecker of Cleveland, whom you probably remember, has suddenly come to the rescue of Henry Schuman, Inc., and Henry is going ahead with his publication program for the autumn.¹ He has, I believe, twelve new titles, and if he can once get over the hump and start some of his inventory moving, I think he will not have to go through the indignity of bankruptcy proceedings. I have tried to help him in every way possible, but I have no unrestricted capital to sink into his publishing venture.

I am terribly happy about the favorable action of the John Hay Whitney Foundation and I trust it will put your mind at ease and that you will now be able to get on with Greek medicine and the other volumes which you have envisaged. Be sure to get a secretary as soon as you can find one because you mustn't waste your valuable time on details which a good gal could take care of for you.

It may interest you to know that the Harvard Press has decided to take on Sarton's eight volumes on the history of science.² The manuscript of the first volume, which covers the history of science in the Mediterranean area in ancient times, will land on my desk next week for an opinion. Thomas J. Wilson, the new Director of the Harvard University Press, doesn't know that he has asked for an opinion from a rather prejudiced person.³ Despite some of his foibles, I believe in George Sarton, and I only hope that he completes his history before anything happens to him. Unlike you he is starting on it rather late. You have youth and vigor and everything that matters, including at least fifteen years ahead of you, and - as I have frequently said - we are all solidly behind you.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

P.S. I am delighted that you feel able to serve on our Editorial Board, and I shall have your name entered in the next number. I am rather sad that Ackerknecht had a row with Schuman some months back and resigned from the Board, and he doesn't think now that he should rejoin.⁴

¹ Schuman see letter 485. Bob Stecker not identified.

² Sarton see F. to letter 75 and (Sarton 1952).

³ Thomas J. Wilson see letter 442.

⁴ Ackerknecht see letter 342.

Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, undated [22 June 1951]

My dear John:

I have no adequate words to tell you how infinitely relieved I feel and how deeply grateful I am to you for all the trouble you have taken on my behalf for such a long time. I was not scared at the idea of going back to academic work because, after all I spent most of my life in universities, but what did frighten me was [the] thought of having to pack once more 180 boxes of books[,] of having to unpack them and set up another workshop with all the interruptions this involves, of establishing another routine. And then, of course, I worried whether the launching of a new chair would leave me sufficient time to complete my book. When I came to Pura in 1947 I took a deep breath and said: this is my last station, here I shall finish my work and die in peace when the time comes. I love the place, it is so quiet, so peaceful and so inspiring. And now I have five long years ahead and feel very confident that I shall be able to do a decent job. I have been working steadily on the second volume ever since I came back from Italy and I think it is going to be an interesting volume, different in many ways from the first. The fact that India is included makes it very colorful and, of course, very different from all previous medical histories. I shall write my annual report next week and you shall have it very soon.¹ I shall also write to Alan Gregg who once more has been a very loyal friend and also to Mr. Whitney as soon as the financial arrangement is all settled.² I just feel good and full of energy. By the way, I recently had a very thorough physical examination with all conceivable tests. The result was very satisfactory and I think my heart will keep beating until Vol. VIII is completed. Of course, I am going to look for a new secretary. I shall probably find one in Switzerland where you can always find American or English girls who would like [to] stay in the country for a few more years. The job is not a hard one, there [are] always quiet periods during which a secretary can spend a week or two in Florence, Rome or Venice as Claire used to do.³

I was delighted to hear about Sarton's History.⁴ I knew that he intended to write such a book but I did not know how far he had got. I completely share your view that he is the most outstanding historian of science we have and his book will be another great contribution. With Sarton's History of Science, Singer's History of Technology and my History of Medicine my generation will have set a foundation upon which the young generation can build safely.⁵

I was so happy to hear that Schuman is being helped in his difficulties.⁶ He is more of an artist than of a business man and I was always afraid that he would run into financial troubles sooner or later. Publishing is tough business particularly in America as Paul Hoeber experienced at the time, but we need this type of man, in a young field such as ours.⁷

It would be delightful if you could attend the annual meeting of the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine and Science. The chief session is September 30th at Lucerne but we shall meet the day before to discuss current problems of medical history and I wish you could come and tell us something about the new department. Everybody in our group understands English so you would not have to prepare an elaborate address in a foreign language. I do not know yet what aspect of Hippocratic medicine I shall discuss. I announced the paper very vaguely as "The World of Hippocrates". It will just be a chapter from Vol. II.

I was glad to hear that Albright got a degree from Yale.⁸ I always had a great admiration for him. He certainly is one of the best man [sic] Hopkins ever had, a real scholar and very

broad. His work covers a tremendous field. Malone is a very good man too but I had fewer contacts with him.⁹ Bronk is doing very well and I think the Bowman period of Hopkins will soon be forgotten.¹⁰ Bowman was very small and as someone once said, his ambition was to make Hopkins a little Harvard. Hopkins has a tradition that is different from that of all other American universities and Bronk has caught the spirit of the place. This is most encouraging.

Of course, I am very pleased that my first volume had such a good reception. Rosen has written a detailed review for the Journal and Pagel one for the Archives Internationales d'Histoire des Sciences, Singer a second one for the Brit. Med. J.¹¹ Criticism will probably come from the specialists, the Egyptologists and Assyriologists who may not agree with every statement I made. However, Contenau who is a most distinguished Assyriologist and at the same time a medical man wrote me a very kind letter.¹² He wrote by far the best book we have of medicine in Assyria and Babylonia. If you have not got it in the library do buy a copy, the full title is: Georges, Contenau, La Médecine en Assyrie et Babylonie, Paris: Librairie Maloine, 1938. He wrote two other books that are important for medical history namely, La Divination chez les Assyriens et les Babyloniens, Paris: Payot, 1940 and La Magie chez les Assyriens et Babyloniens, Paris: Payot 1947.

Dr. Sidney Licht of Boston is due here soon and also Gregory Zilboorg and Iago Galdston.¹³ Milton Roemer who is doing a superb job will be in Geneva soon on his way to Ceylon.¹⁴ World Health thinks very highly of him.¹⁵ He did a splendid piece of work in El Salvador and young as he is has an international reputation. I hope to see him either now or later in the year.

With all good wishes and renewed thanks I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Annual report (Sigerist 1951b).

² Gregg, Alan see letter 403. Whitney, John H. see letter 416.

³ Bacher, Claire see letter 416.

⁴ Sarton, George see letter 75.

⁵ The three works (Sarton 1952), (Singer 1954), (Sigerist 1951a).

⁶ Schuman, Henry see letter 250.

⁷ Hoeber, Paul see letter 487.

⁸ Albright, William F. (1891-1971) Professor of Semitic Languages at Hopkins.

⁹ Malone, Kemp, (1889-1971) Professor of English Literature at Hopkins.

¹⁰ Bronk, Detlev see letter 403. Bownan, Isaiah see letter 344.

¹¹ Rosen, George see letter 251. Pagel, Walter (1898-1983) German medical historian in England, son of Julius Pagel. Singer, Charles see letter 93.

¹² Contenau, Georges (1877-1964) French Assyriologist.

¹³ Licht, Sidney see letter 435. Zilboorg, Gregory see letter 264. Galdston, Iago see letter 297.

¹⁴ Roemer, Milton see letter 450. Ceylon, today's Sri Lanka.

¹⁵ World Health Organization (WHO).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 25 June 1951

My dear Henry:

I am so pleased to have your letter of 22 June and to know that you shall be relieved of your worries for a five year period. I haven't had any further communication as yet from the Whitney Foundation, but as soon as they make initial deposit, I shall see that it is passed on to you.

I was glad that you mention the books of Georges Contenau.¹ We have not had them in the library*, and I am writing at once to my friend Lyotard to see whether he can secure them for us.² Suggestions of this sort are always most welcome.

Since I last wrote you, I have been up at Harvard attending my 30th class reunion. I had to make a speech at the reunion dinner and chose as a topic "Norway in May, 1951". The class seemed much interested. I don't know whether you see American newspapers nowadays, but you would have been interested in the Harvard honorary degree guests as you were in those who received recognition from Yale. Among others at Harvard we had Warren Austin, Walter Gifford, Charles Wilson, J. J. McCloy and our near neighbor Thornton Wilder.³ Thornton made one of the best speeches I have ever heard. He has real genius.

Now I have come back from various travels and am going to settle down on annual reports. I am glad to hear that yours will be coming along shortly.⁴ Yours always adds great distinction to our published account.

No more for the moment. I shall keep you posted of any new developments. Meanwhile, I trust you succeed in finding a good secretary. With all good wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

* Yes, we have one: *La médecine en Assyrie et en Babylonie* just trans. from the Univ. Lib.

JF

¹ Contenau see letter 491.

² Lyotard, probably Jean-Pierre, Paris book seller

³ Austin, Warren 1877-1962) senator and politician. Gifford, Walter S. (1885-1966) president of AT&T. Wilson, Charles not identified. McCloy, John J. (1895-1989) president of the World Bank. Wilder, Thornton (1897-1975) playwright, novelist.

⁴ Annual Report (Sigerist 1951b).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 July 1951

My dear Henry:

Madeline Stanton chastized me for implying that Henry Viets had a malignant growth of his lower intestine.¹ He had a flock of polyps in his rectum and colon. Such things are looked upon as potentially malignant but there had been no metastasis, and I think the prognosis is fairly good. She was quite right in calling me to task on this point because you might have inferred from my earlier letter that Henry had one foot in the grave which is not true.

All is well here, and we are eagerly looking forward to your annual report.²

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Stanton see letter 182. Viets see letter 75. This letter refers to an earlier one which is obviously missing.

² Annual Report (Sigerist 1951b).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 10 July 1951

My dear John:

Please do excuse the delay and this poorly written manuscript.¹ I typed it propped up with pillows while having an attack of lumbago. I had such bad luck with this report. I had just begun writing it when I [had] to go to Geneva to see some colleagues on their way to various parts of the globe on behalf of the World Health Organization. And then, two days ago when I had it written I suddenly was shot by the witch and felt as if I had a dagger in my back. My whole family suffers occasionally from lumbago. I was spared until two years ago but now I am paying my tribute. It does not last long but while it lasts it is most unpleasant.

Thanks for two letters and also for the check that I received a few days ago.

I shall write soon more but now I need a rubbing.

As ever

[Henry]

P.S. Of course, feel free to make any editorial changes you like. I did not mention the invitation to Berne and shall do it in next year's report.² My policy is to get somebody else into the job because I feel a certain responsibility in the matter.

¹ "Manuscript" of Annual Report (Sigerist 1951b).

² “Invitation to Berne“ University chair of history of medicine.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 18 July 1951

My dear Henry:

This is just a line to acknowledge your Annual Report which arrived on Monday.¹ As usual, it is an impressive document recording your many activities (under the handicap of no secretarial assistance). I am glad to hear that the second volume of your History is so well in hand. With our friend, George Mitchell in London, I can only say that we all look forward to it most eagerly.²

I have just had a letter from Phil Vaudrin who has joined the establishment of Alfred Knopf.³ He is very pleased with his new responsibilities, and Knopf himself is tremendously pleased with his new aid. Vaudrin writes me that the Oxford Press has sold nearly three thousand copies already of your first volume, which is not bad for the first of an eight-volume series in these fallen times when very few people or institutions are buying books. I am much interested to hear that the German translation of the History is in process. Be sure to see that we receive a copy when it appears - of course on library order. A few days ago I received a notice of the German translation of my Physiology of the Nervous System, issued by Enke, but I have not yet seen the volume itself.⁴ Your books have always appeared in many languages, but I have never before had one of mine issued in German, French, Portuguese, Spanish, and Russian. I can only hope it is worthy of the various renderings.

Your friends here in the Library - or should I say the new Department - wish you well.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

I am very eager to see your account of Cushing⁵

¹ Annual Report (Sigerist 1951b).

² Mitchell see letter 484.

³ Vaudrin see letter 351. Alfred Knopf (1892-1984) publisher in New York.

⁴ “Physiology“ (Fulton 1938b).

⁵ S.’s account of Cushing: No work on Cushing has appeared by S. in the 1950s.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 July 1951

My dear Henry:

Following my last letter to you of the 18th, I can report further about Vaudrin.¹ He writes that there is an excellent review of the first volume of your History in the current number of

the Nation. I have not yet seen it, but I shall try to obtain a photostat and send it along to you. I don't know of any book that has had a more uniformly enthusiastic press, and as I may have already written, we are indecently proud over the fact that the Library has it as one of its official publications.

Vaudrin is now gunning for my History of Physiology which gives me a further incentive to finish it.² Most publishers are gun-shy over specialist's [sic] histories, but if Alfred Knopf really wants it I shall certainly let them do it.³

Meanwhile, I hope you are getting on with Volume II and III. I am most impatient to see them. Have you found a secretary as yet? If not, I might be able to send Madeline Stanton over to you for a month's „holiday“.⁴

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Vaudrin see letter 351.

² “History of Physiology”: No book-length work of Fulton has appeared with this title.

³ Knopf see letter 495.

⁴ Stanton see letter 183.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 1 August 1951

My dear John,

A young Swiss medical historian Dr. Heinrich Buess would like to work with you next winter and if he has not written yet he will write you presently.¹ I should like to recommend him most warmly. He is an excellent man who without any doubt will have one of the next chairs of medical history. He is a graduate of the University of Basle, is at the moment Privatdozent of Medical History and has what is called here „ein bezahlter Lehrauftrag“. In other words, he gets a small salary from the University for his courses. This is usually the first step to a chair.² Besides having a university appointment he has a job with the Ciba that provides the bread and butter for the family. He is factory physician and also works with Dr. Karl Reucker, the editor of all the Ciba publications.³

Buess will send you his publications and they will show you that he has done very well so far. I know that he is a very good teacher. He attended all our Pura conferences and his papers were always very good. Buess was awarded a fellowship for post-graduate training in America by and the American Swiss Foundation for Scientific Exchange so that he is taken care of financially. He intends to spend a few months at Johns Hopkins and would then like to spend about two months with you where he would like to work particularly on Haller's vies [sic] on pathological physiology, a very subject [sic]. I am very anxious to see our young people spend some time in America first because they must know English well and, second, because at the moment there is no better country for studies in medical history. Germany is making a great effort and there are some very promising young people in the field in the Western zone, of course - but they are frightfully short of money, have not the new foreign books so that they are greatly handicapped.⁴ If you can attend our Lucerne meeting in

September you will meet Buess.⁵ I hope that Shryock will attend the meeting also and we may have Underwood and Guthrie who both plan to be in Switzerland at that time.⁶

It was excellent news to hear that Vaudrin has a job with Knopf.⁷ Of all the so-called “commercial” publishers he certainly is one of the best and in your place I would not hesitate to give him your *History of Physiology*. He does a good job and he sells books.

Ruth and Max Fisch were here recently and it was a great pleasure to see them.⁸ Our next American visitors are Zilboorgs and Iago Galdston.⁹ We are supposed to have a heat wave and I have 80 in my study. For an old Baltimorean this is just a fresh breeze and an excuse for a mint julep.

Warm regards as ever

[Henry]

¹ Buess, Heinrich (1911-1984) Swiss medical historian.

² Buess never had a chair.

³ Reucker, Karl (1890-1961) medical editor

⁴ “Western zone” of occupation of post-war Germany.

⁵ Meeting of the Swiss Association of the History of Medicine.

⁶ Shryock see letter 403. Underwood see letter 356. Guthrie see letter 352.

⁷ Vaudrin see letter 351. Knopf see letter 495.

⁸ Fisch, Ruth B., medical historian. Fisch, Max H., professor of philosophy, medical historian.

⁹ Zilboorg see letter 264. Galdston see letter 297.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 August 1951

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of 1 August telling me of Dr. Heinrich Buess who plans to spend some time in the States under the auspices of the Swiss Academy of Medicine and the American-Swiss Foundation for Scientific Exchange.¹ We shall, of course, be delighted to have him. He will be the first postgraduate fellow to come formally to the new department, and we shall do everything we can for him. As you probably know, we are quite well off as far as Haller material is concerned, and it will, of course, be entirely at his disposal.²

I am planning to come to the Lucerne meeting if I can possibly arrange it. I expect to fly over to London on 29 August, arriving on the 30th and then I am probably going on to Copenhagen to attend the polio conference. I am having my mail sent to the May Fair, London, but will be at Hotel d'Angleterre [sic] in Copenhagen the week of the 2nd.

My plans have been somewhat interrupted as my sister, who lives in Minneapolis, died ten days ago and I had to go out to be with the family. She had a carcinoma of the lung, poor dear, and we all felt it merciful that when the end came it came suddenly. She was an artist by training and had more talent than any other member of the family. It will make a serious gap in our ranks.

With all good wishes,
Yours ever,
John

¹ Buess see letter 497.

² Haller see letter 9.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 August 1951

My dear Henry:

When writing you yesterday I forgot to tell you that Lier has just written that he has succeeded in obtaining a copy of the Stella monograph on Alcmeone [sic].¹ I had borrowed a copy from the Library of the University of Illinois, but it was on interlibrary loan and I had to send it back before I had absorbed very much of the text. I am so grateful to you for having put Lier on to finding me a copy.

Please don't bother to acknowledge this. How have you fared in finding a secretary ? You can answer this question when I have written you about something more important.

With all good wishes as always,

Yours sincerely

John

¹ Lier see letter 485. Stella monograph see letter 486. Alcmeon see letter 409.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 25 August 1951

My dear John:

I was terribly sorry to hear that you lost your sister and I wish to express to you all my sympathy.¹ Emmy, I am sure, would join me in telling you how sorry we feel but she is in Geneva and has been there for the last two weeks nursing Erica who suddenly came down with typhoid fever - by all means.² There has not been a case in Geneva for the last fifteen years and we have no idea where she got the disease. Poor girl - she had bronchpneumonia in January, measles at the age of 32 in June and now typhoid. Fortunately we have chloromycetin today.³ It worked wonders and the temperature went down after 48 hours. Still, it is a serious illness, she is very weak and it will take her weeks to recover fully.

I was glad to hear that Lier got you a copy of Stella's monograph.⁴ I am including two more titles of books that I would recommend to buy for the Library. Filliozat's is the most important study on Indian medicine published recently, and Till's book is an important contribution not only to Coptic but also to Egyptan [sic] and Arabic medicine.⁵

Yesterday's mail brought the anniversary number of Gesnerus and I was delighted to find your name in it.⁶ Thank you ever so much for having contributed to this Festschrift which I greatly treasure. I am ashamed to say that I knew very little about Baillarger but I learned a lot from your paper, made profuse notes and will read some of his works.⁷

I can get an American or English secretary at any time without difficulty but so far I had not the courage to engage one not knowing whether, when and how the Whitney Fund would make the promised payments. Now that I have your letters I feel safe and shall engage a girl for the 1st of October. It will be a tremendous relief because the correspondence and other routine work was a steady grind which took not only much of my time but also much of my energy.

I hope you will have a good time in England and Denmark and very much hope to see you in Switzerland toward the end of September. Galdston and Zilboorg were here recently and I expect Shryock next week so that I feel up to date with the medico-historical gossip.⁸

Warm regards

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ F.'s sister see letter 498.

² Erica (daughter).

³ Chloromycetin: At that time a new antibiotic, no longer in use.

⁴ Lier see letter 485. Stella's monograph see letter 486.

⁵ (Filliozat 1949), (Till 1951).

⁶ Gesnerus (Swiss Journal of the History of Medicine and Sciences) 8 (1) 1951 was devoted to S. as Festschrift; F.'s contribution (Fulton 1951d).

⁷ Jules Baillarger (1808-1890) French psychiatrist.

⁸ Galdston see letter 297. Zilboorg, see letter 264. Shryock see 403.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 31 August 1951

Mon cher Henri,

Je viens d'arriver à Londres par avion et je suis très content de trouver votre aimable lettre du 25 août. Maintenant il me faut beaucoup de pratique en Français [sic], parce que mes conférences à Louvain doivent commencer dans quelques semaines et Monseigneur le Recteur nous a prié de parler en Français [sic]. Ce sera un peu difficile pour moi, mais j'espère qu'après quelques jours cela ira un peu plus facilement. Mme Massier-Doucet, qui a été pendant quinze ans secrétaire [sic] exécutive d'un bureau à Paris de la Fondation Rockefeller, viendra à Louvain pour six semaines afin de m'aider à rédiger le texte de mes conférences: elle m'aidera aussi avec ma correspondance.

J'apprends avec regret que votre fille a été malade avec la typhoïde; c'est tout à fait extraordinaire de l'avoir contracté aujourd'hui. Je suis pourtant heureux d'apprendre que vous avez obtenu de la chloromycétine, qui est un produit absolument spécifique pour traiter les infections de ce genre.¹

Je vous remercie pour les notations avec égard aux ouvrages de Filliozat et aussi sur ceux de Till, qui sont des livres sur la medecine [sic] Egyptienne et Arabe.² Je vais commander des exemplaires tout de suite. Je suis aussi très content de votre mot si cordial sur la petite pièce de Baillarger dans votre Festschrift.³ Il est un homme tout à fait extraordinaire, mais il n'est pas bien connu.

J'ai l'intention de me rendre à Copenhague le 2 septembre et je vais arriver à Louvain le 8 septembre et mon adresse sera chez M. le Prof. Jean Morelle, 164 Boulevard de Tirlemont, Louvain.

Voulez vous m'écrire les dates du Symposium de l'Histoire de la Medecine [sic] en septembre ?

A bientôt,

John

Summary: F. writes in French because soon in Louvain, Belgium, he will have to deliver lectures in French. He reacts to S.'s letter of 25 August 1951.

¹ Chloromycetin see letter 500.

² (Filliozat 1949), (Till 1951).

³ Baillarger, and Festschrift see letter 500..

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Fulton to Sigerist, Louvain, Belgium, 21 September 1951

My dear Henry,

This is just a line to let you know that I have been in Louvain for ten days working industriously upon my French lectures.

I enclose a copy of the outline which will give you an idea of what I am attempting to cover. The only trouble is that they have just broken the news that they would like to publish the text of the lectures in the form of a monograph under the auspices of the Fondation Francqui. This makes the assignment much more of a burden than I had anticipated and I am a little doubtful whether I ought to take time off to come down for the meetings on the 29th and 30th, particularly as I have to be here for the formal opening of the University on Monday October 1st.¹

If I can make it even for a day I shall do so, but I don't think you should count on me as these hospitable Louvain people have involved me in a series of commitments that is leaving me somewhat breathless.

I think you sent me a provisional program of the meetings but I don't seem to find it in my brief case and I fear I must have left it in New Haven. Do you have another copy ?

My permanent address until the 5th of December will be at this hotel.² I am planning to fly back from Paris on the 7th.

How goes your second volume ?

Best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
John

¹ Meetings of the Swiss Association of the History of Medicine. “Opening of the University”: Louvain University was founded in 1425 and refounded in 1835.

² “This hotel”: Letter-head: Grand Hôtel La Royale, Louvain.

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*Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 25 September 1951*¹

My dear John:

I am just back from Berne where I had to give a lecture to open a post-graduate course. I spent a few days there and enjoyed hearing what is going on in medicine.

Today I just received your letter from Louvain. I can imagine how busy you must be with your lectures. Lecturing in a foreign language is no joke as I have experienced many times. Your outline sounds perfectly splendid but a big assignment. I suppose I wrote you before that I shall follow in your footsteps next year giving the Heath Clark Lectures at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. It will be in November 1952. I also have invitations to Manchester and a few other places. I shall take Emmy along and we shall probably spend about three weeks in England. I shall carry on with my work at either the Royal Society of Medicine or the Wellcome Library. There could not be better places for studies in our field.

I sent my program of the Lucerne meeting to Guthrie who plans to be there (Shryock may come also) but I made a note that the historians will meet on the following dates:²

Saturday, 29 Sept.: Informal meeting of the teachers of medical history at the „Hermitage“ at 10.30 a.m. to be reached by autobus line 24 leaving from station, direction to Meggen. Guests are most welcome. I shall bring Underwood who is expected in Pura tomorrow.³

Sunday, 30 Sept.: Meeting of the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine and Science, from 8 to 11.30 a.m. Nine papers announced. Luncheon of the Society. 2 p.m. Boat Ride on the Lake etc.

Monday, 1 Octo.: Second meeting of the society with 5 more papers, and another luncheon.

Of course, you know that we are meeting as a section of the Swiss Association for the Advancement of Science so that there may be papers in other sections that you may care to hear. Muralt is president of the Association.⁴

It would be awfully nice if we could have you with us. With you, Shryock, Underwood and Guthrie the Anglo-Saxon world would be represented beautifully. And Lucerne is a lovely spot at this time of the year. The historians all stay at the Hotel Eden au Lac. It was the Association's idea to assign hotels to the various sections.

I made some progress on Vol. II but not as much as I wanted. Emmy was in Geneva for five weeks nursing Erica and I was alone with a rather stupid Italian maid so that I did three people's work, my own, a secretary's and the housewife's. However[,] this is all over by now.

Erica is at home with a four-week's leave to recover from her attack of typhoid. I hope to have a secretary very soon and on October 2nd I shall settle down and hope to have six months without interruption. If all goes well the manuscript of Vol. II will be with the press by April 1st. This is about the best I can do with all the difficulties I had.

Hoping very much to see you in Lucerne I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ The date is given as 25 July 1951 but must clearly be 25 September.

² Meetings of the Swiss Association of the History of Medicine. Guthrie see Letter 352. Shryock see letter 403.

³ Underwood see letter 356.

⁴ Von Muralt see letter 402..

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Fulton to Sigerist, Louvain, 26 September 1951

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of yesterday giving me an outline of the program for the Lucerne meeting of the Historical Section of the Swiss Association for the Advancement of Science. I feel awfully torn, but now that I see that the chief meetings are on Sunday and Monday, and these I should have to miss, because there is only one plane back from Zurich to Brussels and that leaves at 10 a.m. Sunday, - I feel that it would be very unwise for me to attempt the trip. As you say, preparing a series of lectures in another language is no joke and if you say this when you can arise and make a statesmanly address in any one of at least six languages, you can imagine how I feel attempting my first lectures in a foreign language. On top of all this, I have to represent Yale at the Cardinal Mercier Anniversary celebrations here Wednesday afternoon 10 Oct, and be in Liverpool Thursday afternoon 11 Oct. to give the second Sherrington Lecture.¹ I know you will understand.

I am thrilled to hear that you are to be the Heath Clark Lecturer for 1952. They are a very nice lot and I know that you will bring them a great stimulus.

With all best wishes for the success of the historical meetings,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

Love to Emmy

¹ Cardinal Mercier (1851-1926) Belgian prelate, noted for his resistance to the German occupation in WWI. Sherrington Lecture (Fulton 1952a).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 8 October 1951

My dear John:

Thanks for your letter of 26 September. We all regretted very much that you could not be with us at Lucerne but I, of course, understand very well that it would have been difficult for you to come.¹ As a matter of fact, I think you should not run around too much. The program of your lectures sounds perfectly splendid but is a full schedule that must keep you very busy quite apart from the fact that the people there are very hospitable[,] that food in Belgium is superlative and that you get the best Burgundy wines France produces. The Ostend soles are the best in the world[,] better than the Dover soles, and the moules are delicious.²

Well the Lucerne meeting was unusually nice. Friday we had a long informal session of the inner circle. I gave a one-hour survey of medico-historical activities throughout the world during the past six months [sic]. Milt reported on activities in Germany as he had just attended the meeting at Trier.³ Underwood spoke about the Wellcome Museum and his present plans.⁴ Guthrie reported on activities in Scotland.⁵ In the afternoon we discussed matters of the Swiss Society, projects and policies. Then Sunday morning we had our main session. Lichtenthaeler and I had the main papers on Hippocratic medicine.⁶ Lichtenthaeler is an awfully nice young tb-doctor in Leysin who is a very good Greek scholar, has written a book on Hippocratic and modern medicine.⁷ He is rather isolated at Leysin and we try [sic] to help him and push him a little. We had a good many shorter papers Sunday and Monday on ancient medicine and other subjects. Most papers were good and we had lively discussion. Switzerland really has some very good people in the field. Shryock was to come but like you he could not get away.⁸ He was attending a convention of the international association of university professors or whatever the organization is called.

I have advertised for a secretary in several papers and had many applications but so far have not found the right sort. However[,] I am sure to find some suitable girl.

Cordial regards as ever

[Henry]

¹ At the University of Louvain F. gave a series of eight lectures on the physiology of brain and its historical background.

² Speaking of the Belgian cuisine S. shows the gourmet he was.

³ Bernhard Milt (1896-1956) Swiss medical historian.

⁴ Underwood see letter 356.

⁵ Guthrie see letter 352.

⁶ Charles Lichtenthaeler (1915-1993) German medical historian in Switzerland, (Lichtenthaeler 1948).

⁷ Leysin: A former alpine tuberculosis station in Western Switzerland.

⁸ Shryock see letter 403.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Louvain, 18 October 1951

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for your interesting letter about the Lucerne meetings.¹ It was a great disappointment to me not to be there but I am especially glad to have your account of it. As Alan Gregg once said of you, you are a catalyst and wherever you are there is fermentation.²

This brings to mind a letter which I have just had from Iago Galdston who seems to be unduly agitated about the Association of the History of Medicine.³ Although he wrote me in confidence, you have been so close to the Association for so long, that I am venturing to send you Galdston's letter for comment.

I don't think Shryock is as nefarious as Iago seems to think, but on the other hand Ralph Major with all his virtue is a rather weak character and I don't think he would take a stand in the affairs of the Association unless he were forced to do so.⁴ I think the real trouble with the Association is that it now lacks your inspiring leadership and if I am to be President next year I shall need your guidance. Galdston has always something of a worry to me. He had fits over some of the details of your farewell dinner. Among other things he did not want a speech on Soviet medicine; but I felt that this was so much a part of your interest at the time that it should be represented because you were one of the few who had the courage to learn Russian and see the Soviet experiment at first hand.⁵ I don't know if I ever mentioned Iago's reactions at the time of your dinner, but they provoked me not a little.

Well, I have been to England to give my Sherrington Lecture and I paid a visit to Sir Charles at Eastbourne.⁶ At 94 he is frail but still very vigorous mentally and full of amusing anecdote.

On the 10th, before going to England I attended the Anniversary Celebrations for Cardinal Mercier and met the young king who made his first public appearance on that occasion.⁷ I was profoundly impressed by the royal 'grip' which all but crushed the small bones of my right hand. He is a very vigorous young man !

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ See letter 505.² Gregg see letter 403.³ Galdston see letter 297.⁴ Shryock see letter 403. Ralph H. Major, physician and medical historian; he was president of the AAHM 1950 and 1951, followed by F. 1952 and 1953.⁵ S.'s study tours in the Soviet Union 1935, 1936, and 1938.⁶ F.'s Sherrington Lecture see letter 504. „Sir Charles“ Sherrington (1857-1952) see letter 110.⁷ Cardinal Mercier see letter 504. King of Belgium: Baudouin I (born 1930).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 25 October 1951

My dear John,

Iago Galdston was here in August and told me about what he wrote you in his letter of October 15 that I am returning enclosed.¹ I do not know what is wrong with him. He thinks that Shryock is an ambitious politician who tries to grab everything for himself and the Johns Hopkins Institute.² He said to me literally that he had not made up his mind yet whether he should destroy Shryock or use him. I am sure that Galdston is wrong in every respect, and I tried to persuade him to change his mind, but apparently unsuccessfully. Shryock has everything he could wish for, a good chair, a good department, a good budget. He is universally respected, is president of the Association of University Professors, and I fail to see what else he could wish for. Besides, I have always known him as a very gentle person, so that I cannot understand Galdston's attitude.

As to the Bulletin of the History of Medicine, I do not know what the present situation is, but as long as I was in charge of it, it always had a huge deficit that was taken care of by the Institute. Since the cost of production of one volume was always more than five dollars, every new member of the Association increased the deficit. I did not mind it, because the Institute was always able to meet the deficit and because I considered the publication of the Bulletin a service to medical history.

Kansas City obviously is not a very good place for the annual meeting. As the great majority of all members resides in the East, there is no doubt that a city in the East would be preferable. On the other hand, the Association should do something for the members who are in the Middle West and West, and the solution I adopted at the time was to have a fall meeting in some such location. We did meet in Kansas City once, and it was a very pleasant convention to which I and a few others from the East went, although most members who attended were from the Middle West. But it stimulated interest, and Clendening put up a very good program and exhibit for the occasion.³ Another year we had a fall meeting at Cleveland, which was very good also.

All in all I think the Association is doing quite well. Of course it would be desirable to have a reserve fund of a few thousand dollars, and maybe a benefactor could be found. If the Association is dissatisfied with the Bulletin, it may at any time call off the agreement with the Institute and launch its own organ, but it will soon find that an independent publication will cost it very much more. When we reorganized the Association, we considered publishing an annual volume of transactions or proceedings, but we soon found that the Bulletin was giving the members very much more for their annual dues than a volume of transactions possibly could.

I am delighted to know that you will be president of the Association for the next two years, and I am convinced you will be able to iron out whatever difficulties may occur. If I ever can be of any help, feel free to call on me at any time.

With warm regards I am yours very cordially,

[Henry]

¹ Galdston see letter 297.

² Shryock see letter 403.³ Clendening see letter 167.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Louvain, 25 October 1951

My dear Henry,

I well remember the night at Mill Rock when you first met Hendrickson and later exclaimed „A great Humanist“; in fact I think you may have said „the last of our humanists“.¹ I have just had a very thrilling experience, and it made me think immediately of you, of meeting another great humanist, l'Abbé Henri de Vocht, who is working industriously on a series of histories of the University of Louvain and is about to publish a two-volume history of the Collegium Trilingue Lovaniensis. He has also recently published three or four other things on personalities associated with the early history of Louvain and I shall obtain the titles for you in case they may have escaped your attention.

The thing that fascinates me about the Collegium Trilingue is that it was founded with the cooperation of Erasmus in 1517-18 and Vesalius came to the Collegium a short time later and fell under the influence not only of Erasmus himself but of Gemma, Frisius, Mercator and Vives.² The Abbé thinks that much of Vesalius' independence of thinking was derived from the influence of these four men. I saw the proof-sheet of his book, or at least the first volume of it and it is a most impressive document written in English. The old gentleman sits in a study completely surrounded by the writings of the humanists of old time - Erasmus, Colet, Linacre, Causaubon, Dolet and many of your other friends. I don't know when I have been more thrilled by meeting a man of letters. You probably know the Abbé by reputation for he has edited a large series of publications issued by the University of Louvain; when he is not worrying about Vesalius he is having a great verbal battle with British scholars about the text and also the sources of Shakespeare. As I was leaving he pulled down a new publication on the first folio of Shakespeare by Chapman I think it was, shook his finger at it and said „Monsieur Chapman should have known better“. If you have not met this fine ecclesiastic, it would be worth a trip to Louvain to sit down with him for an evening to enjoy his conversation and drink some of his most excellent wine. I will send you the list of his recent publications in a day or two; they will be useful to you when you come to the XVIth century.

Affectionate greetings to Emmy and all good wishes,

Yours ever

John

Monsieur l'Abbé H. de Vocht

60 Boulevard de Namur, Louvain.

¹ Mill Rock: F.'s residence in New Haven. Hendrickson see letter 145.² Vesalius see letter 180. Humanists mentioned:

Causaubon, Meric (1599-1671)

Chapman, George (1559-1634)

Colet, John (1467-1519)

Dolet, Etienne (1509-1546)
Erasmus, Desiderius, of Rotterdam (1466-1536)
Frisius (Agricola) (1443-1485)
Gemma, Roger (1508-1555)
Linacre, Thomas (1460-1524)
Mercator (Gerhard Kremer) (1612-1611)
Vives, Juan Luis (1492-1540)

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*Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 November 1951*¹

My dear Henry:

You will probably be amused to receive letters dictated in Louvain and transcribed in New Haven, but it is really very convenient, for I have a Sound-Scriber with flat discs and I fill up one or two every day and send them back to the office so that time won't hang too heavy for the harem. They complain, however, that I am keeping them busier from Louvain than I do when I am home. I should, of course, feel desperately if they didn't have anything to do.

This will acknowledge your helpful letter of 25 October about the affaire Galdston.² Your reactions to him are precisely mine, and while I think he is one sense a good ferment in the medical history field, he has his prejudices and is awfully wrong headed in certain areas – I don't know whether they are cyto-architectural or spiritual – but I think he is quite stupid to take the attitude he has toward Shryock who, as you say is a gentle and certainly not an overambitious fellow.³ I suspect he feels very much on the spot attempting to fill your shoes at Baltimore; but this would be true of anyone who took that post after the brilliant way in which you directed it. I shall try to write Galdston a firm but tactful letter, but for the moment I propose to sidestep most of the issues that he raises and tell him that I shall discuss them with him when I come back.⁴ With a fellow like that I don't believe in putting too much on paper.

The medical faculty at Louvain are phenomenal people. The full professors are as distinguished for their wine cellars as they are for their intellectual achievements, and I come to have a most high regard for both. Last night I attended a quiet little dinner of 24 people in the house of Professor Robert Appelmans, Chief of the Surgical Clinic here. I have never listened to better conversation, tasted better food or better wines, five of them in a perfect sequence, a Clos de Vogeot of 1929 which would have made the angels weep, a very dry champagne with dessert, an 1896 cognac and when the Recteur Magnificus seemed a little slow about getting started for home, some more champagne was produced at midnight since no one can leave until the Recteur does.⁵ I thought of you and how much you would have enjoyed it. I have attended the same kind of dinners at least a dozen times in the last six weeks each time in a private house. How do they do it ?

Yours ever sincerely,

John F. Fulton

Dictated in Louvain 28 October 1951

¹ The new letter-head: Department of the History of Medicine. Historical Library.

² Galdston see letter 297.

³ Shryock see letter 403.

⁴ “A firm but tactful letter”: This was precisely how F. wrote to Galdston on 31 October 1951.

⁵ “Recteur magnificus”: President of the university.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 November 1951

My dear Henry:

You will recall my writing you about l'Abbé De Vocht.¹ I learned last night that he has recently been made a Canon and while a Canon is also an Abbé, it is more appropriate to address him as Chanoine De Vocht. I pass this on just in case you happen to be writing him.

Yours ever,

John

¹ De Vocht see letter 508.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Louvain, 3 November 1951

My dear Henry:

I have just been in Paris meeting Madeline Stanton who flew over several days ago to help me get my Francqui Lectures ready for press.¹ On returning to-day to Louvain I found your most welcome letter of the 31st in which you say most fittingly that humanism is more likely to unite the Western world than Marshall Plan aid.² I agree with this wholeheartedly, and I wish the philosophy could be made more widespread. I am encouraged by the fact that Acheson is now in Paris; he is a very well educated fellow with a keen appreciation of humanistic values.³ My only worry about him is that he is too hard pressed by affairs of state and the things that Mr. Truman as President should himself be doing.⁴

I had a pleasant time in Paris seeing the bookshops and introducing Madeline to various people in the booktrade with whom she had been corresponding over the years; and last night we had a choice of Rigoletto or the Folies Bergère and I regret to report that we settled for the Folies Bergère, a truly magnificent performance even though a little nude at times, but the French do these things so well ! On Tous saint all the museums of Paris were closed (in honor of my birthday) so we went to Notre Dame and witnessed a High Mass with four cardinals, twenty bishops, and every variety of lesser clergy.⁵ It was a truly magnificent performance * for which I was well prepared after my two celibate Catholic months at Louvain.

It is awfully good news that you have succeeded in finding a secretary who knows the languages of Western Europe as well as Hebrew and Arabic.⁶ You are indeed fortunate. I am sure this will expedite the History. You must tell me her name, so that I can make appropriate

references when I write. Your History means everything to those of us who are concerned with medical history, and it must go forward.

From New Haven the other day I wrote you that Abbé De Vocht is now a Chanoine.⁷ I hope to see him this week as I am working on my final conférence on Vesalius.⁸ I am trying to find out whether Vesalius ever actually met Erasmus; the Chanoine thinks he did, but I do not as yet have the evidence. Louvain fascinates me - and so do the Folies Bergère.

Warm greetings,

Yours ever,

John

* like les Folies !!

¹ Stanton see letter 182. Francqui Lectures: Delivered by F. in Louvain.

² S.'s letter of 31 October is missing.

³ Dean Acheson (1893-1971) Secretary of State from 1949 to 1953.

⁴ Truman see letter 400.

⁵ Tous saints: All Saints' Day (1 November).

⁶ S.'s new secretary: Ruth D. Berlowitz.

⁷ De Vocht see letter 508.

⁸ Vesalius see letter 180.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Louvain, 30 November 1951

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your nice letter of the 28th.¹ I do appreciate your thought. I had intended to write you before this about the Medical History week-end. It went off very successfully, and I was much impressed by our mutual friend, Wickersheimer.² He is really an extraordinary fellow, and while he occupied nearly an hour and a half giving his paper on the evolution of the modern hospital (from the Greek temples), it was well worth hearing and I wouldn't have missed it for anything. To my surprise I discovered that Mrs. W. is a Chicago American; she told me that they met one day in 1910 in the Bibliothèque Nationale - and she added, "And here we are." I was most entertained.

There is nothing much else to report except that they have kept me awfully busy at the Belgian universities, and especially here at Louvain. I have had a great thrill out of Chanoine de Vocht whose book on the history of the Collegium Trilingue was published only two days ago.³ I am asking the publishers to send you a copy. It is really a magnificent contribution to Renaissance scholarship.

I expect to remain here until the 3rd and will then be at the Regina in Paris until the 7th when I plan to fly back to New York. I only wish it were possible to pay you a visit at Pura, but that must wait until next summer. Meanwhile, you will be seeing my good friend, Dorothy Schullian.⁴

With all good wishes,
Yours ever,
John

They rather overwhelmed yesterday - not only the degree, but the gold medal of the [...] of the king made me a Commander of the order of [...].⁵ I looked a little like a Christmas tree when the ceremonies were finished !

¹ S.'s letter is missing.

² Ernest Wickersheimer (1880-1965) French medical historian.

³ De Vocht see letter 508.

⁴ Schullian see letter 464.

⁵ The University of Louvain bestowed on F. an honorary degree.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 4 December 1951

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter and more congratulations. You certainly had all the honours that Belgium can bestow on a man, but you worked for them hard and certainly richly deserved them. These Catholic universities are great cultural centres because the Church after all builds on a great tradition. I just received for the Bulletin René Verrier's second publication on Arnald de Villanova, where he shows that the commentary to the regimen sanitatis salernitanum was in all probability written at Louvain in the second half of the fifteenth century by a man who was probably John of Westphalia.¹ He also thinks that another regimen sanitatis which is usually included in the opera of Arnald was written in the fourteenth century at Arras by a Milan physician. There can be no doubt that in the late Middle Ages and in the Renaissance the Netherlands including today's Belgium and Northern France had a very active cultural life.

Wickersheimer is a great scholar for whom I have profound respect and admiration.² His work is first-rate. I know that his wife is American and first met her around 1920. What impression had you of Jonckheere ?³ René Sand told me the other day that he had a rather bad reputation in Belgium and that one should be cautious with him.⁴ He is a surgeon and a very good egyptologist. He was divorced from his first wife for mental and physical cruelty. He operated on his second wife who died on the operating table under his knife. This is of course off the record, and I merely report what Sand told me. I found his egyptological work very good, used it and quoted it in my first volume. But he must be a strange fellow, because I never had a word from him although I reviewed his first publication in the Bulletin in great detail, and sent him an early copy of my first volume.

Dorothy Schullian was here yesterday, and from her I heard that Madeleine [sic] Stanton had been in Milan without coming to Pura.⁵ Somehow I did not realise that she was still with you in Belgium, or I would have insisted on her coming to see us. Please give her my warm regards, and tell her she must never go to Italy again without passing through Pura.

When you are back in New Haven, could you let me have a photo of Harvey

Cushing ? I will need it for the new edition of „Grosse Aerzte“.⁶ I had a very good one, but when I left Baltimore I presented it to the Institute.

It is too bad that we did not meet this winter, but I very much hope that you will come to Pura next year. I plan to attend the international congress of the History of Medicine in Nice, not so much on account of the convention, but because the French Riviera is very beautiful at that time of year. Perhaps we could arrange to have a small gathering at Pura preceding the meeting, as a good many of our colleagues will be in Europe.

I wish you a good flight. Give my love to Madeleine [sic] and Lucia,

Yours as ever

[Henry]

P.S. This moment the postman brings de Vocht's book for which I am most grateful to you.⁷ I shall read it with the greatest interest, and will write a note to the author when I am through with it.

¹ Verrier (Sigerist 1952b). Arnald de Villanova: Spanish physician (1235-1311). *Regimen sanitatis Salernitanum*: Medieval didactic poem. John of Westphalia: Belgian printer, ca. 1500.

² Wickersheimer see letter 512.

³ Jonckheere (Sigerist 1949b).

⁴ Sand see letter 476.

⁵ Schullian see letter 464. Madeline Stanton see letter 183.

⁶ *Grosse Aerzte* (Sigerist 1933a). New edition of 1954.

⁷ De Vocht see letter 508 and (De Vocht 1951).

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 6 December 1951

My dear Henry:

Your good letter of the 4th finds me here in Paris, and I particularly appreciate your congratulations on the things that happened to me in Belgium. I still don't know how to cross myself or to genuflect; but despite these basic deficiencies, the University of Louvain has been very generous to an old pagan.

I am much interested in your remarks about Wickersheimer.¹ He is really an extraordinary fellow, but it is a pity that he does not have a proper chair of medical history. I gathered from his wife that he holds the librarianship at Strasbourg, and his excursions into the field of history are by way of being a side issue. You ask about Jonckheere.² I was not attracted to the man, but I had not realized that he was something of a blue-beard. His paper put me to sleep, but this perhaps does not mean much because the room in which the sessions were held was so hot that no one could concentrate on anything. The Belgians have a passion for central heating, and if anyone opens a window, someone else promptly closes it.

I am glad that you have seen Dorothy Schullian.³ She is one of my special favourites, and I hope one day that we may be able to lure her to the Historical Library. Madeline Stanton has

been with me for a month at Louvain, helping to get my monograph in order, and we are flying back from here tomorrow.⁴

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John

¹ Wickersheimer see letter 512.

² Jonckheere see letter 513.

³ Schullian see letter 464.

⁴ Stanton see letter 182. “My monograph“ (Fulton 1953).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 19 December 1951

My dear Henry:

We all have been much interested in your stimulating article in the January Atlantic.¹ I am inclined to look upon it as one of the best pieces of popular writing you have ever done. It also reveals a great deal about yourself which I had not known; I knew that you have been bothered with hypertension, but I can only conclude from reading between the lines that you are not too seriously afflicted, and that in the future you had better seek the guidance of your Zurich heart specialist who tells you that your pressure is 160/110. This is what I have been carrying for some years, and I have a good many of your disabilities: I am often short of breath, cannot run upstairs or rush for trains, and I never carry anything that I can give to someone else to carry. I don't believe that either one of us is going to die tomorrow, and it is very important, in your case, because you really must finish that history before going to Lethe-wards!²

There are several items of news which will interest you. During my absence the powers of the University have been busy. Paul Beeson of Emory has been appointed as Professor of Medicine to succeed Francis Blake who has just retired, and, somewhat to my surprise, Hugh Long has retired from physiological chemistry and the Deanship of the School to become Chairman of the Department of Physiology in my place.³ He is a first-rate experimental physiologist, and I am glad that he has been relieved of the onerous administrative duties of the Deanship. Meanwhile, I am trying to sweep out the Augean Stables which have accumulated during the past twenty-two years so that Long will not be stumbling over my retired form every time he turns around. Unfortunately, I have no river Alpheus to turn down the corridor!⁴

Between times I am working hard getting my Francqui monograph ready for press.⁵ It is rather difficult here because I have no one to turn to help me with my French. I became fairly fluent before I left Belgium, but I am never quite certain of things when I express myself on paper. They certainly treated me very handsomely, and I don't want to let them down in the written version.

With all good wishes to you and Emmy for Christmas. I am sending you my Rosenbach Lectures as a small remembrance.⁶

Yours ever devotedly,
John

¹ Article in Atlantic Monthly (Sigerist 1952c).

² Lethe: River in Hades.

³ Paul B. Beeson (1908-2006). „Emory“ University in Atlanta, GA. Francis Blake see letter 305.

⁴ “Sweeping out the Augean Stables“ with the “river Alpheus“: One of Hercules’ labors.

⁵ Francqui monograph (Fulton 1953).

⁶ Rosenbach Lectures see F. to S. of¹ December 1949.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 27 December 1951

My dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of 19 December. It was good to hear that you are back at home after the strenuous time in Belgium, and I can well imagine that much work has piled up in your absence, particularly now when the Chair of Physiology has been filled again.

I have not seen my article in the „Atlantic Monthly“ yet, but I knew that it would be published in the January number.¹ It is the abbreviated version of an article I wrote for a book that Norton will publish in the spring.² It was planned by Max Pinner who died while the manuscripts were being written, and is now being edited by Dr. Benjamin Miller.³ When I was asked to contribute an essay my first impulse was to refuse as I do not like this kind of exhibitionism. But then I thought that other people might be helped when they read that you can lead a full, rich and creative life in spite of physical handicaps, provided you make the necessary adjustments. And so I wrote this essay a year ago at a moment when I was stuck in a difficult chapter of the book. I hope it will serve the purpose.

You yourself are an even better example. Who could lead a more active and creative life than you, and you have your handicaps too with which you must reckon ? I do not intend to die in the near future if I can possibly help it, because I am too interested in my work, and I certainly would like to finish the book entirely or at least to write the more difficult volumes that require the philology that most younger historians of medicine do not possess. The history of nineteenth century medicine could be written very well by other people, while I do not see who could write these early volumes. If a philologist writes them it will not be medicine. My doctor in Zurich died of a heart disease during the war, but I have an excellent young doctor in Lugano, an extremely well trained internist who was two years in the States. In fact, whatever treatment there is I know better than anybody else, but it is good to have a check-up from time to time. The last I had was very satisfactory, so that there is nothing to worry about me.

I spent a very pleasant week in Geneva just before Christmas. Milton Roemer, as you know, is now head of the division of social medicine and occupational health of WHO, and the first thing he did was to put me on his advisory committee of experts in social medicine.⁴ I am also on the committee for the training of personnel. This all takes very little time away, requires very little work, but has the great advantage that you keep in touch with world medicine.

There have been changes at Yale indeed. I did not realise that Francis Blake had reached the retiring age.⁵ Hugh Long is undoubtedly a good choice.⁶ He will probably follow a somewhat different line from yours.

Many thanks for your Rosenbach lectures.⁷ They arrived a few days ago and I have not yet had a chance to read them, but will do so in the next few days. I was delighted to find my old friend Haller included.⁸ I just rearranged my Haller collection and found that I have close to fifty different editions of his poems.

Once more all good wishes for a Happy New Year for the family, yourself and staff,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Article in Atlantic Monthly (Sigerist 1952c).

² Norton: Publisher in New York.

³ Max Pinner (1891-1948) physician and editor.

⁴ Roemer see letter 450. WHO: World Health Organization.

⁵ Blake see letter 305.

⁶ Long see letter 515.

⁷ Rosenbach Lectures (Fulton 1951a).

⁸ Haller see letter 9..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 January 1952

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 27th. I am much interested to learn that Norton is publishing a book on doctors who look at their own diseases.¹ The director of Norton's now, Storer Lunt, is a classmate of mine, and we periodically exchange abuse, but I really am very fond of him. He has just done my Salmon Lectures as a small monograph which I had intended to send you.² It is entitled Frontal Lobotomy and Affective Behavior. When is your Norton book to appear?

I am glad to have the news of Milton Roemer.³ We enjoyed having him here in New Haven but I was away a good deal of the time and did not see as much of him as I would like. He will be an excellent person for the Division of Social Medicine of WHO, and I am glad he has had the wit to put you on one of his committees.

Thanks for your comments about the Rosenbach Lectures.⁴ I should be glad to have any criticisms or suggestions when you have perused the volume in more detail. The book has done surprisingly well in the short space of time that it has been out and there may be a call for a new printing. I had a nice letter from Sarton the other day about the book, but he took me to task, quite rightly, for the implication that the town of Mons in Belgium was a small village -- Mons where Eloy made his celebrated compilation.⁵

How is the second volume of the 'History' progressing, and when do you intend to send it to the press? The first volume continues to have most enthusiastic reviews, which is entirely as it should be.

With all good wishes for 1952,
Yours ever devotedly,
John

¹ Norton see letter 516. Norton published *When Doctors are Patients* (New York 1952) which contains (Sigerist 1952c).

² Salmon Lectures (Fulton 1951c).

³ Roemer see letter 450.

⁴ Rosenbach Lectures (Fulton 1951a).

⁵ Sarton see letter 75. (Eloy 1755).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 5 January 1952

My dear Henry:

When I wrote you the other day I had not received the photograph of the view from what I take to be the terrace of Casa Serena. If it is not exactly from there, it nevertheless gives an excellent view of Lugano from some point in Pura.

I haven't anything of great moment to report except that I am now planning my lectures for the year in the new department. I only wish you were nearer at hand to participate.

With all good wishes for the New Year to you and Emmy,

Yours ever,
John

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 10 January 1952

Dear John,

I just read your Rosenbach Lectures with immense pleasure and benefit.¹ I learned a great deal from them. I knew almost nothing about medical book sales, and what you wrote was entirely new to me.

I presume that you have Simler's biography of Gesner with the very useful bibliography.² I happen to have a copy myself and if you should not have it I would be delighted to present you with my copy. Another book on Gesner that I find very useful is Johannes Hanhart, *Conrad Gessner, ein Beytrag zur Geschichte des wissenschaftlichen Strebens und der Glaubensverbesserung im 16ten Jahrhundert. Aus den Quellen geschöpft von Johannes Hanhart, Stadtpfarrer in Winterthur. Winterthur, in der Steinerischen Buchhandlung, 1824.* Hanhart made use of manuscript material in libraries and archives that had not been consulted before, and at the end he prints a number of unpublished medical letters of Gesner.

Quite recently a very good study was published on Gesner's years in Lausanne: Eugène Olivier, Les Années Lausannoises (1537-40) de Conrad Gesner, Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geschichte, 1951, pp. 369-428.³ This undoubtedly is in your University Library.

Page 43 you speak of Haller having published 'a thirteen volume edition of Greek medical texts'.⁴ This may be somewhat misleading as the volumes contain not only quotations of Greek writers but also of such Latin writers as Celsus and Caelius Aurelianus, and even a translation of Rhazes.⁵

I am very glad that you gave Billings such a prominent place.⁶ He richly deserves it and I always felt that at Hopkins he was not given full credit for what he had done. He not only made the plans for the Hopkins Hospital, but the Hopkins medical curriculum was largely his work, and he also taught medical history there when the school was opened. This is why I arranged for a Billings celebration on the 100th anniversary of his birth and then had an entire number of the Bulletin devoted to him.⁷ He was a very retiring personality. When we prepared the celebration we heard that a grandson of his was alive and was an editor of Time Magazine in New York. We invited him to come to Baltimore and give an address on his grandfather. But he asked to be excused, and we heard later that he was an extremely shy man, a thing you would not expect of an editor of Time.

I very much hope that Mayer can be persuaded to continue his bibliography of the sixteenth century.⁸ He made an excellent start, and I know that he has piles of notes, but he is a difficult fellow. If the Army Medical Library could not publish the book, Schuman or Reichner or somebody else would undoubtedly be willing to do it.⁹ I got him launched on the project years ago when I suggested to him that a new revised and enlarged edition of Choulant's "Handbuch der Bücherkunde etc." should be made some day.¹⁰ He justly observed that the fifteenth century books were taken care of by the "Katalog der Wiegendrucke", and that the sixteenth century was most needed, which is perfectly correct.¹¹

Your office sent me a second copy of the book which I passed on to the University of Zurich for the newly founded Institute of the History of Medicine of which Bernhard Milt is in charge.¹² He is a specialist for Conrad Gesner and his time, so that the book will interest him very much and I was sure that you have no objection to my acting in this way.

Yes, our Christmas-card represents the view from our garden and I hope it will not be long before you see it again.

Work is going on very well here. Now that I have help I feel immensely relieved.¹³

With warm regards, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Rosenbach Lectures (Fulton 1951a) on medical bibliographers.

² (Simler 1574). Gesner, Conrad (1516-1565) Swiss physician and scholar.

³ Olivier, Eugène (1868-1955) Swiss medical historian

⁴ Haller see letter 9.

⁵ Celsus, Aulus Cornelius (1st century AD) Roman author, wrote on medicine. Aurelianus, Caelius (5th century AD) Roman physician. Rhazes (865-925) Arab physician.

⁶ Billings, John S. (1839-1913) medical historian, founder of *Index Medicus* and of what eventually became the National Library of Medicine.

⁷ Billings number Bull. Hist. Med. 6, 223-393, 1938.

⁸ Mayer, Claudius F., medical historian at the Army Medical Library in Washington, DC.

⁹ Schuman see letter 250. Reichner see letter 476.

¹⁰ Choulant see letter 421; (Choulant 1841).

¹¹ “Katalog der Wiegendrucke”: Possibly (Klebs 1938).

¹² Milt see letter 505.

¹³ “I have help”: Secretary Ruth D. Berlowitz.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 January 1952

My dear Henry:

I much appreciated your generous letter about my Rosenbach Lectures, and I am glad you passed on the second copy to one of your friends.¹

With regard to Gesner, we do have the rare Simler biography, but not the Hanhart - a book which I have seen cited, but I have never seen the book itself.² Also, I have not seen the Olivier, but I am ordering a copy of this at once.³

You are quite right about my reference to the Haller Greek medical texts. What I said was misleading and I shall put it right if there is another printing.

Your man Buess, who has been with Shryock since October, is coming to us in February to spend several weeks.⁴ After that he plans to go out to Madison to be with Ackerknecht.⁵ He sounds like a very interesting fellow, and I hope we can do something for him.

I am most happy to hear that you now have secretarial help. This will enable you to put all your energy on the History instead of having to peck out letters with your two first fingers. When do you plan to send the second volume to press? We are all eagerly awaiting it.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Rosenbach Lectures see letter 519.

² Gesner, Simler, Hanhart see letter 519.

³ Olivier see letter 519.

⁴ Buess see letter 497. Shryock see letter 403.

⁵ Ackerknecht see letter 342.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 February 1952

My dear Henry:

The young Swiss medical historian, Dr. Heinrich Buess, whom you mentioned in your letter of 1 August, arrived earlier this week after having spent some time in Baltimore with Shryock.¹ We are most favorably impressed by him, and, of course, we were prepared to be on the basis of your letter and also on the basis of the various reprints which he sent us while I was at Louvain. He has been over our Haller material, but at the moment he is working on

Felix Platter.² We have nearly everything of Platter except, most unfortunately, the thing that he especially wants, the „Observationes“. But we are attempting to secure this through inter-library loan.

Buess speaks English quite well, and I am suggesting to him that before he leaves he give a lecture to our staff and students. As with many continentals for the first time in this country, he speaks the language more readily than he understands it. I know the situation because I have had the same experience with both French and German. I can make myself quite readily understood, but at times I haven't the faintest idea what people are saying when they speak rapidly. Buess plans to go from here out to Madison to work during the spring with Ackerknecht.³ They will obviously have a great deal in common, and will undoubtedly have a profitable time. I had not realized that he had a wife and four children in this country living with friends near Memphis. His wife won't let him fly, so when he wants to have a weekend at home he has to go down by train.

Kenneth Franklin of Bart's, who is spending a year as an exchange professor at the University of Illinois, was here over the weekend and gave a most excellent address in the Historical Library on the historical background of the discovery of the circulation with particular reference to modern developments in circulatory physiology.⁴ He also spoke to our medical students in the first-year class. Both addresses were really first-rate.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Buess see letter 497. Shryock see letter 403.

² Haller see letter 9. Felix Platter (1536-1614) Swiss physician, (Platter 1614).

³ Ackerknecht see letter 342.

⁴ Franklin see letter 220. Barts: St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 7 February 1952

Dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of 1 February. I was very glad to hear that Dr. Buess is with you.¹ We are most anxious to have him get as much experience in the States as possible as we need young people in medical history in Switzerland. He will be the right man to get a chair in Basle when ever the university is ready for it. We also have a young doctor in the French part of Switzerland who seems very promising, Dr. Charles Lichtenthaeler.² He is a very good Greek scholar, has written a book on Hippocratic medicine (*La Médecine, Hippocratique*, I. *Méthode Expérimentale et Méthode Hippocratique*, Lausanne: Les Frères Gonin, 1948.), and is preparing further studies along that line. At the moment he is doing tuberculosis work in Leysin. As a historian he is a beginner still, but he is young, enthusiastic and may very well develop into a good scholar. Goldschmidt [sic] in Lausanne is 70 years old and Lichtenthaeler may some day take his place. Geneva is the only Swiss university that has no teaching of medical history at all, but there also we have a young man who may be able to take at least a lectureship one of these days, Dr. Jean Starobinski.³ He is of Polish origin, has a Ph.D. in

philosophy, has written a number of very good philosophical and literary studies, completed his medical course a few years ago, is now assistant in neurology, and is writing a book on Descartes and anatomy. You never know how these Poles develop, but he has the stuff to make a good medical historian if he goes into the subject seriously.

I was in Zurich recently where Bernhard Milt is now getting a very good department.⁴ He will have several floors of a university building as a museum, has good work rooms, a good reference library, a very good collection of portraits, autographs and manuscript materials, and the university library is only five minutes away, where medical history is represented extremely well. Thus you see that the subject is developing quite satisfactorily in Switzerland, but we must encourage young people as much as is ever possible.

I do not remember if I asked you to let me have a picture of Harvey Cushing for the new edition of my Great Doctors. I had a very good one in Baltimore, but presented it to the Institute when I left with other portraits.

The book is progressing well, I am in the swing now and am writing my regular quota every day.⁵

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Buess see letter 497.

² Lichtenthaeler see letter 505.

³ Jean Starobinski (born 1920), had a doctorate in letters and medicine, taught French literature, history of ideas, and medical history at Johns Hopkins and Geneva; a book on Descartes and anatomy has not appeared.

⁴ Milt see letter 505.

⁵ "The book": S.'s History, volume II.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 12 February 1952

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 7th. You will be interested to hear that they celebrated the anniversary of William Halsted at Baltimore last week, and they really put on quite a show.¹ Jim Mitchell who had joined Halsted's staff in 1893, read the opening paper - and a most amusing one it was - I had thought that Jim Mitchell was long since dead and gone, but he was very much alive and looking his dapper, well-tailored self. Sam Crowe also read an excellent paper, but ye Gods, there were nineteen papers scheduled for the morning session.² The morning session didn't break up until 2:15 after starting promptly with Det Bronk's words of welcome at 9 o'clock.³ I suppose having such a long session was to remind those who attended of how long it took Halsted to do a radical breast amputation - six hours was a brief spell. Afterwards we had a buffet luncheon in the great hall over in the Institute. There were at least one hundred fifty people in attendance. I saw something of Shryock and Temkin, both of whom seemed in excellent spirits.⁴

I am especially glad to have valuable information concerning young medical historians in Switzerland, and I hope I may be able to make their acquaintance next summer. Buess is still

here.⁵ I fear that I have neglected him for the past few days because I have been away since Wednesday of last week. He is a resourceful fellow, and Madeline Stanton is seeing to it that he has anything he wants to work at.⁶ We are planning to have him give a lecture early next week.

We shall be very glad to send you a photograph of Harvey Cushing for the new edition of your Great Doctors. I am asking Madeline to send you one under separate cover. To me the best photograph that we have is the one taken by Klebs on the Axenstrasse.⁷ If you want something different, just let us know and we will send you another.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Halsted see letter 33; 100th anniversary of the birth of this outstanding surgeon.

² Samuel J. Crowe, medical historian.

³ Bronk see letter 403.

⁴ Shryock see letter 403. Temkin see letter 245. Klebs see 24 September 1934,

⁵ Buess see letter 497.

⁶ Stanton see letter 182.

⁷ Axenstrasse: Scenic road on upper Lake Lucerne, Switzerland. This was not the picture used in the new edition of *Grosse Aerzte*.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 19 February 1952

My dear Henry:

Herewith I enclose a copy of our Annual Report which was delayed this year owing to my absence in Louvain, and while I had finished my part of it before leaving, Fred Kilgour delayed passing upon it until I had seen the proofs.¹ Next year I hope that we shall be more prompt. As usual, we much appreciated your Report, and under separate cover, I am sending you twelve copies by surface as you may wish to give them to some of your friends over there. Should you require more than this, we can easily arrange it.

We are still very much enjoying having Dr. Buess with us.² Also his sister-in-law who is working with Jack Peters.³

I am lecturing this week on Greek medicine and I only wish that I had your second volume at hand to bring me up to date.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Annual Report (Fulton 1952b). Kilgour see letter 400.

² Buess see letter 497.

³ Peters see letter 149..

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*Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 18 March 1952*Käre Henry !¹

Det var mycket snällt av Dig att skriva så vänligt om det första numret av Journal, som kom ut under vårt redaktörskap. Jag hade egentligen inte mycket med den att göra, eftersom jag var i Louvain då den förbereddes för tryckning, så Du måste tillskriva dess alla förtjänster till Madeline Stanton och Elizabeth Thomson, som äro Associate Editors.² Madeline blev apropå det mycket glad över Ditt senaste brev.

Det glädjer mig att den andra volymen av History fortgår så tillfredsställande och att den blir färdig för tryckning till sommaren. Vi väntar alla på den mycket ivrigt.

Eftersom Du läser alla språk i kristenheten och då jag arbetar med min svenska, beslöt jag att använda detta förbindelsmedal.

Berätta för mig om mötena i Bologna när Du kommer tillbaka och särskilt om Jerome Websters hedersutmärkelse.³ Den är verkligen väl meriterad och alla hans vänner uppskattar det mycket.

Hjärtligaste hälsningar,

Din tillgivne

John

Summary: The first number of the Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences is out under the new editorship. F. was not yet involved since he was in Louvain. Madeline Stanton liked S.'s letter. Hope that the second volume of S.'s History will be in the press by summer. F. is working on his Swedish. Jerome Webster will be honored at the meeting in Bologna; he deserves it.

¹ F. knew Swedish, yet apparently did not know that this was not one of the many languages S. knew.

² New editorship of the „Journal“ see letter 485; Stanton and Thomson (see letter 436) were associate editors.

³ Bologna: Meeting of the Italian Society of the History of Medicine in April 1952. Jerome Webster (1888-1974) plastic surgeon and medical historian, doctor honoris causa of the University of Bologna.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 25 March 1952

Dear John,

I know Swedish about as well as you know Hebrew. Nevertheless I thank you for your letter and although I did not understand every single word I saw what it was all about.

We are busy preparing the conference of the Swiss medical historians that will take place in Pura at the end of the week. We have a good programme, and if the weather stays as beautiful as it is now and has been since November last, I am sure we shall have a few very pleasant days.

With warm regards,
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Written in Hebrew

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 25 March 1952

My dear Henry:

A cantankerous chap, an Egyptologist named Frans Jonckheere, has just written what seems to me a rather pedantic review of your first volume in Chronique d’Egypte.¹ I assume that you have seen it, but in case you haven’t, he sent us two copies and I shall pass one of them on to you. He says some pleasant things about the book but also has a series of criticisms that seem to me utterly stupid, and I want you to know that we do not take the man too seriously. I met him while I was in Belgium, and I nearly died of boredom while attempting to talk with him. As a matter of fact, I didn’t talk with him, he talked at me for one and a half hours without taking a breath - but you no doubt know about Egyptologists ! They all fight with one another and if anyone such as you is brave enough to enter the field, they all land on you, but no one can write as many books as you do without being attacked somewhere along the way.

I am beginning to put my mind on raising funds for the new Department. The University has expressed the hope that we will teach the undergraduates in Yale College and members of the Graduate School - all this in addition to giving a number of courses in the Medical School ! It, of course, is an impossibility, and I have accordingly put in a request for three staff members to carry out such a program, an instructor, a classical scholar, and a professional historian. I have in mind specifically young John Blake who has just spent a year with Shryock working on the public health movement in the United States (at least he has applied for the job), Dorothy Schullian who will help us with classical studies and also with our incunabula, and Donald O’Malley who knows Vesalius inside out and much also in the sphere of sixteenth century medicine.² I am also thinking of Lloyd Stevenson who made a most excellent impression when he was here several weeks ago.³ If you have any other suggestions, I should like to hear them. After all, you are a member of the Department, and I naturally turn to you for guidance.

With warm greetings,
Yours ever devotedly,
John

¹ Jonckheere see letter 513; (Jonckheere 1952).

² John B. Blake, medical historian, staff member at Hopkins Institute. Shryock see letter 403. Schullian see letter 464. O’Malley see letter 443. Vesalius see letter 180.

³ Lloyd G. Stevenson (1918-1988) medical historian, one of S.’s successors at Johns Hopkins.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven ?, 2 April 1952

Dear Henry,

It was with great pleasure to receive your recent letter written in Hebrew, for which I thank you.

I take the liberty to use another Oriental language in my reply to your letter, believing that it will just be easy for you to read it. In view of your comprehensive knowledge in languages, which has long been an envy to those who know you, there seems hardly any language in the world that may be beyond your ability to understand.

I was greatly shocked the other day at the unhappy news of Mr. Sellington's [sic] passing away, which brought me a deep sorrow.¹ Nevertheless, his life accomplishment will remain behind him to serve the interest of the humanity, which is indeed great beyond measure.

I recall my visit to him last October, while he was complaining of his old age. However, he immediately took a pride with a self-complacent air in that he had already lived longer than George B. Shaw.²

Most faithfully yours,

J. Fulton

Translation according to the sound of the words in the Outlined [?] text in Chinese.

¹ Sherrington see letter 110 (see also letter 530).

² George B. Shaw (1856-1950) Irish playwright, critic, and political activist.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 April 1952

My dear Henry:

When I addressed my last letter to you in Chinese in response to yours in ancient Hebrew, I had not received the attractive brochure giving the program of your Medizinhistorische Konferenz held on 29-30 March 1952.¹ The titles of the papers were most interesting, and I was touched by your thought in sending me the autographs of those who had attended. I only wish that I could have been there, but I couldn't have contributed much because I always become tongue-tied when trying to speak German. Twenty-five years ago I spoke it rather fluently, but now my French has become almost as easy for me as English. We all envy your easy command of languages.

I have not been idle in the last ten days. I went down to Chapel Hill on Friday and Saturday, the 28th and 29th of March to inaugurate a new lectureship in memory of Ross Bryson, a brilliant medical student who died of a brain abscess last June after having done some first-rate research on the cerebrospinal fluid. I talked about Cotugno and Francesco

Gennari, the two medical students who independently discovered the cerebrospinal fluid, and then traced our knowledge of the subject to modern times.² It was a rather delicate responsibility because Mr. and Mrs. Bryson were in the front row along with Bryson's teachers. The trip gave me an opportunity to see Joe Trent's library.³ In his brief life that lad with Mary's help had brought together a really superb collection.

Several days later I went to London, Ontario to speak at the annual banquet of the local Osler Society.⁴ Lloyd Stevenson is doing a splendid job there and interest in the history of medicine is flourishing.⁵ The two-day meeting of the History of Science Society in Providence followed immediately. Harcourt Brown made an excellent presiding officer, and the program, which you have undoubtedly seen, was one of the best that we have ever had.⁶

Next month is also full. There is the three-day meeting in Kansas City of „your“ Association of the History of Medicine; I then spend ten days at Houston, Texas as a visiting lecturer, returning to Cincinnati for an AOA lecture on May 13th.⁷ This sounds like the program which you generally followed while you were in this country, and I don't quite know how I happened to become so involved. I am using an invitation to speak to the Minnesota State Medical Association on May 27th as an excuse to see my mother and family in St. Paul. Then I am going to cavort with other members of the Class of 1927 at the Harvard Medical School, and somehow it seemed altogether too convenient to remain to give the Commencement address at the Boston University Medical School on May 30th ! When it comes right down to writing the speeches for these occasions, I begin to wish I could say „no“ more often. Lucia and I plan to come over to Europe this summer and have our sailing on the Queen Elizabeth July 16th. We have not yet made plans beyond that.

I didn't feel like putting this into Chinese nor ancient Hebrew, but trust you can get the gist of it in English !

With affectionate greetings and all good wishes from the Historical Library and your many friends at Yale,

Yours ever,

John

¹ „Medizinhistorische Konferenz“ at Pura.

² Domenico Cotugno (1736-1822) Italian physician, discovered the „liquor Cotunni“. Francesco Gennari (born 1750) Italian anatomist.

³ Josiah and Mary Trent see letter 314 and 487, respectively.

⁴ William Osler (1849-1919) Professor of Medicine in Montreal, Baltimore, and Oxford, England.

⁵ Stevenson see letter 527.

⁶ Harcourt Brown (1900-1990) historian of science.

⁷ AOA: Possibly American Osteopathic Association.

Dear John,

It was good of you to write in English, because it took me six hours to decipher the Chinese letter, and I was afraid that the next would be in Siamese or Tibetan.¹ Sherrington's

death was a great loss to the world indeed.² I never met him, but I have a profound admiration for his work and for the breadth of his interests. Few people would have written such beautiful words about Goethe at a moment when Goethe's compatriots were throwing bombs on London.³ I am very much afraid that the type of scientist that Sherrington, Pavlov, and others of that generation represented, is fast dying out.⁴ Two years ago I spent an afternoon with Gilbert Murray at Oxford, and it was a great experience.⁵ He belongs to the same generation, and his interests are very broad also. A great classical scholar, he has a fine sense for poetry. For many years also he took a very active part in the work of the League of Nations, and recently in the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. This was a remarkable generation of which we are merely an echo, and I fear that the young people who will follow us, will be mere specialists.

John, you are doing too much ! If nobody else tells you, I will. If you keep running around, as you are doing at the moment, your health will break down in no time. I know well enough how important it is for the few of us who are in medical history to visit various universities, give lectures and stimulate interest amongst students and faculty members, but it is frightfully time-consuming and wearying, and your health is not too strong either. I was delighted to hear, however, that you plan to come to Europe and I hope you will make this trip a real vacation with real rest. I also very much hope Lucia and you will include Switzerland in your tour. We have not seen you for a long time, and here or in the neighbourhood you could really relax.

Thanks for the review of Jonckheere.⁶ So far I read it and compared it with my book only rapidly, but will study it in more detail when I come back from Italy, and will write you more about it then. I found only two or three points where his criticism is justified and where I could improve my text, the rest is mere quibbling and a basic misunderstanding of the scope of the book. He apparently read only the Egyptian chapter. If he had read the introductory chapters, he would have seen what I was aiming at, and would have realised that the picture I gave of the physical and social environment was not merely an ornament but a basic part of medicine in that they largely determine the health and disease of the country. He also should have realised that the section on Egypt was not written for Egyptologists. If I had had them as readers in mind, I would have written the book quite differently. I know that there are 14 names for testicle in Egyptian, but I fail to see why I should give a list of these names which are of interest to Egyptologists and nobody else. Another basic misconception is that anatomy and physiology should come first. In all archaic civilisations they come last; they are the foundation of our medicine, but this was not the case in early antiquity.

I should not be astonished if an Assyriologist should write a similar review of the chapter on Mesopotamia, pointing out a few details. And as far as my second volume is concerned, I am sure that the classicists like Werner Jaeger will have a lot to criticise, because the approach is totally different from theirs.⁷ Jaeger wrote a whole book on Diocles of Carystus in order to prove that he was post-Aristotelian, and was influenced by Aristotle in his theoretical views.⁸ I want to know what diseases Diocles treated and whether he treated them successfully or not. To most classicists ancient medicine is merely a branch of philosophy, and they forget that sick people were involved who had to be cured. The classicists will probably also object that I give India so much space, they are accustomed to look at Greece as the beginning of all culture. Not long ago I was at the historical museum at Berne, a very beautiful and rich museum, where I found that Chinese and Indian art were in the division of social anthropology. Well, I am as prepared to take criticism from specialists as Northrop, Toynbee, and all of us must be who try to write history from a broader point of view.⁹

I was delighted to hear that you are raising funds for the department. Do by all means try to get Dorothy Schullian.¹⁰ She is an excellent classicist, a very cultured woman with a delightful personality. I am extremely fond of her and have a great admiration for her work. Whatever she has done so far was always good, solid work. I should very much like to see her in a university rather than where she is now, where she has few stimulating people to talk to. She would be a first-rate acquisition for your department, and so would be O'Malley who has also done excellent work, and as you say, is the Vesalius scholar of our time.¹¹ I recommended him to the Guggenheim Foundation some time ago, but do not know whether he got the fellowship. John Blake I do not know personally but Shryock will of course have an opinion about him.¹²

Two days ago Castiglioni was here with Jerome Webster and his wife and the Gnudis, and we spent a very pleasant day.¹³ Friday I am going to Bologna with Emmy for the Italian meeting at which Webster will receive a degree, and thereafter we shall spend a few days in Florence. I still need illustrations for the second volume and will see what Alinari can supply.¹⁴ The illustrating of the book is a real headache.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Chinese letter see letter 528.

² Sherrington see letter 110.

³ "Bombs on London": by Nazi-Germany during WWII.

⁴ Pavlov, Ivan (1849-1936) Russian physiologist.

⁵ Murray, Gilbert (1866-1957) British classical scholar.

⁶ Jonckheere see letter 513.

⁷ Jaeger, Werner (1888-1961) German classicist.

⁸ Diocles of Carystus (4th century BC) Greek pioneer in medicine.

⁹ Northrop not identified. Toynbee, Arnold J. (1889-1975) British historian.

¹⁰ Schullian see letter 464.

¹¹ O'Malley see letter 443. Vesalius see letter 180.

¹² Blake, John see letter 526.

¹³ Castiglioni see letter 36. Gnudi, Martha T. (1908-1978) historian of technology. Webster see letter 525.

¹⁴ Alinari: Picture archive in Florence.

My dear Henry:

Your welcome letter of the 21st is just here and I warmly appreciate the understanding things you said about Sherrington.¹ He and Pavlov and Gilbert Murray did indeed represent the finest inheritance of the age of pure science and humanism.² I always remember vividly your exclamation when you met Professor Hendrickson here back in the thirties.³ I am glad to report that he is, like Gilbert Murray, still in reasonably good health; whenever I am caught up with some classical allusion that I don't understand, I always go to him and he never fails

me. I don't know how long he will go on because he is approaching ninety, but he still comes to meetings of the Beaumont Club.⁴

Speaking of the Beaumont Club, we had a most excellent meeting last week at which Adelmann gave the Carmalt Lecture on Malpighi.⁵ It was first rate from every point of view except that Howard Adelmann is too damn modest and apologetic and we are doing all we can to get him over this frailty. He is a little too isolated up at Ithaca and has had far too little recognition.

I appreciate your thoughtful advice about considerations of health. I find it very difficult to refuse certain invitations; but I have obviously accepted more than I should have for this Spring and as I have recently had a little touch of blood pressure and decompensation, I have had to cancel, or at least I have been ordered to cancel the trips to Kansas City and Texas. I am rather relieved because I have a lot to do here and I think I can put my time and energy to much better use by sitting tight – at least for a few weeks. You went through the same experience before you had the good sense to go back to a quiet life in Switzerland, and if I have any further difficulty, I may step down and do the same thing but there is so much unfinished business and unfinished writing before I do anything of this sort that I hope by conserving my energies I can get the History of Physiology ready for press; and I may undertake a life of Sherrington.⁶ At least a dozen people have asked me to do it, but I shall, of course, do nothing until I hear from the family. I think it would be much more appropriate to have it done by an Englishman if they can really find someone who would have his heart in it.

You must not be in the least disturbed by that review by Jonckheere.⁷ We all know him; he is a cantankerous sticker-of-pins and a paster-of-labels. He has no real breadth as a scholar, and to have him criticize you as he did puts him in the position of a pygmie throwing pebbles at Priscian.

Thanks for your generous support of my thought about Dorothy Schullian and also about O'Malley.⁸ I have made no progress as yet because the wheels of the philanthropic foundations turn slowly, but I'm hopeful.

It is very good news that you are going down to Bologna to see Jerome Webster receive his honorary degree.⁹ I know that this will be warmly appreciated as far as Jerome is concerned and it will be a good thing for you and Emmy to have a brief holiday in Italy. I will let you know as soon as our plans are a little further forward concerning Europe this summer. We are sailing July 16th and will probably come to Switzerland sometime in September.

Meanwhile my very best wishes for your health and the progress of volume two of the History. All here in the Library join me in sending warm greetings,

Yours ever devotedly

John

¹ Sherrington see letter 110.

² Pavlov see letter 530. Murray see letter 530.

³ Hendrickson see letter 144.

⁴ Beaumont Medical Club at Yale.

⁵ Adelmann see letter 229. Carmalt Lecture, named after William H. Carmalt (1836-1929), Yale surgeon. Marcello Malpighi (1628-1694) Italian anatomist and microscopist.

⁶ F.'s plans of a history of physiology and a Sherrington biography have not materialized.

⁷ Review by Jonckheere see letter 530.

⁸ Schullian see letter 464. O'Malley see letter 443.

⁹ Webster see letter 525.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 15 May 1952

My dear John,

We have been back from Italy for quite some time, but I found so much unfinished work that I have not had a chance yet to thank you for your letter of 28 April. I was glad to hear that you have cancelled some engagements. You really had a schedule that would have knocked out the strongest man, and you must take better care of your health. I hope it has improved in the last few weeks and that you do not feel too uncomfortable. Just as Dr. Welch was the only man who could create the Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine, you are the only man who has the initiative, ability and energy to launch the Yale Department of the History of Medicine.¹ If you succeed to have it firmly established and functioning, then it will continue for a long time, but otherwise I am very much afraid that the unique collection Yale has[,] might remain unused for quite some time.

Of course you must write your history of physiology, and the life of Sherrington would be a great contribution also.² You knew him so well, and are so familiar with his work, that you certainly would have the best possible preparation for such an undertaking.

Bologna was very nice indeed. The University gave us a splendid reception, and we were fed in such a way that I have been on a strict reducing diet ever since I came back. Jerome Webster was great: he gave two much appreciated lectures, one on Tagliacozzi and one on plastic surgery today.³ He had an amusing collection of slides of people on whom he had operated, and his astounding results made a deep impression. He was made a doctor of medicine and surgery honoris causa and received the most splendid gown I have ever seen. They also presented him with copies of the original instruments of Tagliacozzi. He in his turn gave the University one of three copies of his book, made on special paper, with red initials, large margins, and gorgeously bound. Martha Teach Gnudi was presented with the medal of the University, and was made an honorary member of the Society.⁴ The second day of the meeting was devoted to short papers; the program foresaw about forty of them but fortunately some of the speakers did not show up. They had the unfortunate idea to make me chairman of one of the sessions, so that I had to stay awake and listen to about fifteen papers, some of which, however, were very good. Before the Bologna meeting, the Websters, Gnudi and Castiglioni came to see us in Pura, and we had a most pleasant day.⁵ Webster's present wife, Mary Randall, is the daughter of a Hopkins trustee who was very close to Dr. Welch. We knew both father and daughter, and it was a pleasure to see her here quite unexpectedly, as we did not realise before who she was.

From Bologna we went to Florence where we spent a very delightful week. I had a long talk with the director of Alinari about photos for the illustrating of volume II of my History. Illustrating a book is really a headache. I tried to find pictures that are not universally known, but on the other hand there are a good many well-known items, monuments, aqueducts etc. that cannot be omitted. As soon as I have a moment's time I shall write a short report on the Italian meeting for the Bulletin.

I did not know that Hendrickson was still alive.⁶ If you ever see him, please tell him what a great admiration I have for him, and that I shall never forget him.

With warm regards, I am,
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ Welch see letter 14.

² F's planned History of physiology and Sherrington biography see letter 531.

³ Webster see letter 525. Gaspare Tagliacozzi (1546-1599) Italian plastic surgeon.

⁴ Gnudi see letter 530. Society: Italian, of the History of Medicine. Report on Italian meeting (Sigerist 1952d).

⁵ Castiglioni see letter 36.

⁶ Hendrickson see letter 144.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 May 1952

My dear Henry:

Your warm-hearted letter of 15 May is just here, and as usual, I am most delighted to have news of you. I especially appreciate the generous things you say about my capacity to build up a strong Department of the History of Medicine here at Yale; but I need much more than I have at present in the way of financial resources. As I think I may have told you, we operate on a budget of \$ 20,000 a year, ten of which comprises my salary, there is a small general expense budget, and salaries of two research assistants and a secretary. I am attempting to secure funds for scholarships and also for a few scholars. To cover the classical period which I am not able to do with any competence, I have in mind Dr. Dorothy Schullian.¹ I perhaps have already written you this, but I should very much like to have your advice and any other suggestions that may come to mind.

For the sixteenth century I am very eager to capture Donald O'Malley, but there are other possibilities such as Max Fisch and Lloyd Stevenson for whom I have developed a very high regard after seeing him in action in London, Ontario.² He is a most excellent teacher; he has much more magnetism for students than either of the two I have just mentioned. Remember, you are a member of this Department and I want your counsel, but there is no hurry about it because I still don't have funds.

You mention the state of my health. I was unable to go out to Kansas City and I asked the Council to take my name off the slate as President of the coming year, but they elected me anyway for 1952-1953.³ So I shall have to get busy shortly and arrange a suitable program. Madeline and Elizabeth Thomson went out to represent the Library.⁴ They came back much impressed by the treatment which was accorded to them in Kansas City, and they were especially stirred by George Sarton's Logan Clendening Lectures. Apparently he put his whole self into it.⁵

Your account of Jerome Webster was most gratifying.⁶ He is a very distinguished, but at the same time a very retiring fellow. Perhaps you might be able to attach him to our new Department in an unofficial capacity as lecturer or something of this sort. There is nothing approaching a department of the history of medicine in New York.

As for my own health, your advice is taken in spirit intended, and I can only return with similar advice to you because you have a good many of my tendencies, finding it difficult to rest as I do for any prolonged period. Things became rather grim three weeks ago owing to persistent and most incapacitating attacks of asthma with dyspnea and generalized edema. I went into the hospital two and a half weeks ago (I am now out). They rather promptly got the asthma under control; they gave me digitoxin and then flooded me with a series of rather potent diuretics and during the spell in hospital, I managed to lose 25 pounds, mostly from fluid. Did I write you that they discovered I am violently allergic to old book dust. This seems to strike everyone very funny. I didn't think so at first, but I am gradually recovering my sense of humor. I am having desensitizing shots, both for ragweed and old book dust, and I am now without any trace of asthma or dyspnea and feeling much as I did when I first came to Yale in 1930.

All power to you in getting suitable illustrations for Vol II. of your history. I do know how difficult it is but I am sure, you of all people, will find a happy solution. I am sending your message to Hendrickson immediately, and I am sure it will please him.⁷

Lucia and I are sailing July 16th on the Queen Elizabeth and intend to spend most of August in England and the first three weeks of September in Scandinavia. After that, I hope to introduce her to the Monseigneur and several of the attractive chanoines at Louvain, then to Paris for a brief stay, and after that, a week or two in Switzerland when I sincerely hope we shall be able to see you as we plan to stay at the Park Hotel in Lugano.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever

John

¹ Schullian see letter 464.

² O'Malley see letter 442. Fisch, Max see letter 497. Lloyd G. Stevenson see letter 526.

³ F. was President of the American Association of the History of Medicine 1952/53.

⁴ Stanton see letter 182. Thomson see letter 436.

⁵ Sarton see letter 75.

⁶ Webster see letter 525.

⁷ Hendrickson see letter 144.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 10 June 1952

My dear John,

I was delighted to hear that you feel better and that you got your asthma under control. I was getting rather alarming letters from various parts of the country about your health, but they were so confused that I am glad to have an authentic report, and particularly to know that you have recovered your sense of humour. Take it easy this summer so as to recover entirely for the winter's work.

As to the staff for the Department, I think Lloyd Stevenson is a first rate man, well trained, a good teacher with a real gift for writing, and in addition a man who has a most pleasant personality.¹ I am sure he would be a great asset to the Department in every respect.

Dorothy Schullian is an excellent classical scholar, knows medical literature in and out, and I am sure would be just the type of classicist you need.² She comes almost every year to Pura and I am very fond of her. I would like to see her in a department like yours rather than in a library, she would have much more time for creative scholarly work, and also more time for studies in libraries and archives abroad.

O'Mally and Max Fisch are both very distinguished renaissance scholars.³ I was glad to hear that O'Malley got the Guggenheim Fellowship he had applied for, and I hope to see him here soon. So you actually have an *embarras de richesses*, and it is extremely gratifying to know that there are so many good people available in the States today. The only European country where there is a promising young generation of medical historians is Germany, West Germany that is, for in the Eastern section there is not a soul at the moment and all the chairs are vacant. I do not know how they manage to do it in Germany, but all these young people I have seen recently study quite systematically, first medicine, then history or classics or oriental languages, and when they have two degrees they enter the field of medical history. You probably heard that Sudhoffs *Archiv* is being revived.⁴

You may have heard that the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine is meeting in Berne from 23 to 25 August. Von Muralt and Hintzsche are giving lectures on Haller, and there will be a Haller exhibit.⁵ May be it would fit into your plans to attend the meeting, and I am sure everybody would be delighted to have you.

I am just back from Basle where I spent a few days looking after my old mother, who at the age of 87 broke her left femur - the right one she broke five years ago - but I am glad to say that all went well, the fracture could be nailed, and inspite of her 87 years she stood the operation well. She was operated on by Professor Nissen, who was in New York for many years and now accepted the chair of surgery at the University of Basle.⁶ He was one of Sauerbruch's men and combines the best German and the best American traditions.⁷

I am very glad that you drew attention to the fact that Neuburger was returning to Vienna.⁸ I knew that the poor man never felt anything but lost in Buffalo, and of course I wrote him immediately. You undoubtedly heard of the book on Polydore Vergil by Denys Hay, published recently by the Oxford Press.⁹ I have not seen it yet, but I know that Polydore Vergil is one of your special pets.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Stevenson see letter 533.

² Schullian see letter 464.

³ O'Malley see letter 442. Max Fisch see letter 497.

⁴ Sudhoffs *Archiv*: German journal of the history of medicine; was not published because of WWII conditions from 1944 to 1951.

⁵ Von Muralt see letter 402. Hintzsche see letter 408. Haller see letter 9.

⁶ Rudolf Nissen (1896-1981) German surgeon in U.S. and Switzerland.

⁷ Ferdinand Sauerbruch (1875-1951) German surgeon, S.'s teacher in Zurich. (Hay 1952).

⁸ Neuburger see letter 136.

⁹ Vergil. P. see letter 297.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 18 June 1952

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your most cheerful letter of 10 June. I am glad to report that my health continues to improve and I am now looking forward to sailing on 16 July. Our address during August will be the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, London W.C.1. We then expect to go to Sweden during the first part of September and I trust we shall be able to get down to Lugano and Pura to have a brief visit with you; we do not, however, wish to take up any of your time unnecessarily, for the progress of your history matters much more. I shall let you know later when we actually intend to come. At the moment I am involved in writing the first Annual Report of my Department of History of Medicine.¹ I am afraid I have not accomplished very much during the first year but perhaps something more substantial will follow. What with the trip to Oslo last May, three months at Louvain at the end of the year, a rather long monograph to edit in French (it is off to the printers, thank God !) and a bout of asthma, I was not able to do much else.²

Your first Annual Report from Hopkins fills me with profound admiration and I only wish I had accomplished as much as you accomplished during your first year there. The chief thing to my credit is having been able to add you to the roster of the department; we look forward to receiving your Annual Report which will add much prestige to the Department. It has always been a source of special pride to me that we were thrown together when you first came to the States and that I had the honour of bidding you farewell when you departed in 1947. But you are still with us in a very active sense, for, to quote Alan Gregg, "You have built campfires, not only in this country, but wherever Medical History flourishes."³

Your comments about Dorothy Schullian and also O'Malley and Max Fisch are most welcome.⁴

It is good to know that the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine is meeting at Bern from 23 to 25 August. It may be possible to fly over from England. Such meetings are now a part of my duties, and if feeling up to it I shall certainly be there. Meanwhile many thanks for sending me advance notice.

We are sorry to hear about your mother and I trust that in spite of her 87 years she will respond well to Dr. Nissen's operation.⁵ My mother is only a year younger than yours and she has been confined for the last six or seven years to her bed on account of arthritis.

Thanks for your mention of the Polydore Vergil volume by Denys Hay.⁶ He sent me a copy, and I am trying to review it for the Journal of the History of Medicine. The Journal, by the way, has in a sense come out of the doldrums. I found a benefactor for one number and we should end up the year almost solvent despite the fact that everyone told me I was crazy to take it on without a subvention. We have about seven hundred subscribers with only two more numbers to go for the year, and we have about \$ 1.800 in the bank from subscriptions.

Despite protestations and my inability [sic] to attend the Kansas City meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine they made me President for next year; needless to say I shall do all I can to foster the thing which you resuscitated from the state of innocuous desuetude. However, you gave it such an impetus that it is certain to keep going. Samuel Radbill of Philadelphia is Secretary in succession to Spector, and Kelly continues

with the Treasurership.⁷ The meeting next year is to be held in Columbus on special invitation from the potentates there who are helping to celebrate the 100 anniversary of the States coming into being [sic].

No more now. There are many things that we can talk over when we meet.

With all the best,

Yours ever,

John

¹ First Report (Fulton 1952b).

² F.'s monograph in French (Fulton 1953a).

³ Gregg see letter 403.

⁴ Schullian see letter 464. O'Malley see letter 442. Fisch see letter 497.

⁵ Nissen see letter 534.

⁶ P. Vergil by Hay see letter 534.

⁷ Samuel Radbill, Benjamin Spector, Emerson C. Kelly, medical historians, members of AAHM.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 25 June 1952

Dear John,

I am sending you enclosed my Annual Report.¹ Again, please feel free to edit as much as you like. Instead of publishing it as an appendix, you may also incorporate it into the report of your Department, as I am a member of it, and whatever I do is an activity of the Department. But feel free to do as ever you please. I am very proud to be on your staff and to function as an outpost of the Department.

With warm wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ In this first Annual Report of F.'s Department of the History of Medicine (Fulton 1952b) S.'s report has been incorporated as chapter III.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 June 1952

My dear Henry:

We are all simply thrilled to have your Annual Report which arrived this morning with your letter of 25 June.¹ I was just getting my report ready for the press so yours has arrived in perfect time, and I hope we can have it in type by the end of July although our press becomes completely paralyzed through August. I may have it printed by Anthoenson of Portland as he

does not suffer from these damnable summer paralyses.² I am eager to have it available as soon as possible because I hope it will help me get the funds to secure the services of the people we have talked about in recent correspondence.

As for your report, it is a most impressive document and I shall certainly have it appear in the body of a text rather than as an appendix. I have always been embarrassed by the fact that your other reports appeared after the Historical Library report; but now there is no need for this. As I wrote you several days ago, your report will be the mainstay of my own. I have made a very few minor verbal alterations - nothing affecting the content. They were changes which will somewhat improve the clarity of an already very lucid text. And also I made one or two which will make you sound less apologetic for some of the superhuman tasks that you have not yet quite finished !

Thanks again. All good wishes,

Yours ever,

John F. Fulton

¹ Annual Report see letter 536.

² Anthoenson Press, Portland, ME.

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Sigerist an Fulton, Pura ?, 9 July 1952

Dear John,

This is just a short note to wish Lucia and you a bon voyage, and to tell you that we count on your visit in September. Do not be afraid to take away too much of my time. I am not having any regular vacation, and my vacation consists in taking a day or two off when good friends are in Pura. It is several years since you were here last, and we would be very disappointed if you could not come. At the moment my daughter Nora with her husband and son are here, and we greatly enjoy having them for the whole summer.¹ They are both hardworking people, he writing music and she preparing her Ph.D. at Columbia. Emmy of course is most happy with her grandson.

O'Malley and his wife were here a few days ago, and I found them both remarkable people.² He is an excellent historian and Latinist, knows the Renaissance in and out, will tackle Fracastoro as soon as he is through with Vesalius, and he certainly would be an asset to the Department.³ The only trouble is that his wife has a huge dermatological practice, and that together they make \$ 25,000 a year. Hence it would be rather difficult to get them away from California.

I was delighted to hear that you were elected President of the American Association of the History of Medicine, and I read your memorandum with much interest. Columbus will undoubtedly be a good place for next year's meeting. It is quite good to have the meetings in various sections of the country, as it stimulates local interest, as was doubtless the case in Kansas City. However, as most of the membership is in the East, one should not go to the West too often. Perhaps it would be possible to work out a schedule by which meetings would be held in the East every two years, while in the years between they would be held in the various sections of the country. Another point that struck me is that the number of committees

is rather formidable for such a small organisation, and I have often found that the more committees there are, the less gets done, as one relies on the other. However, all these are minor details that we can discuss at leisure when you come in September.

I have not written for such a long time because my secretary was in Geneva, taking exams at the Interpreters School, but she is back now, and you will hear from me more regularly in the future.⁴

Again, good wishes for a happy crossing and warm regards to both of you.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ S.'s daughter Nora's husband was the composer Jack Beeson; their son: Christopher.

² O'Malley see letter 442.

³ Fracastoro see letter 43. Vesalius see letter 180.

⁴ Secretary Berlowitz see letter 511.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 12 July 1952

Dear Henry:

We have not bothered you much in the past with the affairs of the Journal, but we now have a MS. from that erudite fellow, Lynn Thorndike, on which only you are really competent to pass judgment.¹ I am therefore sending it to you with this letter. Max Fisch, who has read it, raises the question of what our editorial policy should be with regard to papers of this sort, and I have replied to him that in my judgment they should be encouraged; but on the other hand, we shouldn't try to fill the Journal up with them.² Your comments on this point will also be much appreciated.

Your good letter of the 9th is just here. I am glad that you have seen the O'Malleys and that you feel so well disposed to them.³ With regard to Mrs. O'Malley's dermatological practice, she would have no difficulty establishing herself here in Connecticut because the only fellow in that specialty, Strauss, is now quite well along and she would, I think, have very little competition.⁴

Many thanks for the encouraging things you say about my having been elected to the presidency of the Association.⁵ Arrangements for the Columbus meeting are progressing satisfactorily, and I am planning to extend an invitation for them to meet here in 1954.

Yours ever,

John

P.S. You will next hear from me from London.

Have just finished my annual report, Laus Deo ! Yours [....] helpful

¹ Thorndike see letter 128. Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences, editor-in-chief Fulton.

² Max Fisch see letter 497.

³ O'Malley see letter 442; his wife see letter 538.

⁴ Strauss, probably Maurice J., Yale dermatologist.

⁵ Association, American, of the History of Medicine (AAHM). The 1954 meeting of the AAHM took place in New Haven.

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Fulton to Sigerist, R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth, At Sea, 17 July 1952

My dear Henry,

Greetings to you from the mid-Atlantic.

I put the heat on to my printers and managed to get some of the proofs of our Annual Report before sailing.¹ I have just finished reading it, and I have also written a Preface which I should like to have you read along with the proofs themselves. When you have been over them[,] would you send them back by air mail directly to Elizabeth H. Thomson at 333 Cedar Street.²

If there are any special questions write me a line to the Mayfair in London. Everyone who has read your part of the report is much impressed by it, and I hope you will approve of the way in which I have worked it in to the report itself.

We are having a rather torrid crossing, which reminds me of the time I once was becalmed near the equator. The ship had been for a period in New York of four days and staff and passengers were more or less demoralised. In fact I don't see how the ship's staff take it; but as with all things British they seem completely imperturbable.

All the best, my dear Henry, and let me hear from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

John

¹ Annual Report see letter 536.

² Thomson see letter 436. 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, address of the Historical Library and Department of the History of Medicine.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 24 July 1952

My dear John,

Your letter from New Haven of 12 July and the one written at sea on 17 July reached me at the same time this morning. I immediately read the proofs of your first Report of the department and was perfectly delighted with it.¹ I think you did as much as could possibly be done, considering that you had to be abroad for such a long time, and your plans of the future are excellent. Your survey of the study of medical history is most illuminating, and you certainly had a vintage year with three honorary degrees, high decorations, and a lot of

honorary memberships.² But you deserve these honours more than anybody else. I am grateful for all the nice comments you made on my work, and I think you integrated my report into yours in a most happy way.

Of course I was thrilled to hear that the American Association of the History of Medicine will meet at Yale in 1954 and if I can possibly make it, I shall try to be with you on that occasion.³ Or even better, I may plan to spend the second semester at Yale and help you with your teaching program. We shall have to discuss the matter in detail when you come to Pura in September. And you see that you must come to Pura, if not for the fun of it, then in the interest of the department, as there are many points I should like to discuss with you.

Your preface is admirable and I am sure will make the Rollins very happy.⁴ Every word you say about them is true and they have certainly done a superb job. I am sending the preface as well as the proofs to Elizabeth Thomson by airmail today.⁵

Now to the manuscript of Lynn Thorndike.⁶ I read it very carefully this morning and I strongly advise you to accept it. Few people will read his paper now, but on the other hand it will be read and consulted a hundred years from now, just as we consult [sic] Henschel's Janus very frequently which was published in the 1840's.⁷ Of course it would be foolish of the Journal to publish nothing but such papers, just as it would be inadvisable to have only popular articles which appeal to the general practitioner. In the Bulletin I tried to steer a middle course which I think was quite satisfactory, and I would recommend that the Journal adopt a similar policy, that is, publish general articles as well as such of pure scholarship.⁸ I am returning the manuscript by surface mail to Miss Thomson and am writing her a letter on the subject.

Of course there is no objection whatsoever to taking MacKinney on the editorial board, but I think that Fisch and I could handle the medieval and Renaissance material without any difficulty.⁹ Do not hesitate to send manuscripts to me, I shall always be glad to read them and give an opinion on them. Since you cannot publish them immediately anyway, the delay caused by having them sent abroad is quite unimportant.

We are having a very pleasant summer, greatly enjoying the presence of Nora and her family, and the work is progressing steadily.¹⁰

With all good wishes to Lucia and yourself, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Report see letter 536.

² Fulton received three honorary degrees in 1951/52: Universities of Oslo, Louvain, and Boston University.

³ From Pura S. never returned to the U.S.

⁴ Rollins see letter 131.

⁵ Thomson see letter 436.

⁶ Thorndike see letter 128; his manuscript (see letter 529) appeared in the "Journal" (Thorndike 1953).

⁷ August W. E. T. Henschel (1790-1856) German physician, editor of *Janus*, a journal of the history and literature of medicine.

⁸ The "Journal" see letter 539.

⁹ Loren MacKinney, professor of medical history at University of North Carolina. Fisch see letter 497.

¹⁰ Nora's family see letter 538.

542

Fulton to Sigerist, London, 28 July 1952

My dear Henry,

We have been in Oxford for the week-end otherwise I should have acknowledged more promptly your exceedingly generous letter which arrived last Friday. It was most reassuring to learn that you felt the report adequate and that you approved of the way I had worked your report into the text.¹ It was also comforting to know that you thought well of my dedicatory piece to Rollins - I had long wanted to make a public acknowledgement to him for the many things he has done to assist in our publication programme, and this seemed the perfect opportunity.²

Thanks also for returning the proofs so promptly by airmail to Elizabeth Thomson, she will be able to push them on to the printers in a few days time - how many copies by the way would you like for your personal distribution ?³ Let me know this as soon as possible as there seems to be some trouble about paper, but I think nothing serious. I am planning to order 1500 copies for the Department as I should like to give it fairly wide distribution among members of the Association, and I am also going to use it later on in connection with my Christmas letter because a good many of my friends still appear mystified over the fact that I have withdrawn from physiology.⁴ I also hope to send it to the persons mentioned in the report and to Centres and persons over here where medical history is being fostered. If you have suggestions as to any special person whom I may not know, who should have it, let me know.

You will probably think me a madman, but I've decided under pressure from Saunders, to revise *The Garrison*; it seemed to me a worthy undertaking for the new Department and Madeline Stanton is going to co-operate with me in the undertaking.⁵ I'm beginning on the section on Primitive Medicine, and I am of course, leaning on your excellent section on archaic medicine. If you have looked over *Garrison* recently and have in mind any particular sections that require deletion or other special attention, let me know this too. Ashworth Underwood has just opened a magnificent new exhibit on *The Medicine of the Aboriginal Peoples*, if he has not sent you a copy of his Catalogue, I shall do so.⁶

My thanks again, and all good wishes,

Yours ever

John

¹ Report see letter 536.² Rollins see letter 131.³ Thomson see letter 436.⁴ Association, American of the History of Medicine.⁵ W. B. Saunders see letter 399, publisher of "*The Garrison*", textbook (Garrison 1913).⁶ Underwood see letter 356.

543

Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 30 July 1952

Dear John,

I just received your letter of 28 July, and I think it is an excellent idea for you to order a large number of copies of the first Annual Report of the new Department and to have it widely distributed.¹ If you send me ten copies this will be more than enough, as I send the Report only to a few friends who are particularly interested in my work. As to centres of medical history in Europe, I am sure you know them as well as I do, and besides we may talk the matter over when you come in September.

It was news indeed to hear that you have decided to revise *The Garrison*.² It certainly is a worthy undertaking for the new Department, as the book is a very useful one, but it is a big job. I have not used the book in recent years, as I always found that the chapters on ancient medicine are rather weak, while the modern sections contain an enormous amount of materials, and I shall certainly use the book extensively when I come to the 19th century. In the meantime I shall look at the first chapters and will let you know what I find.

Underwood usually sends me all his catalogues.³ I have not seen the latest yet, but will undoubtedly get in [sic] in the near future. He has a real gift for making excellent exhibits. Two years ago I opened the one on 'Medicine in 1850', and it was a very good one too.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Report see letter 536.² "The Garrison" see letter 542.³ Underwood see letter 356.

544

Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 6 August 1952¹

Dear John,

Do not take Goldschmid too seriously; he is a cranky and sickly old man who is becoming a little senile and very difficult.² We have a lot of trouble with him here in Switzerland, as he is offended all the time. No matter what you do, he is always offended and thinks one has not done him justice or paid him sufficient honour. Last year he had his 70th birthday and we took great trouble arranging a dinner: I myself went to Lausanne, he received flowers, gifts, telegrams, from all over the country, and we saw to it that the newspapers would mention his birthday, but now, a year later, he is still complaining that not enough was done to honour him on the occasion. He was after all a third rate pathologist and his historical knowledge is limited to a very small field. I often feel sorry for him, because he is very lonely, but it is his

own fault. He had good friends in Lausanne and could have had a very nice social life, but he has a particular gift of insulting people, and this does not make friends. I am sorry that you and Madeline had difficulties with him, but as I said, do not take the matter seriously.³ I am returning the correspondence enclosed.

I think I met Papaspyros in London two years ago, although I am not sure and certainly would not recognise him.⁴ I had some correspondence with him in the last few years concerning the history of diabetes, and he sent me a copy of the book when it came out last year. To be quite honest, I must confess that I have not read it yet.

I hope your wedding trip is continuing as successfully as it started, and please do kiss the bride for me.⁵

With warm regards, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Referring to a missing letter.

² Goldschmid see letter 522.

³ Madeline Stanton see letter 182.

⁴ (Papaspyros 1952).

⁵ Wedding trip: Goldschmid had erroneously congratulated F. to his wedding (which had taken place in 1923).

545

Fulton to Sigerist, London, 8 August 1952

Dear Henry,

It was good of you to respond so promptly to my enquiry about old Goldschmid and you make it much easier for me to send him a tactful reply.¹ You have not seen the previous correspondence, but his letter of 18 July apparently made Madeline in the 98° temperature they have been having there for two months practically reach the boiling point.² Her letter in reply amused me perhaps more than it should have, but I think she would be wise to be a little less direct when dealing with Prima Donnas ! However, had I been dealing with the old boy I probably should have been much more angry. I enclose a copy of the reply which I am sending in the light of your letter. But my dear Henry, you didn't tell me whether you spell the name of the great engraver d'Agoty or Dagoty ! ?³

I am glad to report that the wedding trip which Goldschmid referred is progressing satisfactorily and I have kissed the bride as you instructed.⁴ She seemed to appreciate it. I asked you about Papaspyros because he moves a most hearty vote of thanks and appreciation to you for all the assistance you have given him.⁵ The book, is not bad on the whole, the material is quite well arranged but the English is in places almost unintelligible i.e. what we call pidgeon English. You would have thought that at Oxford he might have found someone to read the typescript for him. Lucia and I have just had a pleasant time in Oxford and next week we are going to spend two days in Cambridge.

Yours ever,
John

¹ Goldschmid see letter 544.

² Madeline Stanton see letter 182.

³ Jacques F. Gautier D'Agoty (1717-1785) French author, artist, and printer of anatomical work; the spelling Dagoty is also used.

⁴ "Wedding" see letter 544.

⁵ Papaspyros see letter 544 and (Papaspyros 1952).

546

Fulton to Sigerist, London, 27 August 1952

My dear Henry

Forgive the paper. For the moment I am a little fed-up with prehistoric medicine - but, my God, Henry, it is fascinating and you make it particularly so - and I thought to take time off to write you a line.

Would you be good enough to cast your eye over the enclosed. The first is a memo for the Saunders people about the Garrison revision, and the second is some text for trial pages which gives indication on [?] the style I am proposing to adopt.¹ Your criticism of both documents will be much appreciated. I intend of course to preserve Garrison's wonderful thumb-nail sketches of individuals, but I shall try to eliminate some of the pedantry. It will really be great fun, but a hell of a job ! Madeline Stanton and Elizabeth Thomson have just arrived from their holidays and I am taking them about to libraries and [?] Cathedrals; today I have dispatched them with Lucia to Windsor, so [?] as to get a little work done ! They are in fine form; Eliz has never been abroad before and she misses nothing - even with her handicap she walks my legs off.

Our printer in Hartford, damn it, closes down for August so we still do not have the Annual report ; but probably just as well for no one would read in August !²

All the best - and our affectionate greetings to Emmy

Yours ever
John

P.S. Would you return the two memos at your convenience as they are my only copies over here ? We shall be at the May Fair until 6 Sept -- after that Grand Hotel Stockholm.

¹ Saunders see letter 542. Revision of (Garrison 1913).

² Annual Report see letter 536.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 7 September 1952

My dear Henry

We have abandoned our Scandinavian trip and will be here until the 21st; after that Hotel Regina, Paris - our old haunt. Lucia has a drive-yourself car and is roaring all over England with Madeline and Elizabeth Thomson and she could not tear herself away !

You did not say in your last when would be most convenient for you to have us come to Lugano - any time, say between 23 Sept and 4 Oct. We should plan to stay in the environs for only 2 or 3 days.

All the best

Yours ever
John

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 11 September 1952

Dear John,

I was just going to write you to Stockholm when your letter came with the news that you had given up your Scandinavian trip. I can well imagine that your ladies are having a very good time, driving all over the country.

But first of all I wish to say that we very much count on your visit and that any time will suit us perfectly. We have no plans for leaving Pura either in September or October. The very end of September or early October might be better, as we do not expect any other visitors at that time. Underwood is due here around the 18th of the month, and Professor Simmons, the head of the Russian Department of Colombia University and Nora's teacher, is expected on the 26th.¹ Dorothy Schullian may pop up at some time, but these are all very nice people and there is no reason why you should not meet them here.² On the contrary, I think it would be very good if we could have Schullian in Pura with you, as we might discuss plans for the future. In other words, come whenever it suits you best, and the longer you can be in the neighbourhood the greater our pleasure will be. If you stay in Lugano, Hotel Splendid and the Palace Hotel are the best places; if you want a few very quiet days, there is a small but very comfortable hotel now in Pura, Albergo Paladina, where you can have rooms with bath and all conveniences.

Now to your „Thoughts on the Garrison Revision“.³ I made whatever remarks I had to make in pencil in the margin. I think the title is quite excellent, and I fully agree with your general policy for the revision. Dates will have to be checked very carefully, as a good many are wrong. To my mind it would look rather awkward if Garrison's name appeared among those to whom the book is dedicated, since the book is “Garrison's Introduction“, after all. I also fully agree with your suggestions regarding the appendices.

I also like your sample pages of chapter I. Underwood wrote me that they have the original knife with which the Caesarian section [sic] was performed in Uganda. The fact that the woman survived shows that these negroes are tough. Concerning the inoculation against smallpox I have a vague idea that it could be of Arabic origin, although I cannot prove it. It strikes me, however, that we find inoculation as far as the Arab influence extended, that is from West Africa to China. It would be worthwhile to examine the question more closely, and I think maps on which all the points where variolation was practised before the 18th century are marked, would be very helpful.

We had a beautiful summer so far, as you no doubt had in England too. Now we have a few cold days as a reminder that the summer will be over before long, but I have no doubt that it will be warm again, as it usually is here until far in October.

Emmy and I are looking forward to seeing Lucia and you here very soon, and we shall then discuss the Garrison as well as other plans. My second volume is growing daily. I always manage to write a few pages every day, even when we have visitors.

With warm regards to all of you,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

P.S. I just notice that in one of your letters you ask whether d'Agoty or Dagoty is the correct form.⁴ I will decide this question as soon as I get to volume VI of my book, at present I really cannot tell.

¹ Underwood see letter 356. Ernest J. Simmons (1903-1972).

² Schullian see letter 464.

³ Garrison revision see letter 542.

⁴ D'Agoty see letter 545.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 15 September 1952

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of the 11th which is just here, enclosing my notes on the Garrison Revision.¹ Your suggestions are most helpful and gratifying; and I quite agree that Billings would be a far more appropriate person to dedicate the book to than would be Garrison himself.² Other details we can discuss when we meet.

Lucia and I will plan then to come to Lugano on or about October 1st; we shall send you the definite date later. It would indeed be nice if Dorothy Schullian were visiting you at about that time. I shall be writing you again from Paris.

With all good wishes to you both.

Yours ever,
John

II [...] Congress of Internal Medicine - much [...] !

¹ Garrison Revision see letter 542.

² Billings see letter 519.

³ Schullian see letter 464.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 23 September 1952

My dear Henry

I am flying to Milano the morning of the 30th (Air France, arriving at 11:20 AM) and I hope to have lunch or dinner with Castiglioni, and that I may reach Lugano the night of the 30th or the morning of the Oct 1st.¹ Following your advice I have made reservations (Lucia alas will not be with me as she is caught here with friends from Boston) - reservation at the Splendid for the 30th (if I get there) and 1 – 2 October. I shall be flying back from Milano on the 3rd.

I very much hope that you may be free for lunch or dinner on the 1st or, failing that, the 2nd; but as I have often said, I do not wish to interrupt your work. We have had a fine two months in England and are just becoming adjusted to the new (and much more adequate) dietary here in Paris. I have been running around to a few book shops - but I cannot stay long in any of them because I begin to choke and sneeze - a strange malady !

I was most delighted on Friday to read the announcement posted at the Wellcome Library of your forthcoming Heath-Clark Lectures - an excellent thing for you and for Yale.²

The lectureship does very well for you, but, unhappily, you cannot take the liberal sum you are paid out of England - but you can buy books ! H. K. Lewis will buy books from the continent and have them delivered in Pura³

All the best

Yours ever devotedly
John

Be sure and have all your travel and other expenses paid from England I [...] round trip by air from N.Y. with [...] in England !

J.

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36.

² Wellcome Library: One of the largest libraries of medical history. Heath-Clark Lecture at the University of London.

³ H. K. Lewis: Scientific Books, London.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 25 September 1952

Dear John,

Just a short line to tell you how much we are looking forward to your visit. Lugano will be pretty full in the first half of October on account of the annual Sample Fair, so that it would be good to make reservations as soon as possible. If we can make the reservations for you, just let me know.

My love to both of you,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 26 September 1952

My dear John,

I just received your letter and was delighted to hear that you will be here on 30 September or 1 October. Do ring us up as soon as you arrive in Lugano. Our phone number is :

3.61.52

But of course, Emmy and I are very disappointed that Lucia will not be with you.

Do keep the two days free for us. We shall get you to Pura on the morning of the 1st, or if the weather continues to be as fine as it is now, we may drive for lunch to some nice place.

There is so much I want to discuss with you. Dorothy Schullian was here last week with Professor Belloni and must be in Venice by now.¹

Well, let us talk everything over when you come.

Very cordially,

As ever, Yours

[Henry]

¹ Schullian see letter 464. Luigi Belloni (1914-1989) Italian medical historian.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 27 September 1952

My dear Henry

Many thanks for your two cordial letters of the 25th and 26th. I have not yet heard from Castig.[lioni] so he may be away.¹ In any case I shall reach Lugano sometime Tuesday evening and will call you on arrival from the Splendid.

Wednesday is completely free, but you have been having many visitors of late (two days of Edgar !), so I suggest that we have the morning of the 1st together and go as you suggest somewhere for lunch; I shall disappear so as to give you some free time in midafternoon, have a siesta, insulin [?] etc., and then I hope you and Emmy and anyone you may have staying at Casa Serena, will dine with me in Lugano at the Splendid, or anywhere else that you may suggest.²

I have had a little difficulty with regard to transportation on the 3rd, but I now have a train reservation for a plane (Air France) leaving Milano at 5 P.M. Thursday the 2nd, so I can have the morning Thursday at Lugano - thus I shall not tie you up for two whole days, for I know much too much about guest who come and never leave, and do not announce the plans beforehand !! Your history is much more important - and I should like to feel that I can give Emmy a little respite from domestic duties - in part precipitated [?] by an ever hospitable and gracious husband.

Yours ever

John

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36.

² "Edgar" Goldschmid see letter 544.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Malpensa Airport, 2 October 1952 (Telegram)

ARRIVED MALPENSA COMFORTABLY [sic] WARMEST THANKS ALL OF YOU
FOR EVERYTHING

JOHN

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 4 October 1952

Dear John,

How very charming of you to send us a telegram from Malpensa.¹ I hope you had a comfortable flight to Paris and found Lucia well. We regretted very much that she was not with you, but I have no words to tell you how very much we enjoyed your visit. It was such a pleasure to have a chance to see you after these many years, and to discuss the problems of the new department and of medical history at large.

Take good care of yourself, as you still have a great and very important task ahead of you, one that you and nobody else can fulfill in the States. And do come to Pura again on your next European trip.

Warmest wishes from both of us to both of you.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Dear Dr. Fulton,

It was so nice meeting you. I hope it will not have been the last time.

Yours sincerely
R. D. B.²

¹ Malpensa: The airport of Milan.

² R. D. B.: Ruth D. Berlowitz, S.'s secretary. On 6 October Lucia Fulton, still in Paris, wrote a long letter to Emmy and Henry S., beginning: "What a marvellous time you gave John in Pura"

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 7 October 1952 (telegram)

BON VOYAGE HOPE YOU COME SOON AGAIN LOVE TO YOU BOTH
HENRY AND EMMY

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 9 October 1952

Dear John,

I received a copy of your letter to George Sarton and I just want to tell you that I find it a masterpiece of tact and diplomacy.¹ Your letter will certainly reconcile Sarton, if he should have felt hurt by not having his resignation acknowledged in time. I think you did very well indeed, and with you I hope that I. Bernard Cohen will be the next editor.² He is certainly admirably qualified for the job and not as temperamental as Guerlac is at times.

Tell Lucia how delighted Emmy and I were with her perfectly charming letter, and how very much we hope to see her in Pura on your next trip.³ It was really great to have you here and to have a chance to talk to you.

Please tell Madeline and Elizabeth that I was glad to hear they liked my pet restaurant in Florence.⁴ I was sure they would, as it certainly is an excellent place. I am sorry I did not see them this year, but again, I hope it will be some other day.

With warm regards as ever,

Yours

[Henry]

¹ Sarton see letter 75.² Cohen see letter 380. Guerlac see letter 384.³ See letter 555.⁴ Madeline Stanton and Elizabeth Thomson.

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Fulton to Sigerist, RMS Queen Elizabeth, 13 October 1952

My dear Henry

I have not thanked you for the nice letter you sent just before we left Paris or for yours and Emmys [sic] wire to the boat. It was good of you. I had written Emmy of how much I enjoyed the visit with you at Pura. It gave me great inspiration for the new Department, and I am returning with great hope and zeal.

We have had a very good crossing smooth and amusing passengers. Gromyko and Vyshinski are both on board with about 30 aids.¹ The bar room steward tells us gleefully that he has sold more vodka than ever before ! But Miss Valerie Hobson, the lovely British film star, is also with us and on the whole I think I prefer Miss Valerie to the „Commarads“ [sic] !² She is really beautiful - tell Emmy I still have a roving eye and that in this case Lucia approves of my taste.

One thing I forgot to ask was about the translations of the first volume of your “History“. You mentioned that several translations were under way, but I forgot to make note of what

they were - French, Spanish and German ?? It is a great tribute to you, and I am of course very proud for the Department. I shall be writing you soon from New Haven.

Yours ever

John

¹ Andrei Gromyko (1909-1989) Soviet Foreign Minister. Andrey Vyshinski (1883-1954) Soviet representative at the UN.

² Hobson (1917-1998).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 21 October 1952

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter from the 'Queen Elizabeth'. I am glad you had a good crossing, and I sincerely hope the Russians left some liquor in the bar for you.

You ask about translations of my History.¹ The Italian translation is in preparation and will be published by Einaudi in Turin, one of the best Italian publishers of today. The German translation is being prepared and will be brought out jointly by the Europa-Verlag in Zurich and Kohlhammer-Verlag in Stuttgart. Swiss and German publishers usually join forces these days. The production of books is cheaper in Germany, and the Swiss publisher helps with the financing and also distributes the book in Switzerland and a few other countries. This is quite a satisfactory arrangement.

I know that Espasa Calpe in Buenos Aires was interested in a Spanish translation, and Payot in Paris was once mentioned for a French translation, but I do not know whether definite arrangements have actually been made. I should have to enquire from the Oxford Press.

I am struggling to get my Heath Clark Lectures in shape.² I believe I told you that I also have a lecture at the University of Manchester. Sometime ago they started having every winter a series of lectures on the history of medicine for their students, and I shall be giving one on 'The World of Hippocrates'. In addition I have a lecture before the Osler Club, Bett's baby, on 'Medical History in Medical Education'.³ I selected this subject, because Osler was the man who insisted that medical students should know some medical history, and also of course because I have much practical experience in this subject.⁴ Underwood would like me to give a lecture at the Wellcome Museum, but I do not know yet whether I shall be able to make it, as I do not want to interrupt my work too long.⁵

We remember your visit with so much pleasure, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ History: (Sigerist 1951a).

² Heath Clark Lecture see letter 550.

³ Bett, probably Walter R..

⁴ Osler see letter 411.

⁵ Underwood see letter 356.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 3 November 1952

Dear John,

Congratulations upon the first Annual Report of the Department.¹ It looks perfectly splendid and I am sure will find many interested readers. I need not tell you that I am very happy to have a place in it.

At the moment I am sweating over my Heath Clark Lectures.² I shall be giving them from notes as I did with the Terry and Messenger lectures, and will develop them for the press afterwards. I found quite a few new and interesting points in preparing them, but they will need some additional research before they can be published.

We are flying from Zurich to London on the 8th and will be at the Hotel Rembrandt,
Thurloe Place
S.W.7

until the 22nd. On the 18th I have a lecture at the University of Manchester and on the 21st I am addressing the Osler Society.

I hate to interrupt the book for several weeks, particularly now when I was progressing very nicely, but it cannot be helped. And I shall take advantage of my being in London to fill a few gaps in the book at the Wellcome Library and the library of the Royal College of Physicians.

With warm regards, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Annual Report see letter 536.

² Heath Clark Lectures see letter 550.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 5 January 1953

My dear Henry,

Happy new year to you and Emmy and also to your Czech born new secretary, Miss Eva Stiasny !¹ With her background I am sure she will serve you well and I am glad you have been so fortunate as to find someone with her superb linguistic background.

Naturally we are all pleased to have news of your sojourn in Britain.² I have had many letters expressing a great enthusiasm for your Heath Clark lectures, the lecture you gave in

Manchester, and the one before the Osler Club.³ All this will do a great deal to advance the cause in which we are all so vitally interested.

I agree that England is cold in the winter, but I am fortunate in having a very high metabolic rate. The colder it is the better I like it. You will probably be shocked to hear that I deliberately keep my office in the new Department at a temperature between fifty and sixty. It is filtered air, which means that I do not cough or snort until some one brings me a dusty book to look at; but the chief advantage of having a cold office is that no one stays very long, especially the tender hothouse plants who like to have their offices at about eighty or eighty-five !

Last week I made an effort and went down to the meeting of the History of Science Society in Washington - a very successful gathering and the high point of the whole meeting was Temkin's paper on Greek medicine.⁴ It is the far and away the best thing I have ever heard him give, and as far as the meeting was concerned it was the most distinguished presentation that we had. Dorothy Stimson has been elected President; Fred Kilgour has retired as Secretary-Treasurer, and the Council voted to make two offices and Miss Boas has taken the Secretaryship and a chap named Fleming in Providence, the Treasurership.⁵ I hope he is up to it, but for some reason I rather doubt it, for he is a rather scatter-brained fellow. But Dorothy Stimson is a fine person, forthright, and a strong leader, and I am sure the Society will prosper under her direction. We had a dinner in honor of George Sarton as retiring editor of *Isis*; this was Sunday night and those who had arranged the banquet had forgotten that the District of Columbia was bone dry on Sundays, and the whole affair was a little lugubrious.⁶ George Sarton instead of making a bright and sparkling speech, which he would have done had he had two or three cocktails, told of all his trials and tribulations over the years at Harvard University, with the Carnegia [sic] Foundation, and the financing of *Isis*. There wasn't a bright moment in his entire speech. If I had had a bottle of Scotch I would have put it in front of him before he began to speak. It is funny how flat a banquet is without wine or anything else to uplift the spirit !

My dear Henry, don't worry about answering letters. This is certainly not one to be answered. You have your work to do and people throughout the world impose on you because of your good nature. I shall keep you posted on any new developments here.

Meanwhile, affectionate greetings from Lucia and me and all your many admirers in New Haven.

Yours ever,

John

¹ Eva Stiasny had grown up in England.

² A letter of S. seems to be missing.

³ S.'s Heath Clark Lectures (Sigerist 1956).

⁴ Temkin see letter 245.

⁵ Stimson see letter 467. Kilgour see letter 400. Miss Marie Boas, historian of science. Mr. Fleming, probably Donald.

⁶ Sarton see letter 75.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 14 January 1953

My dear John,

It was so good to have news from you and to hear that you are well and that you attended the Washington meeting of the History of Science Society. I can well imagine how gloomy the dinner must have been on a dry Sunday and I shudder at the thought of what my farewell dinner would have been like without cocktails and some good wines.

Geniviève [sic] sent me the first Volume of Sarton's History for Christmas and you can well imagine that I am reading it with the keenest interest, since the ground we cover is very much the same.¹ Sarton's is a very strange book in many ways and reflects his personality on every page. His erudition is formidable and there is no doubt that his book is a great contribution to the History of Science. I am very pleased to find that our approach is very different. So the books instead of overlapping, supplement one another in a most fortunate way. I disagree with many statements he makes and he probably disagrees with many of mine, but I have a tremendous admiration for him and his work. His book actually saves a lot of trouble, in that I shall not have to say much about Aristotle, but simply will refer to it. Now I am most anxious to see Singer's first Volume, which of course will be much less personal, as he has a whole staff of people working on the History of Technology.²

I think Sarton should not complain about the way he was treated by Harvard and the Carnegie Foundation, he had difficulties as all of us had, who lived during and between the two world wars. But he always secured support for his work and for his publications, and this is all that counts.

Everythin [sic] is going well here, we are having a relatively cold winter, but marvellous sunshine.

I am, Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Genevieve Miller. (Sarton 1952).

² (Singer 1954).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 January 1953

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of the ninth sending copies of the photographs which you took last October in Pura - after that dreadful Lugano haircut you really should have gotten Ruth or Emmy to muss up my hair because it makes me look a little like Bela Lugosi !¹

You will be interested to hear that the National Science Foundation is supporting a general Survey of physiology and medical sciences and that they have asked me to be chairman of a

subcommittee on the history of physiology and medical science in North America. It will be an interesting responsibility and as you will gather from a copy of a letter to Temkin we are having our first meeting on 2 February.² If you have any suggestions that might be useful to the committee I hope you will send them.

The January number of the Journal of the History of Medicine will be out shortly. I have Rollins redesign the front cover and we are introducing a number of changes in the text which I hope you will like.³ I am sure that Singer's open letter about Ivins on Vesalius and O'Malley's review of said volume will amuse you, and we hope it will increase the circulation of the Journal.⁴

I enclose a proof of the new cover.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ S.'s letter is missing. Ruth Berlowitz, see letter 511. Bela Lugosi (1882-1956) Hungarian film actor.

² Temkin see letter 245.

³ Rollins see letter 131.

⁴ Singer see letter 93. Ivins see letter 264. Vesalius see letter 180. O'Malley see letter 443.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 19 January 1953

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th, commenting on the gloom that befell us during the dinner for George Sarton.¹

I am immensely interested in your comments on the first volume of his History. The book is so personalized that it will stand more as an extraordinary human document than as an objective history. I have never felt this for a moment about your first volume even though your personality and some of your sociological convictions come out between the lines. I asked Temkin to review Sarton's book for the Journal of the History of Medicine because I did not want to impose on you[,] much as we should like having your appraisal.² I have just had an extremely interesting letter from Temkin à propos of the volume, and I enclose it for your information. Would you be good enough sometime to return it ?

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Sarton see letter 75.

² Temkin see letter 245. (Sarton 1952).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 28 January 1953

My dear John,

I have to thank you for several letters, from which I gather that you are very busy with committee meetings and other engagements. I can well imagine that the new edition of Garrison is a real headache, but it will be good to have the book on the market again, particularly as we do not know how long Castiglioni's book is going to sell.¹ Poor old friend ! I was very sorry to hear about his death. When his wife died we all felt that he would not survive her for a very long time, but I did not expect his death to occur so soon. I am sure you had all the details on how he died. He first came to see me in Zürich in 1919 soon after the war and we have been friends ever since. I do not think his scholarship was very profound, but he was a most lovable individual, who meant extremely well, and who had a great influence in Italy.

I was very glad to hear that the National Science Foundation will include a History of Physiology and Medical Sciences in its general survey.² You have an excellent committee, and when you meet in New Haven next month please give my warm greetings to the members who are all old friends or students of mine. I do not know exactly what is expected of you, but if you could recommend that the larger Medical Schools should have a fully organised department of the history of medicine, I am sure this would help a great deal.

I was interested in your correspondence with Chauncey Leek [sic] concerning the Garrison-Morton.³ I fully agree with you that this is not the kind of work for a committee, and that it requires the attention of one or two individuals. I think Morton in England and Mayer in Washington would be the ones to entrust with the task and I do not think that this would involve much work.⁴ The classics remain classics, and it would just be a question of adding a few titles here and there.

I was most interested in what you wrote about Sarton's History of Science, and I was particularly happy to hear that you did not find my History too personal.⁵ As a matter of fact I try very hard to dissociate myself from what I write. In the first volume this was difficult, because I had a methodological introduction in which I had to expound my concept of history. But you will see that the second volume is much more objective. Sarton really went too far, and I think one reason is that his book is based on lecture notes. In lectures you obviously are much more personal than in writing.

I hope you can persuade Temkin to give a talk on Paracelsus because he knows his works very intimately. Paracelsus is not easy to understand, but I consider him to be one of the most profound medical thinkers of the Renaissance because he touched the fundamental problems of medicine which have not been solved to our days. To me it is always a great stimulus and joy to read some of his writings. Have you ever read the book by Pachter that Schuman published some time ago ?⁶ I think he makes some very good points.

I liked the new design of the Journal and I am looking forward to seeing the January number.⁷ Thanks also for the 10 copies of your First Annual Report, which I am glad to have.⁸

With warm regards, I am,
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ (Garrison 1913); a fourth edition, revised by Garrison, appeared in 1929 and was reprinted in the 1960s. Thus, an edition revised by Fulton apparently never appeared. Castiglioni see letter 36. (Castiglioni 1941).

² The committee to meet in New Haven consisted of Temkin, Cohen, Hebbel Hoff, Veith, and others.

³ Chauncey Leake see letter 53. (Garrison-Morton 1943); this was the last edition prior to the 1950s, revised by Morton; the next edition appeared in 1961 only.

⁴ Mayer see letter 519.

⁵ (Sarton 1952).

⁶ (Pachter 1951). Annual Report see S. to F. of 25 June 1952.

⁷ "Journal" of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

⁸ Report see letter 536.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 February 1953

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 28th in response to several recent letters. I am enjoying the Garrison revision even though I have not yet fully gotten my teeth into it.¹ I fear it will emerge a rather different book but the Saunders people have given me authority to do anything I like with the text.² I am deleting some of the music and metaphysics and also a great deal of the outmoded anthropology, but I hope that in the place of these irrelevancies I shall be able to incorporate something new and constructive and at the same time make the text a little more interesting to read. However, the book will, of course, always remain essentially a work of reference.

I think our feelings about Castiglioni were pretty much the same.³ He was, as you say, a most lovable individual and we shall always look upon it as a great privilege to have had him with us for seven years. In retrospect I fear we did not do as much for him as we should have, but he sometimes made things a little difficult for those who wished to entertain him. Knopf has already written me about the future of his book for Krumbhaar would like to do a third edition, a Krumbhaar-Castiglioni, but after all the difficulties that Knopf had when he was caught in the cross-fire of a tug of war between two rather temperamental authors, I rather doubt whether he will take it on.⁴ I don't know what Victor's desires may be but I suspect that he will turn the book over to Luigi Belloni who had Castiglioni's confidence and who I think is eminently competent to do a new Italian edition.⁵ Belloni is a good scholar, is being productive, and in addition he is really a very charming fellow.

I have just spent nearly a week in the hospital, having succumbed to the prevailing flu virus, and I had to postpone the first meeting of our committee on the History of Physiology and the Medical Sciences. Two other members of the committee were also laid low. This is proving to be a major epidemic, more widespread than that of 1919, but fortunately not quite so serious. Our whole household as well as the staff in the Library has come down with it one

by one, and I am not at all clear from which one I may have derived my bug - there is safety in numbers, I suppose !

Thanks for the tip about Temkin and Paracelsus.⁶ He is going to be with us for the better part of a week, so I hope I can persuade him to do Paracelsus as well as thinking about contagion before Pasteur.⁷ I was tremendously interested in your comment that Paracelsus was one of the most profound medical thinkers of the Renaissance. I suppose much the same may be said of Rabelais; he enjoyed some of Paracelsus' irregular habits.⁸

A nice Christmas card from your good friend Ruth, but the silly girl did not give me her address so I cannot acknowledge it.⁹ Would you be good enough sometime to let me have it ?

Yours ever,

John

¹ Garrison revision see letter 565.

² Saunders, Knopf: Publishers.

³ Castiglioni see letter 36; he spent seven years of exile at Yale University.

⁴ Edward B. Krumbhaar (1882-1966) pathologist, medical historian and founder of the American Association of the History of Medicine in 1925; translated and edited the first (1941) and second (1948) English language edition of Castiglioni's *History of Medicine*; a new Italian edition appeared in 1948.

⁵ "Victor" Castiglioni, Arturo's son. Belloni, see letter 552, did not edit Castiglioni's new Italian edition.

⁶ Temkin and Paracelsus see letter 565.

⁷ Louis Pasteur (1822-1895) French chemist and microbiologist.

⁸ Rabelais see letter 449.

⁹ "Ruth" Berlowitz see letter 511.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 4 February 1953

Dear Henry:

When writing you yesterday I had not received your most welcome gifts to the Department comprising the German translation of Civilization and Disease which seems to have come out very well indeed; also the Chinese rendering of Medicine and Health in the Soviet Union published, I gather, in Peiping.¹ The Mens sana in corpore sano from Medicine and Human Welfare is likewise a most attractive book, and I need not tell you that we are very pleased to have them; also the group of reprints which bring us up to date.² I had not realized that you had actually published a paper on Alkmaion.³ I am very pleased to have this for my 'History of Physiology'.

Yours sincerely,

John

¹ Civilization (Sigerist 1943b). *Medicine and Health* (Sigerist 1947b).

² *Mens sana* (Sigerist 1952e) is not from *Medicine and Human Welfare* (Sigerist 1941).

³ *Alkmaion* (Sigerist 1952a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 12 February 1953

My dear Henry,

Herewith a draft of a biographical note intended for the fifth edition of Garrison's history of medicine.¹ Your comments and corrections would be warmly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John

¹ A fifth edition of (Garrison 1913) did not appear; see letter 565.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 17 February 1953

My dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd of February and also for the circular letter concerning the journal. I was very sorry to hear that you had an attack of influenza. Every letter I receive from the States these days mentions the disease and I am glad to know that in Nora's family it is over. We have the epidemic in Europe also but so far it has not reached Pura. The disease seems to be much more harmless than the one we had 1918-19, but I remember only too well how every epidemic of flu from the 13th century on, always started in a perfectly harmless way, so that people made jokes and wrote songs about it, and then it suddenly became serious. In 1918 I spent six months in the Swiss army doing nothing but influenza work, so that I am pretty familiar with its epidemiology. Well let us hope for the best, and at any rate it is good to have it as early as possible.

Various Milano organisations are holding a meeting in commemoration of Castiglioni.¹ I would have attended it, but unfortunately I have to give a lecture in Bern on the 19th and must be in Geneva on the 20th. Belloni is an excellent man[,] one of the best they have in Italy in the field.² He doesn't only talk, but actually works as well and knows how to handle Mediaeval manuscripts[,] and whatever he has written in recent years is the result of solid honest research. I am sure he is best qualified to prepare the new Italian edition of Castiglioni's History. I am writing an obituary for the Bulletin.

The address of Ruth Berlowitz is:³

125 Pine Road

Mount Carmel

Haifa,

Israel

Now to the Journal:⁴ I fully agree that it should be made available to students for as low a subscription as possible and I am sure it cannot do any harm to have students editors

appointed as long as you have control over them, because the students obviously do not know much medical history. However[,] it will give them an opportunity to formulate wishes.

The Journal obviously should have more subscribers, but you will not find many in Europe on account of currency restrictions. I know for instance that in Denmark a dozen physicians took out one subscription to the Bulletin and then rotated the numbers. This group probably does the same with the Journal. It may be that a few more European University Libraries could be reached. I am sure that the library of the University of Geneva has neither the Bulletin nor the Journal, but you may have heard that they have big plans. Raymond de Saussure who used to practice [sic] psychiatry in New York is back and has apparently succeeded in waking up a rather sleepy community.⁵ He and a few prominent Geneva people are founding a museum of the history of science, a journal of the history of science and the University promised him a chair. He is writing a history of psychotherapy from Mesmer to our days in 3 or 4 volumes.⁶ I will see him in Geneva in a few days and will get more information on the subject. Keep what I wrote you confidential until I have seen Saussure. I think that something really big is being created there, Geneva has a great scientific past and the old families have archives with tens of thousands of letters of the greatest value. Saussure plans to publish as a first volume of the new museum the correspondence between Haller and Bonnet.⁷ Next week I shall write you more about these very exiting [sic] plans. Saussure will come to our Pura Conference, which will take place on March 21st and 22nd.

Concerning the book reviews section I think the policy should be to review worth while books as soon as possible. With the Bulletin I used to publish all the reviews I happened to have on hand in every number. Sometimes they filled 10 pages or more and sometimes only 2, but I felt that a book should be made known as soon as possible. With a Quarterly Journal delays are unavoidable anyway. What I missed so far in the reviews section of the Journal was that few European books were reviewed, yet it would be very important for the American reader to know what is published here. As Kilgore [sic] undoubtedly reads the publishers [sic] weaklies of half a dozen countries he will know what is published abroad and European publishers will be only too glad to send their books to the Journal as they are most anxious to sell them in America.⁸

How long a review should be is a very difficult problem. I know well enough that Journals have little space available but I often felt that a good review of an important book should be an essay in itself. There are books of course that do not deserve more than a few lines.

As soon as I come back from Geneva I shall write you again, and in the meantime I am,

With warm regards,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Castiglioni see letter 36.

² Belloni see letter 552. Obituary (Sigerist 1953a). No new edition of Castiglioni's History did appear after 1948.

³ Berlowitz see letter 511.

⁴ "Journal" of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

⁵ Saussure see letter 273. De Saussure's book was single volume and co-authored (Chertok/Saussure 1979). There are several journals of psychotherapy, founded toward the end of the 20th century. The Geneva Museum of the History of Science was founded in 1955 by de Saussure, Marc Cramer and others.. In 1973 the Raymond de Saussure Psychoanalytic Center was founded. De Saussure was lecturer at the University of Geneva.

⁶ Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815) German physician and „magnetizer“.

⁷ The Haller-Bonnet correspondence was not published by Saussure, but much later by (Sonntag 1983).

⁸ Kilgour see letter 400..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 February 1953

My dear Henry:

Your letter of 17 February arrived yesterday morning at a most appropriate moment for I opened it only ten minutes before we had a meeting of the Editorial Board of the Journal.¹ I read the part of your letter relating to the Journal when I opened the meeting and it seemed almost as if you were actually present. It so happens that Genevieve Miller is here for several weeks polishing off her Ph.D. thesis, and Lloyd Stevenson had come from Canada to give some lectures, so with the Editor, the two Assistant Editors, two members of the Editorial Board and you - for we certainly felt your presence - we really had a quorum.² Madeline kept the minutes and if she recovers from the social activities of the week I think she will be able to draw them up fairly soon and we shall send them to you promptly.³ This being the case, I shall not try to cover now all the points discussed or the areas of agreement reached for improvement of the Journal. Some dislike the new cover and we have had a group of highly constructive suggestions for improving it. We plan to approach all the Consulting Editors with a view to collecting new items, especially from the foreign members, and with a request that they also keep us in touch with new publications bearing on the history of medicine which may appear in their several countries. We shall also ask a few (the sounder ones !) about sending in papers for our backlog at the moment is rather slender. This reminds me that if you have anything or hear of anything good I hope you will send it in our direction. How about the papers that will be read at the Pura meeting ?

The financial situation was reviewed. It is none too bright. We have only \$ 3500 in the bank to cover the cost of four numbers when in fact we need six, but of course the last number is usually covered from renewals for the following year, so we shall really have to worry for only one number. On Monday, Alumni Day, we have called a meeting of the Board of Incorporators and we are secretly hoping that Mr. Rabinowitz may once again take pity on us.⁴ If not, I am going out for funds from some other sources. I am not at all discouraged because the outlook was even worse during the past year and we survived with a deficit of only about \$ 1000. Genevieve was most helpful in passing on some of the experience that you and she had had in keeping the Bulletin solvent, but damn it, you had that Rockefeller fund that you could call upon in case of emergency, and so far we are not blessed in that way.

I was awfully grateful that you told us about the Castiglioni commemoration meeting which was held yesterday.⁵ I drafted a full rate cable immediately, marked it „Rush“ and sent it to Belloni.⁶ I only hope it reached him in time for the meeting. I am most interested in what you said about his suitability for taking on the new Italian edition of Castiglioni's History. If occasion arises I hope you will pass this on to Victor Castiglioni as I do not quite like to do it from this end, but you can do it most appropriately.⁷ How about sounding out Belloni first ?

All the best, and may I say once again how very much we all appreciated your timely message. I know Genevieve, Lloyd, and the others join me in sending affectionate greetings.

Yours ever,
John

P.S. Thanks so much for sending me Ruth Berlowitz's address.⁸
J.

¹ "Journal" of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

² Miller, Genevieve see letter 181. Stevenson see letter 533.

³ "Madeline" Stanton.

⁴ Louis Rabinowitz: President of the Incorporators of the "Journal".

⁵ Castiglioni (Arturo) see letter 36.

⁶ Belloni see letter 552.

⁷ Castiglioni, Victor see letter 566.

⁸ Berlowitz see letter 511.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 26 February 1953

My dear Henry,

A letter came yesterday addressed to you and I ventured to open it, hoping that I might save you a reply, but, alas, I am completely incompetent in the field of legal medicine. Therefore I am passing the letter on to you with apologies for having opened it. It comes from Irving Ladimer, J.D., signed by his secretary, and I would not have the faintest idea how to answer it. I am sending him a carbon of this acknowledgment so that he will understand the delay.

Yours ever,
John F. Fulton

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 11 March 1953

My dear John,

Your girls and my girls sent me an enthusiastic post card telling what a great success the editorial conference has been, and how much they all enjoyed it. Of course I shall be anxious to hear of the results and I am glad my letter reached you in time.¹

Your sketch on Garrison is admirable, a beautiful piece of writing and a great tribute to the man.² I am glad you quoted Sir Humphry Rolleston at the end, as it mentions Garrison's love of music which really played an enormous part in his life.³ Someday somebody must write his biography, but it will not be an easy job because there is so much that one cannot possibly

publish. He once told me that at breakfast he always played Bach on the phonograph “chiefly that I did not have to listen to the stupid talk of the family”.⁴ I am just labouring on a paper to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Sudhoff and find it very difficult because in this case too there is so much that one cannot tell yet.⁵ I was glad to hear that the Morton-Garrison plan is developing so well.⁶ I do not think that there can be any objection to having Morton’s name first, as the book will be his more and more. I am sure I under-estimated the task in assuming that the book was merely to be kept up to date. Meyer [sic] was certainly right in this respect.⁷ You know that I am not much of a bibliographer and in the kind of work I am doing[,] this kind of book is of little help. But it is useful and quite particularly so, to librarians and book dealers.

The History is going, but is not finished yet.⁸ I have so many odds and ends to attend to and short papers to write. My friends are either dying [?] or reaching the Festschrift age, so that I am supposed to pour out short papers on the conveyor belt. It is all very time consuming and I wish that I could lock myself up and finish Volume 2 in one stretch [sic], but I hope it will be done soon anyway.

Zilboorg will be here at Easter and Milton Roemer is coming at some time but I shall manage to keep working in spite of visitors.⁹

With all good wishes, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ First paragraph see letter 570.

² (Garrison 1913).

³ Humphry Rolleston (1862-1944) British physician and medical historian.

⁴ Phonograph = grammophone.

⁵ Sudhoff see letter 43.

⁶ Morton-Garrison plan see letter 565.

⁷ Mayer, Claudius see letter 519.

⁸ The two final paragraphs show the main reasons of the very slow progress of S.’s Volume II.

⁹ Zilboorg see letter 264. Roemer see letter 450.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 March 1953

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of the eleventh. I much appreciate your comments upon the Garrison piece, and I was simply delighted with the story of his playing Bach during breakfast so that he would not be obliged to listen to the idle chatter of his family.¹ This is almost too good to omit, but one could of course put it more gently, *i.e.*, that he himself didn’t enjoy conversation at breakfast - my God who does - so he turned on Bach on the phonograph. I enjoy having guests at lunch and dinner, but if I can arrange to do so I always have breakfast before the guests come down and then disappear to the office before they put in an appearance. It sounds inhospitable, but since developing diabetes I always feel like hell for

the first two hours of the morning and I should much prefer Bach to the idle chatter of an Englishman who takes an hour to eat his breakfast !

The New York Academy's Institute on Medical History went off surprisingly well, but the task of keeping sixty prima donnas in order for a night and two days proved a little exhausting.² The papers were excellent, especially those of Galdston, Temkin, and Ackerknecht.³ Rosen's was good, but I have heard him do better.⁴ George was first-rate in discussing the other papers. I enclose a copy of the program in case Iago had not sent you one.

We wound up on Saturday afternoon with an excellent memorial to Castiglioni, written by Jerome Webster.⁵ In introducing Jerome, I read two paragraphs from the speech you gave at Castiglioni's seventieth birthday party.⁶ I enclose the appreciation which we hope to include in the next number of the Journal of the History of Medicine, and I must ask your permission to quote the two paragraphs in question. Also I should like to have any corrections or suggestions that occur to you in the appreciation.

Yours ever devotedly
John

P.S. Your attractive pupil, Ilza Veith, also attended.⁷ She sat in the first row about five feet from the Chairman - working her eyebrows overtime - and being an old susceptible I found it slightly distracting ! But what a nice person she is.

J.

¹ Garrison see letter 80.

² New York Academy of Medicine.

³ Galdston, Iago see letter 297. Temkin see letter 245. Ackerknecht see letter 342.

⁴ Rosen, George see letter 251.

⁵ Castiglioni see letter 36. Webster see letter 525.

⁶ (Sigerist 1944b).

⁷ Veith see letter 435.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 24 March 1953

My dear John,

We have just had a very pleasant and successful Pura-Conference, and the enclosed programme will give you all the details. The weather was superb, the papers were very good, and the general spirit could not have been better. I gave a Tour d'Horizon, that is a general survey of Medical-Historical activities through the world and I also gave a short paper on Oxymel, which in ancient Greece and Rome took the place of coca-cola and other soft drinks. I made half a gallon of it following prescriptions of Galen and people thought it was a very pleasing drink, which it really is. These informal conferences are most satisfactory, one hour is available for every speaker for the presentation of his paper and discussion, and Saturday evening the discussion went on until midnight. Oxymel of course was not the only drink I

served, I had a very good bar and on Saturday night there was punch that everybody seemed to like.

I was delighted to hear that Iago's Institute went off so well[,] I have had several reports of it so far, but do not have the details as yet.¹ Ilza is a very charming woman and I keep trying to persuade her to come on a trip to Europe.² She has made a very good career [sic] for herself in Chicago.

I liked your article on Castiglioni very much indeed, and you are most welcome to quote anything you like from any of my writings.³

So much for to-day, more soon,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Iago (Galdston's) Institute see letter 573.

² Ilza Veith see letter 435.

³ Castiglioni see letter 36.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 March 1953

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your two letters, the second of which enclosed - with your characteristic thoughtfulness - the autographed program of the Fünfte Medizinhistorische Konferenz at Pura. I am so pleased to have it, and propose to write a short note for our Notes and Queries section for the next number of the Journal. I am pleased to see that Buess was able to attend, also Michaud, and my old friend, Raymond de Saussure.¹

I am fascinated by your account of Oxymel, the ancient soft drink which you brewed for the Conference after Galen's recipe. How very appropriate ! I am glad to know that the conference was not limited to soft drinks, however.

There is not much news here. I spent one day last week in Philadelphia attending a meeting of the publications committee of the Philosophical, and I spent the preceding evening with Lawrence Saunders going over plans for the new edition of Garrison.² I had been trying to find Garrison's own copy of the fourth edition which I knew he had annotated extensively. Temkin reported that it wasn't at the Institute or in the Welch Library.³ The Army Medical Library knew nothing about it, and Weisberger, who disposed of some of Garrison's private things, said he had never handled it.⁴ The family knew nothing about it, but finally Saunders had a telegram from one of those vague daughters saying that they had found it "in grandmother's attic", and it is arriving today by special delivery. I'm sure it will be a great help. I'm still in something of a quandary to know how much to delete, and how much to retain. The 19th and 20th centuries list endless strings of names and dates which are useful for reference, but they overload the text in a way that is almost unreadable.

Last Monday I went up to Montreal to attend the annual Trustees meeting of the Osler Library. Bill Francis was in fine form indeed despite his three coronaries.⁵ He seemed better than he has been in the last ten years. He was a little depressed by the fact that we voted to

have him prepare an historical brochure about the Library, that would include his excellent annual report, to have ready for distribution at the time of the International Physiological Congress in August.

All the staff here join in sending affectionate greetings to you and Emmy.

Yours ever,

John

P.S. Can you let me have Galen's recipe [?] for Oxymel.

¹ Buess see letter 497. Michaud, Louis (1880-1956) Swiss Professor of Medicine. Saussure see letter 273.

² "Philosophical" Society. Saunders, Lawrence, publisher. (Garrison 1913).

³ Temkin see letter 245.

⁴ Weisberger, probably Siegfried, Baltimore bookseller.

⁵ Francis see letter 172.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 9 April 1953

My dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of 31st March. I was glad to hear that you found the annotated copy of Garrison's 4th edition.¹ The way it was finally found is typical for the Garrison family. They are Southerners in every way.

Galen's Oxymel recipes can be found in the English translation in Galen's Hygiene recently published by Thomas, page 165 ff. The honey must be boiled and the foam has to be removed, then you add some vinegar and continue boiling the mixture until the two blend well. Let taste guide you and then add water until you get a very pleasant drink. We drank almost two quarts of it and everybody liked it. For medical purposes the amount of vinegar may be increased or decreased. As a child I never understood why Christ at the cross was given a sponge with vinegar when he felt thirsty. But vinegar properly diluted took the place of our lemon juice in antiquity. Lemons were brought to Greece from Persia by the armies of Alexander the Great and were probably not used for drinks in the beginning.

You must have seen K. E. Rothschild's Geschichte der Physiologie, published recently by Springer.² I saw the book at a friend's home the other day and noticed that he quotes you repeatedly, so he probably sent you a copy. I have not read the book yet, so that I have no opinion about it.

Gregory Zilboorg was here over the week-end and gave me a full report of Galdstone's [sic] Institute.³ I also had a letter of Iago himself and it really seems that the Institute was a great success.

Edelstein and his wife are due here on the 23rd April, and I am afraid I shall keep him busy all the time reading the manuscript of my second volume.⁴ I am anxious to have his opinion. He is in Athens at the moment and I hope he will bring me some new pictures for the illustrations of the volume.

With all good wishes, I am,

yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ Garrison see letter 575.

² Karl E. Rothschuh (1908-1984) German medical historian (Rothschuh 1953).

³ Zilboorg see letter 264. Iago Galdston's Institute see letter 573.

⁴ Ludwig Edelstein (1902-1965) German classical scholar and medical historian dismissed by Diepgen in Berlin 1933 he became S.'s coworker in Baltimore.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 April 1953

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of the 9th telling where I can find the recipe for Galen's Oxymel. It sounds a dash sweet for the old diabetic, but I am sure it would appeal to the palate of the ladies. Which reminds me that the American Association of the History of Medicine voted to hold its next meeting here in New Haven some time in May, 1954.

We had a particularly good session, and there were two papers which were most outstanding - that of C. Donald O'Malley on Servetus, and Dorothy Schullian's Garrison Lecture.¹ All the papers of the Saturday morning session were good, Genevieve Miller's especially.² You would have been proud of her. Ralph Major made a good story of his Etruscan Medicine, and kept the whole group wide awake for an hour even though drinks were being served, before and during dinner, on the house through the good offices of a local pharmaceutical house that wishes to remain anonymous.³ I am afraid that we will be unable to arrange anything like this in New Haven because we do not have any neighboring pharmaceutical houses that have evinced an interest in medical history.

You asked about Rothschuh's Geschichte der Physiologie.⁴ It is a most excellent book. The publisher sent us a copy for review, and we have asked Ilza Veith to do it.⁵ I would have found it very difficult in view of the fact that he quotes me so liberally. Ilza seemed very pleased to undertake it. As usual, she was the life of the meeting.

Do not bother to acknowledge this because I hate to make any inroads on your time when your second volume is nearing completion.

All the best,

Yours ever,
John

P.S. Many thanks for sending us that volume, Die neue Weltschau containing your chapter on social medicine.⁶ We are, of course, delighted to have it for the Department and the Library.

¹ O'Malley see letter 443. Servetus see letter 129. Schullian see letter 464.

² Miller, Genevieve see letter 181.

³ Major see letter 506.

⁴ (Rothschuh 1953).⁵ Veith see letter 435.⁶ “Die neue Weltschau“ (Sigerist 1953b).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 28 April 1953

Dear John,

I am sending you the Japanese translation of my book on Soviet Medicine by surface mail.¹ The translation was made by Dr. Yasushi Tsuda and was published by the Sogensha Press, the press which also published Shryock's Evolution [sic] of modern Medicine.² I do not know Japanese and therefore cannot tell what the Japanese title is.

Thanks for your letter of April 14th, I was glad to hear that you had a good session at Columbus, I was sure that Dorothy Schullian would give a good Garrison lecture and O'Malley on Servetus must have been outstanding also as he is our best specialist for that period.³ You probably know that Servetus has a monument in Geneva, not so large as that of Calvin and not in a public square, but a monument nevertheless.⁴ If you haven't got a photograph of it, I can get you one when Erica comes back.⁵ I think that she has the film.

I was particularly pleased to hear that Genevieve Miller did so well.⁶ She is so inhibited that she can tell only 1/10 of what she knows. She herself was very satisfied with the reception of the paper, which I am sure, will be an encouragement to her. She is sailing on a Greek ship on June 6th and I expect her here at the end of the month. I advised her to take a generous supply of D.D.T. along as bed bugs seem to be the national animal of Greece.⁷

Zilboorg was here recently and mentioned incidentally that he would very much like to give the Garrison Lecture some day.⁸ I am passing this on to you as a mere suggestion and I am quite sure that Zilboorg would give a very excellent lecture.

Edelstein and his wife were here last week and spent a couple of days with us.⁹ He has a full chair at Hopkins now as Professor of Humanistic studies and at the moment he is at the Queen's College in Oxford for one year on a Fulbright Professorship giving courses on ancient sciences. He is a brilliant scholar, not very productive, but full of original ideas. I was sorry to hear from him that Temkin seems to be rather embittered.¹⁰ He has never left his study in Baltimore for 21 years and I wonder whether one couldn't get him some kind of Professorship abroad or at least in another University. I find that a change in intellectual climate is always very good for a scholar. Shryock of course would miss him, but then he could invite a visiting lecturer to take his place. Or maybe he [Temkin] could get a Guggenheim or some other fellowship, which would allow him to spend half a year or a year abroad. I am sure that the two lectures at Yale had a very refreshing effect on him.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Soviet book (Sigerist 1937a).² Shryock's *Development of Modern Medicine*.³ Schullian see letter 464. O'Malley see letter 443. Servetus see letter 129.

⁴ Calvin, Jean (1509-1564) Geneva reformer, instigated Servetus' execution.

⁵ Erica Sigerist see letter 150.

⁶ Genevieve Miller see letter 181.

⁷ DDT insecticide.

⁸ Zilboorg see letter 264.

⁹ Edelstein see letter 576.

¹⁰ Temkin see letter 245. Temkin had been S.'s and was now Shryock's deputy.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 3 May 1953

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 28th. I am delighted to hear of your Jap translation of Soviet Medicine, and we shall, of course, be most delighted to have it for the Library. I believe the Sogensha Press is one of the best in Japan, and along with you we all welcome the return of Japanese scientists and medical people into the fold. It was good that Queen Elizabeth and Churchill both received the young Prince.¹

With regard to the Columbus meetings, I think it was really quite a good meeting, but I was only sorry that you were not near at hand to help guide the Chairman. O'Malley sent us his Servetus paper for the Journal of the History of Medicine, and we were publishing it as a paper number one of the October issue, with a frontispiece either of the monument at Geneva or of the well-known engraving.² I hate to involve you in one more duty, but if you have anything that you would like to get off your chest on Servetus, an editorial or a review, I hope you will not hesitate to send it to us for the October number. The Philosophical Society is sponsoring O'Malley's translation of the non-theological writings of Servetus which are to be published by Lloyd-Luke (Medical Books) Ltd, London. We have just heard that they have begun to receive proofs. Our bibliography of Servetus is almost ready for press, along with the expanded essay, which I gave five years ago in Boston before the Club of Odd Volumes; and Roland Bainton has just sent his biography to the press for October publication.³ I have read it, and find it excellent if not exactly inspired as a bit of prose. I don't think we shall need a photograph of the monument at Geneva because we have several. None of them is too good, and if we decide to use it as a frontispiece, we shall enlist Erica's services.⁴

You mentioned our devoted Genevieve Miller, and I think you will be amused to know that we are taking part of the summer off to work on a bibliography of Stephen Hales.⁵ I started it almost twenty years ago, but fell by the wayside and Genevieve now wants to pick up the pieces and do something substantial.

I am re-appointing Henry Viets as Chairman of the Garrison Lecture Committee, and I shall mention your thought about Zilboorg.⁶

The news of Edelstein's visit interests me.⁷ I only wish that Yale had been bright enough to grab him. As for Temkin, I did not gather when he was here that he was really embittered, but why shouldn't he be, in view of the circumstances that have been forced upon him? I don't know whether I ever let it be known to you, but I was never consulted about the appointment of your successor, even though the new President is an old, and very close friend of mine. Your thought about Temkin's having a Fulbright or a Guggenheim appeals to me strongly,

and I have just written to Det Bronk suggesting that this would be an excellent thing after twenty-one years at his desk at the Institute.⁸ I thought it would be easier to do it directly through Det than to try and stir up Shryock, who lacks both force and imagination.⁹ I will let you know what response I receive. There are many of us who feel unconsciously that the bottom of nearly everything related to Medical History dropped out when you departed from us, but without too much background or training, I am trying to pick up the pieces. U.C.L.A. writes me that they are trying to develop a Department of Medical History at Los Angeles, and have requested nominations. With this I enclose a copy of the letter which I wrote to Bob Livingston, which is intended for the powers that be who have had this inspired thought.¹¹ I rather doubt whether Temkin could be moved, or that they would offer him sufficient support to attract him. I am strongly opposed to a certain collector in Berkeley who is retiring in June. O'Malley would be a good man, but here again I doubt whether they could move him, so I am putting up several of my bright young men. Blake, although he doesn't yet have his Ph.D., is well fitted to develop a Department, as is Genevieve, but she has just been offered something, I believe, rather handsome at Cleveland. Negotiations are not completed, but I am sure she will write you.

All the best to you and Emmy in which Lucia joins.

Yours ever,

John

¹ Queen Elizabeth II (born 1926) of the United Kingdom. Winston Churchill (1874-1965) Prime Minister of the UK.

² O'Malley see letter 443. Servetus see letter 129.

³ Roland H. Bainton (1894-1984) British church historian, wrote on Servetus.

⁴ Erica Sigerist see letter 150.

⁵ Genevieve Miller see letter 181. Stephen Hales see letter 63; a bibliography of his works did not appear under F.'s name.

⁶ Viets see letter 75. Zilboorg see letter 264.

⁷ Edelstein see letter 576.

⁸ Bronk see letter 403.

⁹ Shryock see letter 297.

¹⁰ UCLA: University of California Los Angeles.

¹¹ Robert B. Livingston (1918-2002) physiologist at the National Institutes of Health, Nobel Prize for Peace. UCLA University of California in Los Angeles. F. in his letter to Livingston also suggests J. Blake and R. P. Multhauf for the post at UCLA and says of Temkin „even though he has had a lesser scholar put over him“ (F. to Livingston of 3 May 1953b).

¹¹ Blake.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 5 May 1953

Dear John,

I am sending you under separate cover and by surface mail the manuscript of an English girl Dr. Ruth G. Hodgkinson The Medical Services of the Poor Law 1834-71 for your consideration as to the possibility of having it published in the Journal.¹ The paper has about

six thousand words and is the abstract of an unpublished two volume doctoral dissertation that was presented at The London School of Economics and was approved by James Mackintosh.² The original publication is so bulky that it has not been published so far, and it certainly will not be published in the near future. Mrs Hodgkinson thought that it would be worth while to have at least the results of her studies published in the form of a paper, and I fully agree with her. The article may need some editing, but I think that it gives a very good condensed picture of the medical services under the poor law.

If you wish to correspond directly with the author the address is:

Dr. Ruth Hodgkinson,
Kenilworth Road,
Ashford,
Middx.
England.

With warm regards, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Published as (Hodgkinson 1956).

² James M. Mackintosh (1891-1966) British medical historian.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 9 May 1953

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th saying that you are sending the manuscript of Dr. Ruth Hodgkinson's paper.¹ "The medical services of the Poor Law 1834-71," for consideration by the Journal of the History of Medicine. The title is exceedingly interesting, and I am sure that anyone who has worked under James Mackintosh will have derived great inspiration from his guidance.² As soon as the manuscript arrives I shall have it circulated to the Board and write Dr. Hodgkinson direct. I am meanwhile sending her a copy of this letter.

We have just received Dr. Mackintosh's Heath Clark Lectures which are most impressive.³ Have you been able to get your manuscript off to the press yet ?⁴ That you and James Mackintosh should join the series brings added distinction to your predecessors in the Heath Clark Lectureship.

No special news here, except that the April number of J. Hist. Med. is slightly late, owing principally to the Arden House and Columbus meetings.⁵

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Hodgkinson see letter 580.

² Mackintosh see letter 580.

³ Mackintosh gave the Heath Clark Lecture of 1951.

⁴ “your manuscript“ of the Heath Clark Lectures.

⁵ Arden House Meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 25 May 1953

My dear Henry:

The Chinese translation of Medicine and Health in the Soviet Union has reached me, and we are, of course, very glad indeed to have it for the Library.¹ We are beginning once again to think about the Annual Report of the Department, and I hope you will let us have yours, and the usual list of publications for the year. Will it push you too much to have it here by the end of June ? I am flying over on the 27th of June to spend July in England attending meetings. If it is not convenient for you to have it by then, send me a copy to the Mayfair in London. That will be my permanent mailing address throughout July. I shall probably be at the Regina in Paris during August.

I attended a funny session of Iago Galdston's New York Academy of Medicine Committee on the History of Medicine last week.² Gregory was there; also Dr. Martin, the President of the Academy; Craig; and other high officials, including Dean Curran of N.Y.U.³ We sat solemnly for an hour and a quarter, eating our lunch, while a microphone was passed around to those who felt impelled to vocalize, and every cough and hiccough was put on the record. The chief items on the agenda were the planning of another Medical History Institute, to be held next December at the Academy, on the general theme of the impact of anti-biotics on society; and on the second item, I should like your advice. Should the Academy affiliate with my new Department in connection with its historical publications and its Institute ? Iago's idea was that since none of the New York schools had Chairs of Medical History, it would be mutually advantageous if the proceedings of the Arden House meeting could be published under the joint auspices of Yale and the New York Academy.⁴ Gregory was all against it because he thought that appeal should first be made to the New York schools. Iago shouted a vociferous „Nonsense !“ I could only conclude that I would be dealing with a house divided against itself. However, I told them that I was greatly interested in the proposal, and would take it up with my staff and the authorities at Yale. As far as I could gather, Gregory was the only dissenter, at least, the only vocal one, and Dean Curran said that such an affiliation would strengthen his hand in getting a Chair of Medical History at N.Y.U. Meanwhile, if you have any advice, I should very much like to hear of it.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ *Medicine and Health* (Sigerist 1947b).

² Iago Galdston see letter 297.

³ Gregory Zilboorg see letter 263.. Craig not identified. NYU: New York University.

⁴ “New York schools“ of medicine. Arden House see letter 581.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 1 June 1953

My dear John,

I have not written you for a long time because I have just spent a week in Basel. I had to give two lectures, one on Developments and Trends in Social Medicine during the last fifty Years at the 25th anniversary meeting of the Swiss Society of Public Health Officers, and one on the Hippocratic Oath before the Medical Society. I was also anxious to get in touch with the Archaeology Department in order to get a few more illustrations for volume II. The Professor of Archaeology Scheffold, is a very nice fellow and had some very good suggestions.¹ I shall write you more about Basle soon because they have some very interesting plans there.

I have not forgotten the annual report and will write it next week, so that you may count on having it long before you sail for England. I wish I could report that the second volume is in the Press. I had hoped to have it completed by June 20th but it is still not quite finished. I think I wrote you before that Edelstein read large sections of the manuscript and was very pleased with it.² I was glad to have his opinion as I am always scared of philologists who can never see the wood for trees.

Galdston's plans are very interesting but I find it hard to give advice in the matter from a distance as there must be a good deal of local politics involved.³ Galdston as you know is not a friend of Shryocks [sic] and I have the impression that he is trying to freeze him out.⁴ Well, Shryock can look after himself. New York undoubtedly should have a strong centre of Medical History and since it is impossible to have a chair and department of Medical History in every one of the medical schools the Academy might be the logical place to establish such a centre, particularly as it has such excellent collections. The Director of the Institute could then give courses in the various schools.⁵ It would probably be difficult to have the students come to the Academy as was done very successfully in Philadelphia. As long as a department has not been officially created at the Academy I see no objection to having publications issued under the joint auspices of the Academy and of your department. Later the Academy I suppose might prefer to publish under its own auspices.

Is it not rather early to discuss the impact of anti-biotics on society ? We know what the immediate impact has been but ten or twenty years from now the story may appear in a totally different light. There is something that puzzles and worries me with the anti-biotics. I have the impression - it is a mere impression - that they destroy the natural healing power of the organism that will have grown up with anti-biotics may have very little resistance. It is also strange that anti-biotics apparently kill the bugs, the temperature drops but the disease somehow goes on. This was the case with Erika when she had typhoid fever two years ago.⁷ I think that the last word has not been said on the subject yet.⁶

It was excellent news to hear that the U.C.L.A. intends to develop a department of medical history. Of course I know who the collector in Berkeley is, and I feel as you do that a new chair should have a younger and active man, and I think your suggestions are very good.⁸

More soon, in the meantime my warm wishes,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Karl Scheffold (born 1905).

² Edelstein see letter 576.

³ Galdston see letter 297.

⁴ Shryock see letter 403.

⁵ “Director of the Institute“ of Medical History at the New York Academy of Medicine.

⁶ S.’s fears of side-effects of antibiotics were unwarranted; the emerging problems would be of a different nature.

⁷ Erica see letter 150.

⁸ UCLA and medical history see letter 579..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 7 June 1953

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 1st. I am glad you have been at Basel, and I shall hope to hear more about your lectures, and also about the school. I have always been curious about the Vesalianum and the museum.¹ I am glad that the professor of archeology proved of use to you.

It was perhaps a little unkind of me to bother you so early about the Annual Report, but this year I do not want it to be so late. I have nearly finished my part because I would like to get it into print during the summer instead of at the end of October.

Your advice about the New York Academy of Medicine reveals a knowledge of people and also a knowledge of the Academy that is wise, useful, and much appreciated. I have always been a little uncomfortable when dealing with Galdston.² You may recall that he was a little difficult at the time of your farewell dinner and at that of Castiglioni.³ I don’t know what was in the back of his mind, but I think certain things local, political, and academic were a factor in both instances. Now, however, instead of being an obstructionist, he is cooperative and, I think genuinely interested in fostering medical history along lines of which you and I would approve. I shall proceed cautiously with his suggestion of affiliation for the purposes of sponsorship in publication because I do not cherish the idea of having a row with Gregory.⁴ He thinks rather more quickly than I do, and, I like to think, somewhat less soundly, and he can out-think Iago when it comes to public debate - nevertheless, I am very fond of Gregory Zilboorg, and I respect his peculiar genius even though he is a psychoanalyst !

Your comments on the impact of anti-biotics on society interest me tremendously, but this is one of the few occasions on which I really don’t agree with you for, as our devoted friend, Genevieve Miller, pointed out when she was here last week just before sailing, much the same arguments that you offer came up following the introduction of vaccination.⁵ Then as now, the whole subject might appear in a rather different light ten or twenty years hence. The story of the anti-biotics really goes back hundreds of years, and the modern story for seventy-five, but the active clinical use is a matter of eleven or twelve years. Now that venereal disease is

really under control, along with many other and streptococcal infections, I think it is high time to look to the future in the light of the past twelve years.⁶ We should look to it in the light of the possibility you suggest that the next generation may grow up with very little resistance to infection or to the beneficial action of the anti-biotics.

As I said a moment ago, I don't very often disagree with you, but I enjoy doing so because I know that I shall have a scintillating rejoinder. Pray, don't take any time over it, though, because I may wish to ask you another question.

The people in Britain who are arranging the First International gathering on medical education have asked me to give a paper at the plenary session on the first day on the history of medical education. They are giving me an hour, but I am planning on taking forty-five or fifty minutes, and since I am beginning with Charaka I am most eager to know what your position is about Charaka, especially the probable dates of his magnum opus.⁷ No one seems to be able to date anything in Sanskrit, and I hope to learn what you have finally concluded about when he flourished. He had decided ideas about how young men going into medicine should be instructed.

If it is not convenient for you to write, I may give you a ring when I reach London on the 28th. Meanwhile, all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Vesalianum: A building of the University of Basel, originally the site of the Department and Museum of Anatomy.

² Galdston, Iago see letter 297.

³ Castiglioni see letter 36.

⁴ Gregory Zilboorg see letter 264.

⁵ Genevieve Miller, see letter 181, wrote on inoculation (Miller 1957) and vaccination (Miller 1983).

⁶ The then predominant venereal diseases, syphilis and gonorrhea, were indeed brought under control by penicillin. S.'s suggestion concerning antibiotics see letter 583.

⁷ Maharshi Charaka (born 300 B.C.) wrote on Ayurveda medicine; his opus magnum: Charaka Samhita; see also letter 585.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 25 June 1953

My dear John,

I am enclosing my annual report with apologies for the delay.¹ At the same time I am sending a carbon copy to Madeline Stanton asking her to complete two references concerning the Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift.² Again as in the past years I beg you to feel free to make any changes you wish and to rearrange the data so that they will fit into the report of your department.

What you wrote about anti-biotics interested jme very much. You are probably right, at least I hope so, but I still feel that we do not fully understand their action yet. However, the future will tell.

Now to Charaka. ³My opinion is that most of the materials contained in the Charaka Samhita are old, as old as Hippocratic writings, i.e. 5th or 4th Century B.C. They were recorded in writing however, centuries later, sometime in the beginning of our era. One must never forget that in India literature was transmitted orally, sometimes for a very long period before it was written down. The oral tradition moreover was considered the original version much rather than that which was written in books. When a Buddhist monastery burned down and all the books were destroyed, one did not restore the library by making new copies from books, but sought a monk who knew them biheart [sic] and able to dictate them. In India moreover there was a strong tendency to canonise books and the Charaka Samhita probably groups texts from various sources and also various periods.

I hope that you had a good voyage and I know that you will enjoy England. I shall be there again in November as the University of London wants to give me an honorary D.Sc. on Foundation Day, November 27th. I am very happy about it because I have most pleasant reminiscences of the University of London, where I was a student in 1911 when I was 20 years old.⁴

My mother's health is somewhat improved, but I shall probably go to Basel next week to have a talk with her Doctors.

Genevieve is here working very hard and of course we are delighted to have her with us.⁵

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Annual Report (Fulton 1953c).

² Stanton see letter 183.

³ Charaka see letter 584.

⁴ In 1911 S. was a student of Oriental languages in London.

⁵ "Genevieve" Miller.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 30 June 1953

My dear Henry,

Your letter of the 25th was awaiting me when I arrived yesterday, accompanied by your Annual Report.¹ It is a fine statement and I have wired the office to incorporate it unchanged in the rest of the report which went off to the printers the day before I left.

I was specially interested in what you said about early Indian medicine and especially your helpful comments about Charaka.² From what little delving I have done I had concluded that the Charaka corpus must date from the 4th or 5th century B.C. and thus be contemporaneous with the Hypocratic [sic] writings; but I was quite uncertain because for reasons which you have indicated no one seems to be willing to date the early Sanskrit texts.

I had a fair crossing on the plane but found it rather fatiguing and I am only just recovering. In a few minutes I am off to Oxford to help celebrate the Centenary of Cecil

Rhodes [sic] birth, but will be back at the May Fair Thursday where I expect to remain until some time in August.³ I shall keep you posted.

I am so pleased to hear about the forthcoming Honorary Degree from the University of London. This is indeed an honour and I am sure it will bring you great satisfaction.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever

John

Affectionate greetings to Emmy and Genevieve

J.

¹ Second Annual Report of F.'s Department (Fulton 1953c).

² Charaka see letter 585.

³ Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902) British statesman.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 1 July 1953

Dear John,

Geneviève and I have hatched out a plan that we would like to submit to you as it could not be put into practice without your active co-operation.¹ As you know the next International Congress of the History of Medicine will be held at Rome in September 1954. I thoroughly dislike these [sic] kind of meetings, but the attraction of Rome is irresistible and I just wrote Pazzini that I would attend the meeting, so will Geneviève and probably a good many other Americans.² Now it occurred to us that it would be nice if following the meeting we could organize a trip to Greece to visit the major spots of medical historical interest, i.e. Athens, Epidauros, Cos, Cnydos [sic], Rhodos, and also such places as Delphi and Olympia. We could make the trip a kind of travel seminar with an archaeologist (possibly Mrs. Edelstein, who has just been to Greece,) and a medical historian as leaders.³ The excursion could last from two to three weeks and I am sure would not be expensive, especially now that Greece has devaluated its currency. I am sure we could count on the active co-operation of the American Academy in Athens and the whole trip could be organized by one of the agencies that organise educational travel such as Study Abroad Inc. Or the very efficient agency that was called The Open Road and now is called the Educational Travel Service. The whole tour may be placed under the auspices of the American Association of the History of Medicine and I think it would be good to make it an Anglo-American group so as to avoid foreign languages. Do think the matter over and if you like the idea Geneviève will talk it over with you in the Autumn. As I am in Europe and you are president of the A.A.H.M. I think you should take the initiative in getting the ball rolling. I am most enthusiastic about the project. I was in Greece in 1930 but never saw the islands and September would be a very good month for such a tour. I hope that you had a pleasant trip and also hope that you received my much delayed annual report.

With warm regards, I am,
Yours as ever
[Henry]

¹ Genevieve Miller.

² Adalberto Pazzini (1898-1975) Italian medical historian.

³ Emma J. Edelstein, wife of Ludwig Edelstein.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 7 July 1953

My dear Henry,

Yours of the 1st reached me several days ago while I was ignominiously languishing in the Middlesex Hospital. After the Rhodes Scholar Observances in Oxford, I returned Thursday and spent some time in several bookshops and I came out of the last one feeling a little uneasy because of coughing and wheezing.¹ The attack passed off and I then made the grave mistake after supper of paying a visit to Wilmarth Lewis's in their great luxurious suite in Brown's Hotel with all the Victorian plush upholstery.² I sank down in a green armchair and presently I was aware of a cloud of dust arising slowly and before I could get out of it my lungs were full of the best dust that Brown's has to offer, and I was obliged presently to excuse myself and beat a hasty retreat to my hotel where I had a shot of adrenalin and a large whisky and fancied that I had nipped the attack in the bud. About two hours later I wakened in the worst Asthmatic spasm I have ever experienced and with everything in the pharmacopeia [sic] which I carry with me against such contingencies, it took nearly four hours to get things under control. Next morning I called Kekwick, the Professor of Medicine at Middlesex who saw me through another such attack a year or so ago and he insisted that I come into hospital for a few days observation. Well he filled me full of diuretics, the lungs cleared up in 24 hours and I am now out feeling in top form, but the whole episode was damned annoying; to return to your letter.

- Moral: 1.) Stay away from Brown's Hotel
 2.) One book shop a day - 15 minutes !

I think the idea that you and Geneviève have hatched is really magnificent and I shall certainly back it as President of the Association. George Corner, who is Vice President this year, and who I assume will be President during 1954/56 is still in Oxford and I am sending him your letter and will let you know his reaction.³ The trip is one which I have always wanted to make but as you will gather from the episode just related, I am not a very good traveller and I am not sure that I would survive a trip on those rather inadequate small Greek boats; but possibly we could make some at least of the trips by air. In any case I think the Association should back it and after I have heard from Corner I shall write to the members of the Executive Committee.

Give my very best to Geneviève and tell her that I always admire yours and hers brain-children. I think you are a good influence on one another. Isn't it splendid about her appointment in Cleveland ?⁴ I am sure it is just the thing for her.

All the best,
Yours ever,
John

P.S. I shall be at the May Fair more or less continuously until the end of August, although I may go to Paris a week or so the first part of August, but I don't think I shall do any further travelling for the time being.

J.

¹ Rhodes see letter 586.

² Wilmarth Lewis see letter 334.

³ George Corner see letter 402.

⁴ Genevieve Miller in 1953 became Research Assistant in Medical History at Case Western University, Cleveland, where she later would be Professor and Director of the Dittrick Museum for the History of Medicine.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 14 July 1953

Dear Henry:

I have just had a most interesting letter from George Corner about the proposed Mediterranean [sic] Pilgrimage.¹ He is enthusiastic and feels that the Association should back it, but he is a little dubious as to how many people will have sufficient funds to undertake the trip.² Following his suggestion, and if it meets with your and Geneviève's approval, I should like to propose it formally, and I think George would join me in this, to the Executive Committee for its approval.³ I will consult Sam Radbill first for advice as to procedure.⁴

Meanwhile, if you and Geneviève could help me draft the kind of letter that you think should go to the Executive Committee, I would appreciate it, because I have not yet thought through all the details and you and she obviously have.

Yesterday I had a beautiful tête-a-tête [sic] with Mrs. Singer at her Old Ladies Club on Grosvenor Street; when she called I thought she was calling on Charles' behalf and I was a little bit taken aback when I found myself surrounded by doddering old ladies, talking so incessantly that I found concentration difficult - very ungallant of me, but what I am getting to is this, that Mrs. S. thought the proposed excursion a wonderful idea and she felt certain that it would have backing here from Organizations such as the R.S.M. and the Osler Club.⁵ I shall pursue this further tomorrow, when I am having a tête-a-tête [sic] with Charles himself.

If Geneviève is coming over next week for the Medical Library Congress, I shall have a chance to talk it over with her.

Yours ever,
John

¹ Corner see letter 402. "Mediterranean Pilgrimage": Excursion to Greece.

² Association, American, of the History of Medicine.

³ Genevieve Miller.

⁴ Radbill see letter 535.

⁵ Singer Dorothea see letter 446. Singer, Charles see letter 93. R.S.M.: Royal Society of Medicine.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 16 July 1953

My dear John,

I was frightfully sorry to hear that you had so much trouble recently. Dust of a few hundred years standing is fatal of course and you had beware of plush upholstery. Well, I hope that you are out of hospital and have recovered entirely, just take it easy and beware of dust. Geneviève will see you next week and will give you the latest news, although there isn't much to tell.¹ I hate to see her leave, she was here for a whole month and worked hard on her history of inoculation [sic] which promises to be very interesting. She found a great deal of material that is not in Klebbs [sic].² I just read her manuscript and found the story fascinating. I am very glad to know that she has a job in Cleveland that is ideally suited to her and I am sure that she will be able to develop an active center of medical history out there.³ We are both very glad to hear that you liked the idea of the Greek trip. I am most enthusiastic and really feel that it would greatly add to the attraction of the Roman congress. I think that I never thanked you for your latest reprints[;] I liked your obituary of Castiglioni very much and found the picture excellent.⁴ It is the best portrait of him that I have ever seen. My obituary of him should be out in the next number of the Bulletin. I also very much liked the paper on Withering and also the one on Vesalius.⁵ I just heard that the second volume of de Vocht's History of the Collegium tri Lingue has come out and of course immediately wrote for it. It is a remarkable book.⁶

Good luck to you, and my warm wishes,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Genevieve Miller on inoculation (Miller 1957).

² Arnold C. Klebs on inoculation (Klebs 1913,1914).

³ "Job in Cleveland": see letter 588.

⁴ F. and S. on Castiglioni (Fulton 1953d) and (Sigerist 1953 a).

⁵ F. on Withering (Fulton 1953e) and on Vesalius (Fulton 1952c).

⁶ (De Vocht 1951).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 31 July 1953

My dear John,

I have not written you yet in answer to your letter of the 14th July concerning the pilgrimage to Greece, but I think Geneviève can tell you exactly what we have in mind.¹ It is perfectly obvious that neither the A.A.H.M. nor any other Society would have to assume financial responsibility.² The tour would be organised entirely by one of the educational Travel Agencies and they would figure out to the cent what it would cost. These agencies have much experience in such matters. My suggestion to have the A.A.H.M. sponsor the tour in a purely platonic way was merely meant to give the pilgrimage more dignity and at the same time to advertise the Association.

We also considered the possibility of suggesting to the International Society that they might sponsor and organise the tour, but then we felt that Laignel-Lavastine and the French group would take over and the whole tour would then become nothing else but an eating, drinking and orational affair.³ The group besides should not be too large and should not exceed seminar size. Well, you will hear more from Geneviève and at any rate I was glad to hear that Corner likes the idea.⁴

I hear that the Congress of Medical librarians in London was a huge success, I had no doubt that our English friends would organise the convention beautifully and London has so much to offer. At the moment England has a very delightful group of medical librarians with men like Le Fanu, Bishop, Pownter [sic] and others.⁵ I have nothing against old ladies and it is quite refreshing to have young men in charge of libraries.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Genevieve Miller.² AAHM: American Association of the History of Medicine.³ “International Society” of the History of Medicine. Laignel-Lavastine see letter 432.⁴ Corner see letter 402.⁵ Le Fanu, Bishop, and Poynter see letter 446.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 3 August 1953

My dear Henry:

I have two things to write to you about: 1) Geneviève and the other Spiv.¹

Geneviève added much to the life of the Congress and she and Mrs. Perkins - Perky - from the Yale Medical Library protected me from a horde of some 300 predatory female

librarians - they were really wonderful. I had a chance to talk with Geneviève at lunch last Saturday just before I left London[,] about the proposed expedition to the medical shrines of the Eastern Mediterranean. I had meanwhile written Sam Radbill informally about it and at Geneviève's suggestion I am going to see Monsieur Harry Baum of "Study Abroad Inc" at 7 rue Auber to ask what such an excursion might cost per person (travel, food, hotels, etc.) and when we have that information I think we can draft a more formal letter to be circulated to the Council of the American Association of the History of Medicine.² Meanwhile I would like to have more specific suggestion from you as to the places we should visit and whether it would not be wiser, and possibly even cheaper, to go from Rome to Athens by air rather than by one of those desperate little Greek boats. The places after Athens that we thought should be visited were Delphi, Epidaurus, Corinth and the islands of Cos, Knidus and Crete.³ Are there any other places of special medical interest that we may have overlooked? The idea appeals to me more and more as I think of it and I only hope that I may be sufficiently solvent financially and well physically to go along with you.

Our good friend Spivac who had come over for the Dillon wedding here in Paris last week end, called me when I arrived at the Regina yesterday afternoon to say that he hoped to make a visit in Pura.⁴ You may already know his intention; he told me that he had seen the people at the Oxford Press just before leaving New York and that they very much hoped that the manuscript of your second volume might be in their hands well before the end of this year because there are only 40 copies left of your first volume which they would like to reprint and issue together in a box along with your second volume.⁵ It is awfully good news that the first volume has gone so well and I am sure it will make you wish to get on with volume II.

Spiv also had something else on his mind which he did not speak of in detail, but he is concerned, as we all are, with the renewal of the grant of the Whitney Foundation in 1956. He feels that publication of the second volume would undoubtedly assure its renewal. I keenly dislike bringing this sort of pressure upon a scholar such as you, and I pass it on reluctantly because you are the last person in the world who should be victimized by this kind of thing. I sensed from Spivac's conversation that the pressure comes not from Whitney himself but from the fact that the major philanthropic foundations are about to be looked into by a certain Senate investigating committee; actually this does not worry me in the slightest because Alan Gregg has already stood up to them and I think he may succeed in calling off the witch-hunt.⁶ And I also doubt very much whether Yale will be bothered but after all you and I sponsored the American Review of Soviet Medicine when our State Department was making indelicate love to Stalin and I suppose that makes us both suspect. Whatever happens you can count on me if there is a fight to carry it to the most influential people in the country. Although I keenly disliked Robert Taft and everything he stood for, he had one major virtue, namely that he was the one person in the Senate who would keep MacCarthy in order and now that Taft is gone there is no telling what MacCarthy may attempt to do.⁷

But why end on such a depressing note? I am here in Paris and am seeing a few friends. This morning I had a very profitable session at the Bibliothèque Nationale, stirring up Mlle. Kleindienst, secretary to the Bibliothécaire [sic], to obtain some glossy prints of the original edition of Christianismi Restitutio for our Servetus bibliography which went to press the day I left New Haven, and also a print for Donald O'Malley's translation of Servetus [sic] non-theological works which is now in page proof at the hands of Lloyd Luke in London.⁸ I read the page proof for him and the book will be out as soon as Mlle. Kleindienst gets moving. If nothing happens within a day or two I shall take her out to dinner, which I did the last time I wanted something in a hurry and it worked amazingly!

I am here to polish up my French, as I must give some lectures in French next month at Lisbon and also one at the Cajal centenary in Madrid.⁹ Madame Massier is helping me as she did so effectively two years ago at Louvain. I hope shortly to be able to send you a copy of the long overdue Francqui conférences which is presently to be published by Masson.¹⁰ Meanwhile I am working on the revision of Garrison, but there is so much to revise and correct that it might have been easier to write a new book. I shall be here at the Regina until 19 August. After that the Mayfair London until September 4.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Genevieve Miller. Spivack see letter 360.

² Radbill see letter 535.

³ Knidos is not, like Kos, an island, but is on a nearby Turkish peninsula.

⁴ Dillon not identified.

⁵ S.'s volume II was not finished prior to his death in 1957.

⁶ Whitney see letter 416. Gregg see letter 403.

⁷ Taft, Robert (1889-1953) Senator, "Mr. Republican". McCarthy see letter 440.

⁸ *Christianismi Restitutio* (Servetus 1553). O'Malley see letter 443. Servetus bibliography (Fulton 1953f). Servetus translation (Servetus/O'Malley 1953).

⁹ Cajal, Santiago Ramon y (1852-1934) Spanish neuro-anatomist, Nobel Prize laureate.

¹⁰ Francqui Conferences (Fulton 1953a). Masson, a Paris publisher. Revision of Garrison see letter 565.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 6 August 1953

My dear Henry,

Our letters have crossed and Heavens knows [sic] when they will cross again because of the French "grève des postes"; but I write you anyway to thank you for yours of the 1st and to seek your advice about the lième Congrès International de Médecine Hippocratique.¹ Cawadias, one of the Vice-Presidents, has persued me very insistantly to go to Evian as a guest of the Congress, but there is something about the whole thing that makes me suspicious, especially the fact that Laignel-Lavastine is the President.² I am keenly interested in Greek medicine, even as you are, and I shall go to the Congress if you feel that it is important for my Department; and I shall of course go if you are to be there. Otherwise I can put my time more effectively in revising Garrison.³

I have been rather bothered since writing you on Monday for fear that in warning you of Spivac's impending visit I may have alarmed you unnecessarily.⁴ He came to see me in New Haven three or four months ago and I decided at the time not to worry you about Mr. Whitney's office; but in view of the fact that Spivac intends to visit you as Mr. Whitney's personal representative, I thought you ought to have a little warning.⁵ I can only add that none of us are really worried about what MacCarthy may do to Yale or any other University, and as I said on Monday[,] we are ready to meet any contingency that may arise.⁶ Our colleagues in England and here on the Continent take the man rather more seriously than we do. I suppose his rise to prominence only means that in every century there are men of inquisitorial mind.

With all good wishes,
Yours ever,
John

¹ Grève des postes: Postal strike.

² Cawadias, A. P., British (?) medical historian. Evian: Town on the French side of Lake of Geneva. Laignel-Lavastine see letter 432.

³ Garrison revision see letter 565.

⁴ Spivack see letter 360.

⁵ Whitney, see letter 416. McCarthy see letter 440.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 8 August 1953

My dear John,

About Greece: what we should see on the mainland is Athens, Delphi, Epidaurus, Corinth. From Epidaurus it is easy to get to Mycenae. It has nothing to do with Medical History, but is very impressive nevertheless. The last time I was in Greece we made a day trip to Elensis [sic], Nauplia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth and did it quite comfortably with Stephen d'Irsay.¹ We must not forget that Greece is a very small country. We might also consider going to Olympia which after all is the cradle of our physical culture. Edelstein was there recently and was very much impressed.² As far as the islands are concerned we may add Rhodes. I think the whole tour could be made comfortable [sic] in two weeks time. We should have a daily one hour seminar and perhaps a symposium on Cos. This would make the whole tour a kind of Post Graduate fortnight instead of a mere tourist affair.

Of course I should be glad to see Mr. Spivak when he comes to Pura.³ I have not heard from him yet. I had some correspondence with the Oxford Press recently of which I am sending you copies. As you see I am most anxious to write the first four volumes myself and as thoroughly as possible as they set the pattern for the whole work and require knowledge of ancient and oriental languages that the younger generation no longer possesses. Should I not be able to write the last four volumes myself then I am sure that you, Temkin, Shryock, Ackerknecht, Rosen, Galdston etc. could easily undertake the job.⁴ However, I am still hopeful that I may finish more than four volumes.

The chief difficulty is that I have so many other affairs that I cannot possibly avoid. I just received two hundred typewritten folio pages of the German translation of Volume I, with the request to approve them. Of course I would like to make a few changes as I am anxious to get the book up to date. Schuman and the German publisher are also crying for six additional biographies for the new edition of my book Great Doctors. I still have not completed the manuscript of my last year's Heath Clark Lectures, but I spend one hour a day dictating them. Well, by late autumn I hope to have everything in the Press and January 1st I will start writing Volume III. I hardly leave my room these days. But the work is coming along very well and of course I would like to have the new printing of volume I and volume II out at the same time. With a European publisher things would be very simple because they could start working on whatever manuscript was ready and I would feed them a chapter a week, but I

know that the Oxford Press does not touch a manuscript before it is complete to the last period. Well, I shall be glad when this year is over, and in the meantime I am refusing all new engagements.

I must confess I have not given any thought to 1956 as yet.⁵ Three years seem so far away. Or maybe I have given it some thought quite unconsciously and I think that very confidentially I must tell you about something that happened recently although in all probability nothing will come of it. I wrote you that I gave a few lectures in Basle recently one before the Medical Society and one before the Society of Swiss Public Health Officers. At that time the Dean of the Medical School asked to see me and told me point blank that they would like to have instruction in Social Medicine and also would like medical history to be boosted up as Buess seems to be rather unpopular with the students.⁶ This would be the first chair of Social Medicine in Switzerland and Basle with its highly developed industries and excellent Social Institutions would be the ideal place to have it. But the Dean added that they would create the chair only if I were willing to accept it. Basle is the least bureaucratic of all Swiss Universities. They are anxious to have distinguished people on their faculty, do not care how old a man is and are prepared to make special arrangements to suit the convenience of the Professors. Thus C. G. Jung the famous psychiatrist is full Professor in Basle although he is past seventy and lives not in Basle but in the neighbourhood of Zürich.⁷ In my case they would be perfectly satisfied if I would spend a few winter months in Basle giving a lecture and seminar course and advising students. I have given the matter some thought, but of course do not know yet what I would do. I love Pura, but it is somewhat isolated and contact with students and a first rate University such as Basle is[,] would undoubtedly be inspiring. Basle moreover has an excellent university library and I think that a few months in Basle every year would not slow down the writing of the book, but on the contrary would accelerate it. However[,] I do not think that the project will materialise at all. The present Dean is an enthusiast who is inclined to promise more than he can hold. The medical faculty has appointed a committee to go into the matter, but since the vacation has begun no action will be taken before the end of the year. If the faculty decides to recommend the creation of such a chair ad personam, the Government of the Canton of Basle will have to approve it and provide the funds. Now you know that I have the reputation of being medically on the liberal side and some people are bound to be afraid that with a chair of Social Medicine I would try to push a national health service upon Switzerland, which I certainly would not do as I know well enough that under present conditions this would be quite unfeasible in Switzerland. If Faculty and Government agreed[,] the Medical Society could still start a row as the Doctors are at least as conservative here as in the States. In other words I do not believe that anything will come of this plan but I thought that I should keep the door open and was probably thinking quite unconsciously of 1956. I also have no idea of what they could offer financially, probably not enough for a living but perhaps enough that I would not have to rely on the Whitney Grant after 1956 and that the Rockefeller [sic] Grant might be sufficient. At any rate John, you can be assured that I will not undertake anything without consulting you, because I know well enough that I am still a member of your department, but if I should have to take a job in a few years Basle would be my last chance after I had turned down offers from Zürich and Bern.

It was excellent news to hear that your Cervitus [sic] bibliography went to the Press, I was asked to give a lecture on Cervitus [sic] in Geneva but as I am not accepting any invitations at the moment, turned it down.⁸

I envy you for going to Lisbon, I always wanted to see the Portuguese baroque. It seems to be rather late for a Cajal centenary as he was born in 1852.⁹ What a fascinating personality !

Have a good time in Paris and enjoy the good Restaurants.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ “Elensis”: Probably Eleusis, town in Attica. D’Irsay see letter 1.

² Edelstein see letter 576.

³ Spivack see letter 360.

⁴ Temkin see letter 245. Shryock see letter 403. Ackerknecht see letter 342. Rosen see letter 251. Galdston see letter 297.

⁵ 1956: Expiration of S.’s Whitney Foundation Grant.

⁶ Dean of the Basel Medical School was the anatomist Gerhard Wolf-Heidegger (born 1910). Buess see letter 497.

⁷ Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961) Swiss psychiatrist.

⁸ “Cervitus”: Servetus - typical case of misspelling of dictated words. Servetus bibliography (Fulton 1953f).

⁹ Cajal see letter 592.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 26 August 1953

My dear Henry,

This is just a line to tell you that I managed to get out of France just in time for the World Conference on Medical Education. I read my paper Monday on the History of Medical Education and I shall see that you have a copy as it is to appear in this week’s B.M.J. which comes out Friday.¹

It is a splendid gathering with more than 600 registered, and I have just obtained an extra programme for you, which I include.

I was paralysed in France, not being able to communicate or get transportation. I had hoped to fly over to Switzerland and see you but it was out of the question. I also missed Genevieve here.² She is now on a Greek boat, going back.

I shall be here at the May Fair until September 4th. After that for ten days at the Grand Hotel, Estoril, Portugal.

I had bad news Sunday in that Sam Harvey, who, as you know, is a member of my department was found dead at his desk late Saturday night.³ I haven’t yet had further particulars but I assume it was either a Coronary or a Cerebral accident. I will let you know more when I hear.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever

John

P.S. Did Spiv ever come to see you or was he too caught in the Strike ?⁴

¹ B.M.J.: British Medical Journal; (Fulton 1953g).

² Genevieve Miller.

³ Samuel C. Harvey (1886-1953) surgeon and medical historian, taught in F.'s team.

⁴ Spivack see letter 360.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 27 August 1953

My dear Henry:

As you probably surmised, when I wrote to you yesterday I had not yet received your highly interesting and informative letter of August 8th, which had been sitting somewhere in the Paris Post Office since the 9th, owing to the Strike. It arrived here this morning, along with a pile of other letters from the Regina.

With regard to Greece I have not yet had the estimate from Mr. Baum, the Paris agent; as indicated in an earlier letter, I asked for an estimate of approximate costs per person of a two-week tour from Rome to Athens and to the Islands which we have previously mentioned and back to Athens.¹ I thought there may be some who would leave the group at Athens at the end of the tour and wend their way to other places. So far, I have not heard from Mr. B., but he probably has not written until mail Services returned to normal. From the reports this morning, it looks as though they would fairly shortly.

I am interested in the correspondence with the Oxford Press and in the candour on both sides. You can rest assured that, should anything happen to you (God forbid) after you finish the first four volumes, your close friends and pupils will carry on where you left off in accordance [sic] with your general outline.² But if you spare yourself where possible and try to keep your well-meaning friends from imposing on you, I am sure you will live to finish the great undertaking. I know this is easier said than done - my friends give me the same advice every day, and yet I will come over here and attend Congresses and give Papers. With Dr. Harvey's sudden demise they are even more insistent and are now trying to dissuade me from going to Portugal and Madrid.³ But I have both papers ready in la belle langue Française, and if I should pull out at the last minute, they will all have me prematurely dead and buried. The only thing that had made me think twice is the expense involved. I nearly went bankrupt in Paris because I bailed some Yale students out who were stranded; also two English friends and I have had to wire New Haven this morning for some more cash, which I hope is in the Bank.

But to come to the important part of your letter, the Chair at Basle does indeed sound attractive, and I am awfully torn about advising you for I fear that it would mean that you'd once again be taking up endless responsibilities similar to those you had at Hopkins and that your History would suffer. On the other hand, I have always recognized the isolation which you have to endure at Pura, which is difficult for anyone of your outgoing nature. You depend, as much as I do, on people to stimulate you, and should you go to Basle and order your life, as I know you can do, you might get more done than by remaining in Pura - but you'd have to be very strong-minded. I am just thinking out loud and I can only say that any decision you make will be acceptable to your friends.

As for the Whitney Foundation, I know all too well how you must feel about it and your desire to be independent of it is perfectly natural. However, I have every expectation that it will be renewed now that your second volume is so far along.

The Congress on Medical Education is going well and I shall send you a copy of tomorrow's B.M.J., which contains the Papers read at the Plenary Session.⁴

With all good wishes,

Yours ever

John

¹ Baum see letter 592.

² "Your close friends and pupils will carry on" see letter 594.

³ Sam Harvey see letter 595.

⁴ B.M.J.: British Medical Journal; (Fulton 1953g).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 31 August 1953

My dear John,

I had completely lost touch with you through this beastly strike, but I was very happy to hear that you are back in London and that you got one of my letters. Another one written in long hand will probably reach you in the course of time. I was most interested in the programme of "The World Conference on Medical Education" but I was terrified at the thought of six hundred people airing their views on the subject. Still I think that the Congress will help to crystallize some thought. Of course I know many of the speakers.

Geneviève sent me a delightful little essay on tea, which she said came from you.¹ I need not tell you that I read it with the greatest interest and although I am an expert on the subject, I still found a few points in it that were new to me.

How sad that Sam Harvey died.² I remember him well. This is the first casualty in your department and I hope there will not be another one for some time to come. Did you know René Sand who was Professor of Social Medicine in Brussels?³ One of the early pioneers on Social Medicine, he was very active to the last moment. We were in Nancy together last December and from there he flew to Madras at the age of seventyfive, to preside over the Conference of Medical Social Work. I received the news of his death at the same time as your letter telling about Harvey.

Spivack was here about ten days ago and had supper with us.⁴ He was very nice and pleasant and I think he understood that the work could not be rushed beyond a certain point. He left the following day for Brussels, where he is attending the International Congress of Sociology. I told him that I would do everything in my power to get the second volume as well as the German translation of the first volume into print before January 1st, so as to be able to begin volume III next year. At the same time we also had the visit of Ackerknecht from Wisconsin.⁵ He came from Germany, was on his way to Paris, and much to my delight was stranded here. Emmy was in Italy taking a mud bath treatment for her sick shoulder, and there too everything was upset on account of the French strikes.⁶

I do not know if you know Huntington Cairns, whom I knew very well in Baltimore as one of the pillars of the Hamilton Street Club.⁷ He is secretary of the Mellon Art Gallery in Washington now and came with the British art critic, Sir Herbert Read, and the director of the Bollingen Foundation, John D. Barrett.⁸ At the end of the month I am expecting our friend

Herbert Evans, with whoever his latest wife is, driving on his way from Spain.⁹ But in spite of all visitors I am having a terrific working spell, writing three thousands [sic] words every day and keeping the office running in fine shape.

Nothing new about Basle, I really do not think anything will come of it and I would much prefer to stay in Pura with occasional trips to England, France or possibly the U.S.A., but it may be quite good to have another iron in the fire and at any rate I shall keep you informed of whatever developments there may be.

I can well understand that you wish to go to Portugal and Madrid. It would probably be better for your health to stay quietly at the May Fair, but as you have your papers ready I do not see why you should not make the trip. Just take it easy. Travelling is not much of a strain to-day, what does wear you out are the many dinners etc. which inevitably go with such trips.

Hoping that no strike will interfere with our further correspondence, I am,

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Genevieve Miller.

² Sam Harvey see letter 595.

³ Sand see letter 476.

⁴ Spivack see letter 360.

⁵ Ackerknecht see letter 342.

⁶ Emmy Sigerist

⁷ Huntington Cairns (1904-1985) lawyer and author.

⁸ Herbert E. Read (1893-1968) British poet.

⁹ Evans see letter 95.

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 3 September 1953

My dear Henry:

Your letter of the 31st, along with your comment on the Tallmedge Manuscript [sic], reached me today and I must send you this brief acknowledgment before taking off early tomorrow morning for Lisbon.¹ Knowing that you were working on Greek science, I am afraid I sent you the manuscript without having read it myself; I shall not bother you in this way again because the paper was certainly not worth bothering you about and it will, of course, be rejected. Tallmedge [sic] is a curious mixture; he has done several things that are not bad, but he seems to lack critique and his work is very uneven. He offered to help me with a revision of Garrison and I did not take him up on it!²

You ask about René Sand.³ I met him in Brussels two years ago, but I never really knew him. He was very highly regarded here and, as you probably noted, in the Conference program, he was to have been one of the Vice Presidents; but the news of his death came just as the B.M.J. for August 29th was going to press with his paper which you will find on pages

471 and 472 in the B.M.J.⁴ I had a copy of this number sent to you last Friday and I hope you will receive it, for I was uncertain whether you subscribed to it regularly.

Thanks for telling me about Spivack's visit and also that of Ackerknecht.⁵ I am envious of them and I am still cursing the French strike for making it impossible for me to come up to Pura.

No more now - if anything comes up, write me a line at

The Grande Hotel

Estoril

before the 13th. I shall be back in New Haven on the 17th.

Yours ever,

John

¹ Tallmedge, probably G. Kasten Tallmadge, medical historian.

² Garrison revision see letter 565.

³ Sand see letter 476.

⁴ BMJ: British Medical Journal.

⁵ Spivack see letter 360. Ackerknecht see letter 342.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 September 1953

My dear Henry:

I am glad to report that one of the first things to greet me on reaching my office on the 18th was a check for \$ 3000 from the John Hay Whitney Foundation payable to Yale University "representing payment of grant for the year 1953 for the Dr. Henry E. Sigerist fund". This has been deposited to your credit so that there will be no delay in your monthly checks.

We had a great Congress in Lisbon and although it was desperately hot I think everyone profited greatly from it. The Cajal Centenary Celebrations held in Madrid on the 14th were also highly interesting.¹ In the morning we visited the Cajal museum in the Institute, and there were formal ceremonies in the afternoon beginning at six. A government minister whose name I forget presided, and then he turned the meeting over to Professor Lopez Ibor who spoke admirably on Cajal's position in the history of medicine.² I represented the States, and spoke on Cajal in neurophysiology drawing a parallel between the careers of Sherrington and Cajal.³ Russell Brain represented England, Wulff, Belgium, and Trelles of Peru, South America.⁴ The meeting wound up with a short address by de Castro who spoke for Cajal's pupils.⁵

During the three days in Madrid I managed to see a bullfight, visit Escorial, and I also went into the Prado five or six times and was quite overwhelmed by the unbelievable richness of the collection.⁶ I think it quite surpasses the Louvre. Since it was my first visit to Madrid I was disappointed that I could not stay longer. I flew to Paris Tuesday evening, and left for New York on Wednesday arriving Thursday morning, the 17th.

With all good wishes,
Yours ever,
John

¹ Cajal see letter 592.

² Lopez Ibor, Juan J. (1906-1991) Spanish psychiatrist.

³ Sherrington see letter 110.

⁴ Brain, Russell (1895-1966) British neurologist. Wulff Belgian, neurologist ? Trelles, Oscar, Peruvian neurologist.

⁵ De Castro, Juan A.

⁶ Escorial: Palace, monastery, and mausoleum of the Spanish kings north of Madrid. Prado: Art collection.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 27 October 1953

My dear John,

I have not written you for a very long time but there was little to report. I am working as hard as I can[,] trying to get rid of all my obligations so that I may begin the new year with a new volume of the History and fewer commitments than I had this year.

I am just back from Verona where I spent a few days attending the annual meeting of the Italian Society of the History of Medicine and Sciences. Dorothy Schullian and I were the only two foreigners and we both enjoyed the meeting thoroughly.¹ The Italians as you remember do these things beautifully. While we have to hold our meetings in school rooms or hotel rooms they meet in a Renaissance palace which immediately creates a most delightful atmosphere. In Verona the sessions were all held in the Sala di Die Giocondo on the Piazza dei Signori, a perfectly gorgeous [sic] building. The whole meeting centred around Fracastoro, Prof. Pellegrini whi [sic] is the great Fracastoro scholar gave two superb addresses, onw [sic] on the physician and one on the humanist Fracastoro.² Unfortunately they had to be read by somebody else as he was not feeling well. The various papers undoubtedly added a great deal to our knowledge of Fracastoro. The local Academy is going to publish a volume of treatises of Fracastoro that had never been published so far. The Bibliotheka Capitolane [sic] which we of course visited possesses two manuscript volumes of F. parts of which have been published previously by Pellegrini but they still contain several treatises that have never been printed.³

We would have liked to go to the Villa of Fracastoro at Incaffi overlooking the lake of Garda, but the weather was so appallingly bad that we gave up the plan. I am enclosing a picture of the Villa as I have a spare copy of it. It is in rather a delapidated condition now, but has been purchased by the State and the Congress passed a resolution urging the Italian Government to restore it. I am also enclosing a picture of the monument of Fracastoro that was erected soon after his death, on top of an archway. As you see Fracastoro is holding a globe and the saying goes that as soon as a Veronese virgin would pass under the statue Fracastoro would drop the globe. But so far he is still holding it.

We of course had a very nice banquet with good food and good wines, and plenty of speeches, but the weather was simply appalling with pouring rain day and night so that I went

home as soon as the Convention was over. But Pura is just as bad at the momen [sic], and we are simply being flooded in a season which otherwise could be extremely pleasant.

Has your library a copy of the facsimile edition of Carlo Francesco Cogrossi, *Nuovo ideal del male contagioso de buoi* [sic] with a very good introduction by Belloni and an excellent English translation by Dorothy Schullian ?⁴ If not I will send you one, for I have two here.

The Congress in Rome promises to become very brilliant. I had a long talk with Pazzini who told me that at this early date over a hundred papers had been announced.⁵ I accepted the invitation to give a 45 minute report on The Contribution of Medicine to Civilisation. You probably heard that Laignel-Lavastine died recently so that the International Society needs a new President.⁶ I would suggest Pazzini who is young, energetic, and a full time medical historian with a good institute and full of ideas and projects. He has a very devoted staff and I am sure that he would make an excellent President.

I needn't tell you that I read your address on the History of Medical Education with the greatest interest.⁷ I have the three numbers of the B.M.J. so that I have a good idea of what went on at the meeting.⁸ You also must have had a very interesting time in Spain and Portugal. The Latins know how to stage celebrations so well. Much that is said is mere rhetoric, but it is pleasant and has style.

Hoping that you are well and not drowned in water as we are, I am,

With warm wishes,

[Henry]

¹ Schullian see letter 464.

² Fracastoro see letter 43. Francesco Pellegrini (1883-1960) Italian medical historian.

³ Biblioteca Capitolare in Verona.

⁴ Carlo Francesco Cogrossi (1682-1769), *Nuova idea del male* (Cogrossi 1953). Belloni see letter 552.

⁵ Pazzini see letter 587.

⁶ Laignel-Lavastine see letter 432.

⁷ F.'s address (Fulton 1953g).

⁸ BMJ: British Medical Journal.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 2 November 1953

My dear Henry,

I am so glad to have yours of the twenty-seventh giving an account of the Verona meeting of the Italian Society of the History of Medicine, and enclosing the two Fracastoro postcards.¹ I am delighted with these and most pleased also to have the details concerning the meeting. I must put together a note for the Journal.² I was also very happy to have the postprandial postcard which you signed and which Dorothy Schullian apparently arranged.³ I trust you remember having signed it ! Pellegrini also signed it; it is too bad that he did not feel able to read his papers, for he knows more about Fracastoro than anyone living, and I hope he perseveres in his plan to publish all the unpublished Fracastoro manuscripts.⁴ I have never seen the Fracastoro villa at Incaffi overlooking lake Garda, but I hope sometime to make the

pilgrimage. You ask about the Cogrossi facsimile.⁵ Dorothy Schullian sent us all copies so don't bother to part with your second one. It was good of you to think of it.

The plan for the Rome Congress sounds most attractive and Pazzini's letters sound like those of a very enthusiastic and vigorous man.⁶ I am sharing with you the honor of giving one of the forty-five minute papers. I decided to speak on the scientific writings of Joseph Priestley.⁷

There isn't much news here except that we finally have the Servetus Bibliography in press and we hope to have it out shortly after the first of the year.⁸ Poor old Reichner had a heart attack, which delayed things for two months.⁹ I am always glad to have your news but don't feel that you must write unless there is something that we can help with.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Fracastoro see letter 43.

² "Journal" of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

³ Schullian see letter 464.

⁴ Pellegrini see letter 600.

⁵ Cogrossi see letter 600.

⁶ Pazzini see letter 587.

⁷ Priestley see letter 21. F. had published on Priestley in the 1930s.

⁸ Servetus bibliography (Fulton 1953f).

⁹ Reichner see letter 476.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 11 November 1953

Dear John,

Thanks for your letter. At the same time I received the October Number of the Bulletin of the Yale Medical Library and was very interested to see what lectures on the History of Medicine are being given this semester.

Could you do me a favour ? I have lost a number of the Journal of the History of Medicine, namely No. 2 of Vol. VII, the spring number of 1952. Would you see to it that a copy is sent to me with the bill so that I can have the volume bound.

I am flying to London on the 22nd for Foundation Day of the University and have a lecture on Science and History for the British Post Graduate Medical Federation, but I shall be in England for only a few days as I am anxious to be back at my desk as soon as possible.¹

With warm regards, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

P.S. This very [sic] moment I received your Annual Report and I am delighted with it.²

¹ *Science and History* (Sigerist 1953).

² Annual Report (Fulton 1953c).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 16 November 1953

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of the eleventh. I am glad to learn that others sometime lose numbers of their journals before they are bound and I am immediately sending you a copy of No. 2, Vol. VII, of the Journal of the History of Medicine. We have a population of predatory students, and the same thing happens, especially with our physiological journals. Mary Wheeler and I sometimes feel that we should choke the culprits.¹ You will not receive a bill, as you are of course a member of the Advisory Board.

I wish I could be present at your lecture, “Science and History,” at the University of London on the twenty-second.² The title is an intriguing one, and if you are not committed to publication I hope you may be persuaded to send it to the Journal because we need a few general papers, and especially one by you.

I have just had a letter from Professor Kurt Kolle, Direktor der Nervenlinik, at München, asking for biographical notices on Cushing and Sherrington for his forthcoming book, Lebensbilder grosser Nervenärzte.³ I shall be glad to do it because he says that you are one of the sponsors of the book - or at least of the proposed second edition. I do not have facilities for doing it in German, for while I understand spoken German and have a limited reading knowledge I would not be able to write in German effectively. I should greatly appreciate any suggestions that you might offer.

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Wheeler see letter 464.

² *Science and History* (Sigerist 1955a).

³ Cushing see letter 41. Sherrington see 110. *Lebensbilder* (Kolle 1956), F. is a co-author, however, S. is not mentioned in the second edition of 1970.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 5 December 1953

My dear John,

I am just back from London, where I spent a very pleasant week. I managed to stay there incognito for the first few days so that I had a chance to finish the preparation of my lecture, to visit a few museums and to see some good plays in the theatres and to have some excellent Chinese and Indian meals which I cannot get in Switzerland unless I cook them myself.¹

The lecture went off very well, I discussed the importance of the historical moment in the development of science and also science as a factor in the making of history. I would have loved to give you the paper for the Journal but Sir Francis Fraser intends to publish these lectures as a volume.²

November 27th was the Foundation day of the University and I received my D.Sc.³ The whole affair was very dignified, very colourful and in no way pompous. The English have a most marvellous sense of humour so that the most formal affairs never get stuffy. I had a very pleasant dinner with Sir Francis Fraser, Jimmy Mackintosh and Geoffrey Keynes at the Athenaeum.⁴ I also saw Underwood who hopes to bring out the Singer Festschrift by the end of the year.⁵ I had a very pleasant lunch with the Edelsteins, who after a year at Oxford are getting ready to return to Baltimore.⁶

I am very glad that you will write the biographic sketches of Cushing and Sherrington for Prof. Kolle.⁷ The book promises to become very good. Kolle was here last summer and we discussed it in detail. The publisher Georg Thieme is one of the best that Germany has and I am sure that he will produce the book in a very attractive way.⁸ Do not hesitate to write your contributions in English, they have excellent translators.

You will soon receive a copy of the new edition of my book *Grosse Aerzte* in which you will find a few new biographies.⁹ The publisher printed 5000 copies and you will see that the book looks nice.

Estimates for the Greek tour are very reasonable and it shouldn't be difficult to get a good group together.

Now I am back at the grindstone and will make an effort to finish Volume II of the *History* as soon as possible. I still have to revise the German translation of Volume I and put the finishing touches to the manuscript of the Heath Clark Lectures, but I hope to get there in a few months so that I may start on Volume III.¹⁰

May I review two books for the Journal ? One is Cyrill v. K. Krasinski: *Tibetanische Medizinphilosophie* [sic], of which the publisher sent me a copy.¹¹ It is a very learned book on a very difficult subject with which[,] however[,] I am somewhat familiar. The other book is perhaps more philosophic than historical, a very beautiful Festschrift for Karl Jaspers who was a psychiatrist in Heidelberg and is now professor of philosophy at the University of Basle.¹² This of course would not be a very long review but the volume contains such excellent articles by first rate people that it should be mentioned in one of our Journals.

With all best wishes,
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ At that time there may have been only one or two Chinese restaurants in Switzerland.

² “Journal“ of the History of Medicine. Francis R. Fraser (1885-1964) British physician and founder of the London Postgraduate Medical Federation; his “volume“ (Sigerist 1955a).

³ S. was awarded his forth honorary degree.

⁴ Mackintosh see letter 580. Keynes see letter 200.

⁵ Underwood see letter 356. Singer Festschrift (Underwood 1953).

⁶ Edelstein see letter 576.

⁷ Cushing, Sherrington, Kolle see letter 603.

⁸ Georg Thieme: German publisher.

⁹ *Grosse Aerzte* (Sigerist 1933a).

¹⁰ Heath Clark Lectures (Sigerist 1956).

¹¹ (Korvon-Krasinski 1953).

¹² Karl Jaspers (1883-1969) German philosopher; Festschrift (Piper 1953). The two reviews have not been published.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 December 1953

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 5th. I was greatly interested to hear about your sojourn in London and your lecture and honorary D.Sc. My warm congratulations.

Many thanks also for the new edition of *Grosse Aerzte* which has just arrived.¹ We are greatly pleased to have it for the Library. Everyone is looking forward to seeing the text of your Heath Clark Lectures.²

With regard to the two reviews you mentioned, by all means do them for the Journal.³ I don't know of anyone who could possibly touch the Krasinski *Tibetanische Medizinphilosophie* [sic]; the Jaspers Festschrift will also be welcome.⁴

I hope your trip to London did not fatigue you as much as my trip to Chicago fatigued me two weeks ago when I went out to give the Walter Ranson Memorial Lecture.⁵ They had no mercy on me ! In the morning they took me fifty miles north of Chicago to speak at the Downey Veterans Hospital - a speech I hadn't bargained for - then in the afternoon there was the formal Ranson Lecture, and in the evening it turned out that I was the chief speaker at the dinner. Last week much the same thing happened to me in Philadelphia when I went down to give the annual Osler Club Lecture. I have decided that I am really not as vigorous as I used to be !

Yours ever,
John

¹ *Grosse Aerzte* (Sigerist 1933a), 3rd edition 1954.

² Heath Clark Lectures (Sigerist 1956).

³ “Journal“ of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

⁴ (Korvon-Krasinski 1953). Jaspers Festschrift (Piper 1953). The two reviews have not been published by S.

⁵ Walter Ranson (1880-1942) professor of neurology.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 5 January 1954

My dear John,

Thanks for your letter of the 14th December, for the odd number of the Journal which completes my series and for that superb batch of collected papers from your department.¹ If in the future you wish to include my reprints I shall be glad to let you have whatever quantity you need. In the last few years I was very careless with reprints and usually took only those free of charge or then ordered a hundred, chiefly because I have few substantial papers at the moment when I am so busy with books. But if you let me know how many copies you want I will order more in the future.

I am sure the Chicago tour was a great strain on you. You must be more careful in the future and avoid such exertions. I had to learn this long ago. I have a very strenuous year ahead of me, but I will take it easy nevertheless. By the end of March I want to have Volume II of the History in the Press as well as Volume I of the German edition. The Italian edition should be out this year also as well as the Heath Clark Lectures, an English translation of the Great Doctors, a German translation of Medicine and Human Welfare and a completely revised edition of Einführung in die Medizin.²

On April 1st I hope to begin writing Volume III for which I have done a lot of preparatory work. I have an invitation to give a series of lectures on the History of Medicine and Social Medicine in Yugoslavia in May but this will not take much time as I will lecture on subjects that are very familiar to me. I am anxious to see the changes in the organisation of Public Health and Medical Services since my last visit in 1938.³ In July I have one of the main general addresses on the Rise of Preventive Medicine at the International Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics in Geneva and in September of course we have the Convention in Rome and Salerno, with[,] I hope, the trip to Greece.⁴ This looks like much, but I have found that when I take things in a leisurely way, do not eat and drink too much I can stand it very well.

With all best wishes, I am,

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ “Journal“ of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

² Heath Clark Lectures (Sigerist 1956). *Medicine and Human Welfare* (Sigerist 1941). *Einführung* (Sigerist 1932). S. used to make annual plans of his work (Bickel 1997).

³ S.'s Yugoslavia tour did not materialize. S. on his 1938 Yugoslavia tour (Sigerist 1939c).

⁴ *Rise of Preventive Medicine* (Sigerist 1954a).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 20 January 1954

My dear John,

Thanks for your letter of the 10th January, 1954.¹ I made a note to send you 75 copies of my future reprints, I do not think I have much in the press at the moment, but there will be a few papers this year.

In my last letter I wrote you about the books I intended to finish this year, but it has just occurred to me that I forgot to mention one that I will certainly not finish this year, but which I began writing at odd hours, late at night, on Sunday mornings and when I feel too dumb for the other books. Namely a kind of autobiography.² Geneviève is largely responsible for it[,] as she always urged me to write such a book.³ Having lived and worked in several countries, having travelled a great deal and gone through an interesting period of history I have experienced a great deal, but I never knew how to tackle such a book. Now I have an idea which may work out, and for your amusement I am enclosing a carbon of the introduction.⁴ Do not return it as I have a number of copies. This is only a rough draught, which will be revised more than once.

My technique is not to proceed chronologically, as is done in most biographies, but to write as you recollect, and at the end the reader should have a vivid picture of the period and of the man. Of course I have no idea whether I shall succeed or not but it may be worth trying.

The following Chapters will not be in the same vein as the introduction and there will be some very serious ones. The first deals with Paris where I recollect my childhood and whatever else I experienced in Paris up to the outbreak of World War II. The second which covers the period from 1901 to 1914 will deal primarily with problems of education etc. Please remember that what I am sending you is only a first draught and nothing else.

I was very pleased to see the annual report of the Yale Medical Library and of course was particularly pleased with Madeleine's [sic] report of the Historical Library.⁵ You have acquired some very fine books during the year and I was much impressed by your exhibition programme.

With warm wishes, I am,

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ F.'s letter is missing.

² The existing chapters of S.'s autobiography have been incorporated in (Sigerist Beeson 1966).

³ Genevieve Miller.

⁴ "Carbon" copy.

⁵ Madeline Stanton.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 25 January 1954

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for yours of the 20th. I am glad you will send us 75 reprints in the future, and don't forget to send us the bills.

We are all thrilled to think that Geneviève has persuaded you to do something in the way of an autobiography, working Sundays, midnights, and holidays. I [sic] will be a source of great interest to many, for I need not tell you that your circle of friends, known and unknown, is wide, and you also have many admirers in almost every nation of the earth.¹

With regard to the title, the first one suggested is, as you say, not good. Why not just, "The story of a non-conformist" ?² Your "prelude" is certainly amusing prose, not exactly what one would expect as an apologia for an autobiography, but you bring out your non-conformist elements most skillfully ! If I were writing in your place I might almost be tempted to expand the title of the prelude slightly to "Prelude to the record of a non-conformist." But my private opinion is that you are really not so much of a non-conformist as you yourself, and perhaps a few others, think, merely because you have the intellectual curiosity to explore the medical services of India, South Africa, the Soviet Union, China, and a few other nations that contribute notably to the forces that move in the world. You just have a little more courage than a good many others who do not have your driving instinct to delve.

All the best, and all power to your elbow, as H.C. used to say, and may you achieve all the things autobiographical, historical, on which you set your heart.³ But do not wait too long for the history because I am most eager to see it before anything further happens to me - I have been in bed for nearly ten days with an acute attack of auricular fibrillation which followed an adrenalin injection usually given with my bookdust desensitization shot. A perfect damn nuisance but I am almost out of the woods. I find in my own Textbook of Physiology that those who are afflicted with this malady often go on for twenty years. However, it has given me pause because I have so many commitments, and also so many obligations to friends like you that I hold most dear.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Genevieve Miller.

² S.'s autobiography see letter 607; its title became *The Story of a Non-conformist*.

³ H.C.: Harvey Cushing.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 2 February 1954

Dear John,

You [sic] letter made me very sad because I see that you had another bad spell, but I am glad to know that you feel better by now. Do take care of yourself and take it easy. I know that this is easier said than done. I am sure you can achieve much more from your desk, than by running around the country. From Pura I got more fellowships for American friends than I ever did from Baltimore, and I got jobs in Europe and America for a good many people without ever leaving Casa Serena.¹ Of course I know the thrill of facing a responsive audience well enough, but then we must remember that our written word reaches many more people. The new edition of *Grosse Aerzte* sold 1,525 copies during the first five weeks and this is a good audience.²

Loren McKinney was here on Sunday with his wife and Professor Beccaria of Milan.³ We had a delightful time discussing early mediaeval medical literature. Beccaria is a classicist and mediaevalist who has a very important book in the press, a catalogue of all early mediaeval medical Latin manuscripts. I was anxious for him and McKinney to get together because Beccaria knows these manuscripts better than anybody else. I am very fond of McKinney, who is a solid worker and a very gentle fellow and his wife is a very nice person too.

I just got a letter telling me that the Turkish Society of the History of Medicine has made me an honorary member. I suppose you will get the same letter too. The diplomas are to be handed over at the Congress in Rome which promises to be an amazing gathering because the whole medical historical ménagerie will be there.

Good luck, warm wishes,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Casa Serena: S.'s house in Pura, Switzerland.

² *Grosse Aerzte* (Sigerist 1933a).

³ MacKinney see letter 541. Augusto Beccaria; (Beccaria 1956).

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Fulton to Sigerist, Boston, 8 February 1954

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for your warm-hearted letter of 2 February which finds me up at the Brigham Hospital in Boston where I am having a check-up under Dr. Sam Levine.¹ Jack Bumstead and Louis Nahum called him in consultation in New Haven and as I was strongly opposed to going into the New Haven Hospital, where each student tends to be a Paul Revere, I can have

a quiet time here and I am picking up very rapidly.² My pulse is practically normal and I am regaining some of my old pep.

I am glad to hear the report about the new edition of Grosse Aerzte; 1525 is indeed a good sale in the first five weeks.³ I am also glad to know that you have seen something of Loren MacKinney.⁴ He is a good man and I think a competent medievalist. I had a hand in helping him get his grant from the Philosophical, but actually he didn't need my help at all because his memorandum was so good.

It is fine news about the Turkish Society of the History of Medicine, especially that you have become an honorary member. Who is heading the Turkish delegation to Rome ?

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Samuel A. Levine, cardiologist.

² John H. Bumstead (1897-1957) Yale professor of medicine. Louis H. Nahum, Yale professor of physiology. Paul Revere (1735-1818) patriot in the American Revolutionary War.

³ *Grosse Aerzte* (Sigerist 1933a).

⁴ MacKinney see letter 541.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 23 March 1954

My dear Henry,

I hope you noticed the very brief but at the same time most agreeable review of the new German edition of Grosse Aerzte which appeared in the British Medical Journal for 6 March (see page 568). Have any arrangements been made for an English translation, such as the reviewer proposes ? I hope so.

You will shortly be receiving a copy of the programme of the May meetings of the American Association of the History of Medicine; it is shaping up very well and I think there will be a very good session. I only wish you could be present.

Yours,

John

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 31 March 1954

My dear John,

I see that you have Appel trouble too.¹ That good woman has been persecuting me for the last twenty years. She sent me a complete set of her plaques and I didn't know where to put them. Finally I decorated the little laundry house that we have in the garden with them and

demonstrated them at the Pura Conference last year. Professor Michaud made the very pertinent remark that there was no likeness with the doctors he had known, but that she might be correct with the doctors of antiquity and the Middle Ages.² The only encouragement I gave her[,] spiritual or otherwise[,] was the same as you gave her, that is I wrote her a few polite letters. She is an enthusiast and means awfully well, but she can become a very great nuisance.

If you want a portrait of Hippocrates, take the coins or a picture of the bust that was found in Ostia not so long ago.³ The coin as well as the various busts were made centuries after his death but there must have been a tradition of what he was like because if the busts were pure invention he would have been represented idealised as a kind of Asclepius, while he is represented as tradition says as a rather ugly man[,] bald with a large nose and a bad beard.⁴

I am following in your footsteps as I have just been notified that the Royal College of Physicians will elect me to Fellowship at their next Comitia April 19th. This is an honour that I greatly appreciate as the college is such a venerable institution.

I had a bad cold recently and felt so miserable that I went to Venice where I spent a few quiet days having a good rest. The Heath Clark Lectures will go to the press next week and then I will be able to concentrate my efforts on finishing volume II.⁵ My Yugoslavian [sic] Tour is postponed to June, which suits me very well.⁶ I hope you are in good health. What are your plans for the summer ? Are you still coming to Rome ? I hope so because it seems that the whole medical historical fraternity will be assembled there.

We had a very pleasant spring conference of the Swiss Medical Historians in Pura, I sent you a catalogue by surface mail and you will see that we had a good programme. The papers were universally good, some very matter of fact, others touching problems of philosophy and historiography. I find these small affairs very stimulating and very satisfactory.

With all best wishes, I am,
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

¹ F. had sent S. a copy of a letter to the sculptor, Doris Appel, in Massachusetts; in long-hand F. had added: "Henry: Mrs A. says that you gave her much encouragement, spiritual and otherwise. Did she need it ? !"

² Michaud see letter 575.

³ Ostia: The port of Rome in Antiquity.

⁴ Asclepius: God of medicine and healing in Greek mythology.

⁵ S.'s Heath Clark Lectures (Sigerist 1956).

⁶ S.'s Yugoslavian tour did not materialize.

Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 8 April 1954

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 31st, and for your thought in sending me that attractive programme, complete with signatures of those who attended, of the 6th Medizinhistorische Konferenz at Pura held on 20-21 March. But, my dear Henry, fancy you being persued and persecuted by a predatory female - I just can't understand it ! Being slightly wicked, it

reminded me of a classic remark made by Herbert Gasser in the summer of 1935 when, during a week-end with us in England [?] he received a cable from John D. Rockefeller Jr. asking him to be head of the Rockefeller Institute.¹ He exclaimed, “My dear John ! I have no guile.” But perhaps this anecdote is not apropos in any case; in any event, I shall not tease you further about Madam Appel otherwise you will, no doubt, start pulling my Casanovian leg !²

I have some good news for you, really thrilling news, which will be almost ready to announce by the time this reaches you. I went to Montreal for the annual meeting of the Osler Library Curators on Monday, and the Dean of the Medical School, G. Lyman Duff, Chairman of the Curators, had just received a letter from Lloyd Stevenson saying that he was prepared to accept, as of 1 June, three appointments: Associate Professor of the History of Medicine at McGill; Honorary Librarian of the Medical Library; Assistant Librarian of the Osler Library with the understanding that he would make the Osler Library a centre of research and teaching in medical history, and that while Dr. Francis - Bill to you and me - is still able to cooperate with him, he would learn as much as possible about the Library from Bill who, I regret to report, had his fourth coronary two weeks ago.³ With this I enclose a copy of a letter I wrote to Lloyd yesterday which will give you a few further details. McGill authorities are making the announcement on 15 April or shortly thereafter so that we can make reference to it in the April number of J. Hist. Med. which will appear toward the end of the month, and at the Association meetings in May. If you would like to send a wire or a letter, I shall read it at the annual dinner on 8 May.

The suggestions about Hippocrates' portrait taken from the coins or a picture of the bust that were found in Ostia are excellent. And may I congratulate you most warmly on the F.R.C.P. which is to be confirmed by the Comitia on 19 April.⁴ As you say, I received it last year, and I can only tell you that the fact of your receiving it makes the honour seem ever so much more great as far as I am concerned. I only wish I could be there to help eat your dinner !

Yes, I'm still going to Rome, but I'm feeling very uneasy about my paper because I have just tumbled to the fact that it is a lecture and not a fifteen-minute communication, and I am still fibrillating; everyone tells me that I'm crazy to attempt to give a formal lecture. However, we shall see.

All the best, and thanks for so much,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Herbert S. Gasser (1888-1963) pharmacologist and physiologist, director of Rockefeller Institute, Nobel laureate. Rockefeller Institute in New York was renamed Rockefeller University. John D. Rockefeller jr. (1874-1960) philanthropist.

² Appel see letter 612.

³ Stevenson see letter 527. Francis see letter 172.

⁴ F.R.C.P.: Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 April 1954

My dear Henry:

Genevieve has suggested that you might like to have a few extra copies of the announcement containing the Greek medical shrines tour, and I am enclosing ten more sheets herewith.¹

Things seem to be shaping up well for the meetings, but I could wish that there weren't quite so many papers !

I had a card from Hans Fischer from Crete.² Perhaps he could give us some advice about the tour to Greece.

All the best,

Yours ever,

John

¹ Genevieve Miller.

² Hans Fischer (1892-1976) Swiss pharmacologist and medical historian.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 20 April 1954

My dear John,

Thanks for several letters. I was sorry to hear that you are still fibrillating and of course regret that you will not be able to give one of the main addresses in Rome. If you do not feel well enough, do not attend the meeting at all, but rather come to Pura or Lugano where there is a good Sanatorium where you could rest. Of course it would be a shame not to have you in Rome but we must think in long terms and the best decision is the one that will keep you at the job as long as ever possible.

What excellent news about Stevenson and McGill.¹ They could not have made a better choice. He is a brilliant young man and very gifted writer and has a most lovable personality. I shall write him one of these days and of course will send a telegram or letter for May 8th. I was very sorry to hear that W. W. Francis had another coronary occlusion, it is amazing how he always overcomes them but one of course will be the last.² Stevenson, I have no doubt, will make the Osler library a very active centre of research and teaching as it should be. The material is superb and McGill will thus become the centre for medical historical studies in Canada.

The programme of the annual meeting of the A.A.H.M. came this morning and looks perfectly splendid.³ Good names, good papers, plenty of them without their being too many. I am sure it is going to be a very successful meeting and I only wish I could be with you.

Thanks also for sending me a few copies of the announcement of the Greek tour, I am sending copies to a few people in Europe who I think might be interested in joining such a group. I do not know yet how to finance the trip for myself, but if the Grosse Aerzte keeps selling well this might pay for the tour as it does for Emmy's trip to America.⁴ I don't know if I told you that she will spend two months in the States during the summer with our daughter Nora and her family. They bought an old fram [sic] house on Long Island and will be there during the summer.⁵ Emmy of course misses the grandchildren very much and I am sure she will be a help to Nora who has [a] part time job as assistant editor of the American-Slavic review.⁶ An opera of her husband's, Jack Beeson, will be performed at the Columbia Arts Centre at the end of May.⁷ The opera is based on a text by Saroyan.⁸ Getting a visa for the States for only a few weeks is an affair of six months as it requires endless papers and certificates, but I think Emmy will be through soon and ready to leave in June. If you are still in the States then I will ask her to look you up.

So much for to-day, we are having a cold wave, the hills are⁹

¹ Stevenson see letter 613.

² Francis see letter 613.

³ A.A.H.M.: American Association of the History of Medicine.

⁴ Emmy Sigerist.

⁵ The Long Island farm house was on Shelter Island.

⁶ S.'s grandchildren were Christopher and Miranda Beeson.

⁷ Jack Beeson see letter 538; his opera was *Hello out there*.

⁸ William Saroyan (1908-1981) author.

⁹ The second page of the letter is missing.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 27 April 1954

My dear Henry:

My warm thanks for yours of the 20th. Lucia and I are certainly planning on going to Rome, and I am rather sorry that I sent that letter to Pazzini because I shall assuredly attend the Congress, and I shall have a paper for the proceedings.¹ By that time I think I shall have probably stopped fibrillating because I have lost a considerable amount of weight, and I felt well enough last week to go down to Philadelphia for the meetings of the Philosophical.² We have a heavy program ahead the next two weeks with Granit and his wife arriving sometime today to give the Silliman Lectures for 1954, and on May 6 – 8 the Association meetings at which I shall have to preside in part.³

The news of Stevenson is certainly good, and it has now been announced by the authorities at McGill.⁴ We are announcing it in the April number of the Journal. Bill Francis is recovering rapidly, and has been writing me peppery letters vehemently objecting to a resolution which I wrote and re-wrote about six times on Archie Malloch at the request of the Curators.⁵ Bill doesn't think that we should be so funereal, and suggests that I write a personal letter to Kitty Malloch on behalf of the Curators and not spread any damn nonsense on his laconic minutes !⁶ I can only conclude that he has quite recovered.

I am glad you thought well of your announcement concerning the Greek tour. I definitely cannot manage it myself, from the health standpoint, but I hope to find ways and means to do so. Incidentally, I hope that the group may see Mycenae in which some perfectly extraordinary things have turned up during the past year, including a block of 1200 B.C. indicating that Greek was being used and written at that time. We had a fine report on this subject by Wace of Cambridge at the Philosophical several days ago, all of which leads one to the conclusion that both Homer and Agamemnon were literate, as were those for several centuries in Greece prior to their time.⁷

All the best,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Lucia Fulton. Pazzini see letter 587.

² “Philosophical” Society.

³ Granit see letter 271. Yale’s Silliman Lectures in memory of Hepsa Ely Silliman (1778-1864) geologist.

⁴ Stevenson see letter 613.

⁵ Francis see letter 613. Archibald N. Malloch (1887-1953) librarian at the New York Academy of Medicine.

⁶ Kitty probably Malloch’s wife.

⁷ Alan J. B. Wace (1879-1957) British archeologist.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, early May 1954 ? (telegram)

AM WITH YOU IN SPIRIT TAKING PART IN SUPERB PROGRAMME. WARM GREETINGS TO ALL FRIENDS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVENSON ON MOST PROMISING APPOINTMENT.

HENRY E. SIGERIST

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 10 May 1954

My dear Henry:

That warm-hearted telegram of yours arrived Wednesday night and I read it Thursday evening in opening our first formal session.¹ I can assure you that it was greatly appreciated by the whole group and especially, of course, by Lloyd Stevenson.²

Having frequently benefitted by your thoughtfulness in receiving copies of menus signed by the participants at meetings and dinners, I passed our menu Saturday night up and down the high table, and after dinner I caught some of your special friends who also added their names to it - Genevieve, Madeline, Ilza, and Elizabeth - just to assure you that you hadn’t been forgotten - and how should you be - by the distaff side.³ It has been a rather strenuous

week, but the gals were all in fine form Saturday night and, of course, I could not have managed the meeting without them.

George Corner has taken over as the new President.⁴ He made a witty speech during the dinner, and had a priceless slip of the tongue - I'm sure it had not been planned - when he said very gravely and soberly that during the time of his 'pregnancy' he proposed to do thus and so. The audience almost exploded as did Betsy at the moment of the slip and when he corrected himself.⁵ The wine had really not been that good or that abundant, so I think we can put it down as a classic lapse !

Love to you and Emmy,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ "First formal session" of the annual meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine.

² Stevenson see letter 527.

³ Genevieve Miller, Madeline Stanton, Ilza Veith, and Elizabeth Thomson.

⁴ Corner see letter 402.

⁵ Betsy probably his wife.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 13 May 1954

My dear John,

I should be in England to-day for the admission of the new Fellows to the Royal College of Physicians, but they offered to admit me in absentia, and much to my regret I had to accept their offer because my health has not been too good recently.

I hate to talk about my health as much as you do, but since you confessed to me that you had been 'fibrillating' it is only fair that I confess to you that I had several attacks of angina during the past few months.¹ They were minor attacks, but unpleasant enough and I felt greatly handicapped and had to work against great odds during the whole winter and spring.

Two weeks ago I saw my doctor in Zurich who examined me for two full hours and made all conceivable tests. The result was what I had expected, general deterioration of the circulatory system with symptoms of decompensation. But he thinks that there is no reason for alarm and that the condition can be kept under control. I am on a strict reducing diet, have taken 8 lbs off in the last two weeks and have still 12 more lbs. to go. I have a treatment with Serpasil, one of the new drugs brought out by the Ciba which lowers the blood pressure and acts as a sedative at the same time.² Actually it is not a new drug, but an alkaloid extracted from Rauwolfia, a drug that was used in India for at least 2000 years. I also get injections and pills of Recosen an extract made from the heart muscle and which is supposed to be good. At any rate I am beginning to feel better after only two weeks of treatment, but have to take it easy during the next few weeks. I called off my Jugoslavian [sic] Tour which would have been much too strenuous under the circumstances.

You know I am no cry-baby, but I think we have to be realistic, and I think that you as head of the department to which I am attached should know exactly what the situation is. My

greatest worry of course is The History. The fact that I have been progressing so slowly was largely due to a chronic fatigue, caused by ill-health. It is perfectly obvious that I shall not live long enough to write the eight volumes that I had originally planned and this is why I would like to make a suggestion to you and would be anxious to hear your opinion on the subject.

What I thought was, that from Volume IV on we should make the book a co-operative undertaking, similar to Singer's History of Technology.³ Volume II I will finish this year anyway and Volume III the Mediaeval Volume, I may also be able to write entirely myself as I did a great deal of research in mediaeval medicine, western as well as eastern. But from Volume IV we could very well have a book continuing along the pattern established before, but with a number of co-workers.

We have excellent people in America who could take over entire chapters or sections, Temkin, Edelstein, Ackerknecht, Geneviève Miller, Ilza Veith, Lloyd Stevenson to mention only a few who are closest to me, and there are some excellent younger people in Europe who could also be asked to contribute.⁴ Such an arrangement would have the great advantage that the completion of the eight volumes would be secured in a relatively short time.

I think we all agree that a detailed, fully annotated History is highly desirable. It is needed not only in the English-speaking world but also here, and German and Italian translations of Volume I are being made at the moment. We have several excellent one- and two-volume books but we need a detailed account and I am sure we have the people to carry such an undertaking out successfully. Perhaps you would join me as editor of the whole and if you like the idea I would work out a programme for the next six volumes that we could discuss when we meet in September. If the plan appeals to you, you may also be able to talk about it informally with the people of the Oxford Press. I should think that for the publisher this would be a very satisfactory solution, as he could bring out the whole book in let us say five or six years.

Of course I am sorry to be forced to alter a plan that has been so close to my heart for so many years, but as I said before, we must be realistic in the matter. You and I may have a few more years to live, probably not so very many, and we must make the best use of them and plan in such a way that the work will continue when we are no longer here.

I hope that I may count on receiving my stipend until March 30th 1956 as we agreed upon. By that time, if I am still alive I may be able to manage in some other way.⁵

I am sure you will not misunderstand me, but I felt that I had to tell you quite frankly what the situation is so that together we might find what the best policy for the future might be.

Looking forward to seeing you in the autumn and having a good heart to heart talk with you, I am,

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ "Angina" pectoris.

² Ciba: A Swiss pharmaceutical company which later became Ciba-Geigy and Novartis.

³ (Singer 1954-84), the first five volumes are by Singer and co-authors, the last two volumes without Singer's name.

⁴ Temkin see letter 245. Edelstein see letter 576. Ackerknecht see letter 342. Miller see letter 181. Veith see letter 435. Stevenson see letter 527.

⁵ “I may be able to manage in some other way“ [after 1956]: S. may have thought of his maternal heritage in view of his mother’s age and poor health. The contents of this letter have been published in (Sigerist 1954)

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 18 May 1954

My dear Henry,

Yours of the thirteenth is just here, saying that you have been admitted as an F.R.C.P. in absentia; I am very glad you did not have the strain of making the trip to London.¹

It was thoughtful of you to write in such candour about your health because I had surmised, reading between the lines of your various letters, that things were not going too well. Your Zurich physician has done well by you, and while the diet - I suppose saltless - is rather irksome it has worked well in my case for I have taken off twenty-five pounds and in the process my systolic pressure has dropped from over 200 to a resting level of 140-150. It goes up[,] however[,] when something irritates me, so I try to avoid such situations. I am sure you will become adjusted on your diet and be able to work effectively.

We must, however, be realistic about the situation, and your suggestion about the future volumes of the history seems to me very much to the point. Volume II will be off your hands shortly, and I am sure that volume II [sic], covering the mediaeval field which you know so well, will not be too much of a tax on your strength.² The idea of having the later volumes done under your direction with the aid of a group of co-workers certainly should appeal to those whom you mention, i.e., Temkin, Edelstein, Ackerknecht, Genevieve Miller, Ilza Veith, Lloyd Stevenson, etc.³ You have no more loyal group of supporters than these, and I am sure they will rally round if you propose it. As far as I am concerned I will co-operate in any way that you suggest, but I know my limitations and I can perhaps be most helpful in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries, the periods in which I know the literature the best. We can discuss all this when I see you at Pura in September.

There will be no difficulty about your stipend continuing until 30 March 1956, unless either the Rockefeller or the Whitney Foundation go back on what I regard as a solemn agreement. I shall remind them in due course.

Being a congenital [sic] optimist I cannot look upon our difficulties with too much worry, for the good Lord will polish us off when it seems appropriate, and I have a hunch that both of us will go on much longer than the cardiac pessimists would predict. In any case, I am looking forward to having that ‘heart-to-heart’ talk with you. I don’t think you are making a pun when you use that phrase, but being a light-hearted fellow I can’t resist throwing it back at you !

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ F.R.C.P.: Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

² The medieval field was planned for volume III.

³ For the six potential co-authors mentioned see letter 619.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 May 1954

My dear Henry:

I have just been looking over the January-March number of the Archives Internationales d'Histoire des Sciences and I discover that Bainton and I have joined the conclave of distinguished scholars, of which you are one - and there are a good many others - who have been attacked by Frans Jonckheere.¹ I am given rather more of a tongue-lashing than Bainton, and I thought you would be amused after what Jonckheere did to you a year or so ago. He must be a very unpleasant fellow, and what a relief it is to read the calm, judicious appraisals of people like Pagel and Wickersheimer.² Please don't trouble to acknowledge this.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Bainton see letter 579. Jonckheere see letter 513.

² Pagel, W. see letter 491. Wickersheimer see letter 512.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 10 June 1954

My dear John,

I have not written you for a very long time, but my secretary was away on a two weeks holiday in Sicily. Now she has just come back and I hasten to answer your many epistles. First of all I wish to thank you for the very charming Menu of the Association Dinner with the autographs of so many of my old friends.¹ Then I want to congratulate you most cordially on the great success of the New Haven meeting, I had reports from very many quarters and everybody who attended the meeting said that it was one of the best that had ever been held in many years. I had no doubt that this would be the case as I know how well you organise such affairs. Corner's „pregnancy“ was really priceless and I am sure that Detroit will receive the Association very well next year.² I read your diary with the greatest interest and it made me feel that I had been present at the meeting, which I wish would have been the case.³

The Greek Tour seems to be definitely off as there will not be enough members to participate. But Greece will still be there and we may go on a Tour some other year. I plan to meet Charles Singer in Naples a few days before the meeting and it would be nice if you could be there also.⁴ Singer wants to sail from England to Naples directly and I shall be joining him with Geneviève Miller and Ilza Veith.⁵

I envy you for having lost so much weight. I lost 10 lbs in two weeks but then my old Officers Training School came to Pura for three days and we had a number of American visitors as a result of which I gained a good many lbs. back.

You enquire about the new English edition of The Great Doctors. Schuman had a contract with the German publisher to do it and practically everything was settled, but you know by now what that Aberlard [sic] Publisher is like.⁶ They are not going to do the book and we shall have to wait until somebody else takes it over.

Most important, however to me, is that you approve of my idea of having the History of Medicine written not by myself alone, but by a group of people. I feel very much relieved because this really is the only way out of a difficult situation. The task is just too big for a man who undertook it as late as I did. I would suggest that you join me as editor of the whole project and that we make it one of your department as it actually always has been. I was very much discouraged because I realised that I would never be able to complete the work, but now I am most enthusiastic and eager to write many chapters of the book. I wish you would do one thing. Should you go to New York in the near future would you go and see the people at the Oxford Press and tell them of the situation. I think it would be easier by word of mouth than in writing. They should be pleased because they should realise that in this way the whole book will be completed in about four to five years. As a matter of fact I am so enthusiastic that I would like another scheme to materialize, namely the Sociology of Medicine in four volumes that I had planned for many years, but would never be able to write by myself alone.⁷ I have however, a very splendid group of former students who would gladly co-operate. Mention this to the Press also and of course I shall be glad to write them about details. When we meet in September I shall have a complete outline ready for both projects and as soon as we agree on it we will approach the various people involved. I do not foresee any difficulty, we have a very fine group in America and we can call upon some European scholars to fill in gaps.

With warm regards, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ “Association“, American, of the History of Medicine; it held its annual meeting in New Haven under the presidency of F.

² Corner’s “pregnancy“ see letter 618.

³ “Your diary“: F. had sent S. a copy of the pages of his diary describing the AAHM Meeting in New Haven.

⁴ Singer see letter 93.

⁵ Miller see letter 181. Veith see letter 435.

⁶ Abelard Publisher.

⁷ It should be remembered that S. died in 1957, that volume II of his *History* was published posthumously, and that the planned volumes III-VIII of the *History* and the four volumes *Sociology of Medicine* did not materialize.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 11 June 1954

My dear John,

In my yesterday's letter I forgot to congratulate you upon having joined the distinguished ranks of people attacked by Jonckheere.¹ You probably saw his onslaught on Chauncey. He must be a thoroughly unpleasant person and we shall have the pleasure of meeting him in Rome.

As ever,

Yours,

[Henry]

¹ Jonckheere see letter 513. "Chauncey" Leake, see letter 53.; he had published on Ancient Egyptian Medicine.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 17 June 1954

My dear Henry:

I am so pleased to have your letter of 10 June which brings me up to date with your recent activities and plans. It arrived just after I returned from the Conference on Teaching Medical History which was held in Baltimore, a conference which, I may say, turned out to be a very great success even though we were all - especially Shryock and Temkin - somewhat worried about beforehand.¹ There was good esprit de corps, and some excellent discussion in which Owsei really quite distinguished himself. He stuck pins into the pompous, and helped to bring out the best in those who were faint of heart, but I hasten to say that there weren't many in the latter category. Naturally, you were referred to many times, always in terms of warmth and affection; by now you will probably have received the list of signatures of the principal participants.

I consulted with Radbill about the Greek Tour, and I'm afraid it is definitely off for this year chiefly because - I think - of financial reasons, so the travel agency is being informed accordingly.² It was a grand idea, and I hope we can do it sometime in the future. I forgot to say that I had news of you yesterday morning from Dorothy Schullian who sent a most excellent photograph of you and herself taken together, and one of you and Gino [sic] Belloni.³ Dorothy certainly looks robust and well, and I may say that you do also.

You mentioned the possibility of my joining you and Charles Singer in Naples upon his arrival there; if possible, I should very much like to do so but I shall talk to you about this further when I see you at Pura.⁴ At that time we can also talk further about the plans for your History. I like your general outline for the main project, and you can count on me to help in any way possible, even to assuming some of the editorial responsibility if that really seems indicated. However, the book is your inspiration and it should remain so even though I had the great privilege of writing the preface for the first volume. The idea of sometime preparing

a four volume work on the sociology of medicine is also a good one, and no one could do it with more authority than you, but I don't think this is the time to mention it to any of the Foundations or even to the publishers because of the responsibilities to which we are already committed in connection with your main project. To mention it now to either Alan Gregg or Jock Whitney would, I am sure, hurt your chances for continuance next year very seriously, and it would ruin any possibility of obtaining further funds from those sources for renewal after 1955.*⁵ Forgive me for being blunt, but I am sure this is in your best interests.

The next time I am in New York I shall have a chat with the Oxford Press people about the main History.

I am in the throes of all the last minute things that happen before one sails, and am getting into a bit of a spin as there are only four weeks to go. By the way, if you have put anything down for your Annual Report, send it along as soon as possible because I am just finishing mine; I'm planning on making it somewhat shorter this year than the first two as people have been pulling my leg about publishing lengthy and costly Reports from my tiny Department. So you see, we all get jumped on now and again for our special enthusiasms - but I guess it won't hurt us !

All the best,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

* As you know both Foundations have indicated that the present grant was terminal.

¹ Shryock see letter 403. Temkin, Owsei see letter 245.

² Radbill see letter 535.

³ Schullian see letter 464. Belloni, Luigi see letter 552.

⁴ Singer see letter 93.

⁵ Gregg see letter 403. Whitney see letter 416.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 30 June 1954

My dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of 17th June. I hope that you received my annual report in the meantime and that it did not reach you too late.¹ Shryock sent me a programme of the Conference that was held on the teaching of medical history in Baltimore with the signatures of all the participants and I must say that it made me feel quite homesick for America because these are all names of old friends.² I hear from all sides that the conference was a great success and I am very glad for Shryock[,] and Temkin certainly went to great trouble to prepare it and to make it successful. I was also pleased to see that our printer, First was printing the same kind of attractive programmes that we used to have in the past.

I am quite glad that the Greek Tour is off, because I have so much work this summer that I would have found it difficult to take so much time off. Maybe we can carry it through some other year, and a participant would get a great deal of inspiration from such a tour for an

amount of money that is not exorbitant. At any rate I am looking forward to seeing you in Pura, Ilza Veith, Geneviève and Henry Schuman will be here too, so that we shall have some very pleasant days as well as, I hope, meals that I will cook myself.³

It was nice of Dorothy Schullian to send you the photos. I had a very pleasant day with her at Belloni's place in Milan. I saw Dorothy several times since she has been in Europe. She is an excellent worker who would be most valuable to any department of medical history.

You are perfectly right with the Sociology of Medicine. There is no point in mentioning it now although I am working on a plan that can be submitted to a publisher when the time comes. No such book has ever been written, I am sure it would have a good reception and could count on a number of translations. We shall talk about it when you come to Pura.

I am well aware that my stipend ends on the 31st March, 1956 and that the grants of the Whitney Fund as well as the Rockefeller Foundation were final ones. I do not expect any money from America after that time since the Foundations have been extremely generous and have received very little so far in return. I have no doubt, however, that I can make a living after 1956 in some way or other, I may get a part time appointment in one of the Swiss Universities. Basle has just appointed a commission of eight full Professors to study the future of medical history in the University. I do not want to stand in the way of Buess who is not in any way brilliant but is an honest worker, but some kind of co-operation might be arranged.⁴ I can make some money writing moreover. Grosse Aerzte will bring in the equivalent of about \$ 2500. The publisher of Man and Medicine (Einführung in die Medizin) wants a new edition which I can prepare without too much trouble and which will also bring in some money and besides the older we get the smaller our material needs are.⁵

Thanks for the carbon copy of your letter to Reddy.⁶ I shall write him one of these days and shall refer to your letter.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Annual Report (Fulton 1954a).

² Shryock, Temkin, Schullian, Belloni see letter 624.

³ Veith see letter 435. Genevieve Miller see letter 181. Schuman see letter 261. "Meals that I will cook myself": S. was a hobby cook.

⁴ Buess see letter 497.

⁵ *Grosse Aerzte* (Sigerist 1933a). *Man and Medicine* (Sigerist 1932).

⁶ Reddy see letter 421.

My dear Henry:

Your Annual Report arrived promptly on the 29th and we were able to include it in the final text of our general report which I took yesterday to the President's office so that it would be there on the 30th.¹ We didn't take many liberties with your report except to make it sound a little less sepulchral because I don't think it would be in your best interests to make too much in the way of public reference to your health just at this time. Those who are close to

you naturally want to know about it, and following your good precedent I have made no bones about my cardiac difficulties to my friends; but if knowledge of such things becomes too widespread the heartless foundations won't give us support. I had intended a year or so ago to make application to the Ford foundation but I didn't think it wise to do so when I was in poor shape as I was last year. However, I don't believe now that anything is likely to happen to me in the immediate future so I have approached them informally. There has been an expression of interest, but I don't know what the outcome will be; I shall keep you posted.

Meanwhile, my thanks again for getting the Report in so promptly.

Devotedly always

John

¹ Annual Report (Fulton 1954a).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 2 July 1954

My dear Henry:

As you may have noticed in the Journal recently, I have been trying to find out what is going on in the field of medical history in the various satellite countries, and I have had pretty good luck with Poland and Czechoslovakia.¹ I know that you are probably fully informed about the key personalities, but I have tried to refrain from bothering you. I am now turning my attention to Yugoslavia and have just come across that engaging account which you wrote in 1939 about the International Congress of the History of Medicine.² Fifteen years have passed since then but as I know you were planning to give some lectures there this year, you must know who the active people are and to whom I might profitably write for recent literature. Could your secretary jot them down for me with their addresses if possible?

Although you haven't been there (or have you?) for fifteen years, what is your general feeling about their present standards of medical education, and has there not been under Tito much more active support for medical research than in the pre-war years?³ Do you know of any recent publications in any of the Western languages on Yugoslav medicine? I may have written you that I have a very attractive Yugoslav fellow, Ljubodrag Mihailovic, working here but he doesn't know the historians. He is, however, very helpful in translating Serbo-Croatian for me, and if there are any good historical things in Yugoslavian I could, of course, appeal to him.

You are a great fellow for having your books translated into many languages, but I am indecently pleased over the fact that both my Physiology of the Nervous System and the new edition of our Textbook of Physiology, now in press, are being translated into Croatian!⁴ I shall probably have to learn the language in self-defence and it depresses me to think that you probably speak it fluently!⁵

All the best,
Devotedly always,
John

¹ “Journal“ of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences. Satellite countries: The Communist Countries of Eastern Europe 1945-1989.

² S.’s account: (Sigerist 1939c).

³ Josip Broz Tito (1882-1980) Dictator of Yugoslavia 1945-1980.

⁴ F.’s translated textbooks: (Howell/Fulton 1949), Fulton 1938b).

⁵ Sigerist spoke Russian, but not Croatian.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 6 July 1954

My dear Henry,

I am so pleased to have yours of the thirteenth.¹ I have already acknowledged your annual report which arrived on the twenty-ninth, and I was able to take our final report, including yours, over to the President’s Office on the thirtieth as I have already written you.²

With you, I am relieved about the Greek tour because I could not possibly do it this year for reasons which you fully understand. I am now looking forward to seeing you at Pura and with this I enclose a slip indicating our addresses during the next two or three months, first at London, later at Paris and Rome, so that you will know where to reach us.

I am glad you took my comments about the proposal for the project on Sociology of Medicine so understandingly.³ It is a fine thing but at the moment I think it wiser not to talk about it officially. As far as other grants go, let’s leave that to the future. I am always an optimist when the cause is good. Incidentally, I share you [sic] view about Buess; he will not exactly set the Thames afire, but he is a very good man whom I think we should both back solidly.⁴ The landscape which he envisions is not large, but it is firm.

At the moment I am in a stew trying to finish up all the odds and ends before departing. Thieme Verlag of Stuttgart has inveigled me into doing sixteen-age [sic] printed papers on both Cushing and Sherrington for their forthcoming volume, Lebensbilder grosser Nervenärzte.⁵ Being a weak-minded soul I agreed to do this nearly a year ago, and the deadline comes within a day or two. Of course the problem is not too difficult in terms of substance, but to produce something for a continental audience that is worthy of the two men who inspired me more than any others taxes my resourcefulness. I marvel how you turn things out with seemingly so little effort. I balked at doing them in German, which of course you wouldn’t have done, but they have agreed to translate them for me.

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,
John

¹ Correct: Letter of the thirtieth.

² Annual Report: (Fulton 1954a).

³ Sociology of Medicine see letter 622.

⁴ Buess see letter 497.

⁵ Cushing see letter 40. Sherrington see letter 110. *Lebensbilder* with F.'s contribution (Kolle 1956).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 8 July 1954

My dear John,

Thanks for your letters of the 1st and 2nd July. I am in close touch with the Yugoslav medical historians and you will not have any difficulty in getting all the information you need. The two chief men in the field are:

Dr. Zdenko Löwenthal,
Podgoricka 5,
Beograd, Yugoslavia.

and Dr. Mirko Drazen Grmek,
Prilaz Yug. Armje 43,
Zagreb, Yugoslavia.¹

Important also is Prof. A. Stampar,
School of Public Health
Mirogojska cesta 4,
Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

an old friend of mine who is President of the Academy of Science, Director of the School of Public Health and Dean of the Medical School in Zagreb. Since you read my article you will remember that I mention him.² I saw him a few weeks ago in Geneva as he still plays an important part in WHO of which he was its interim director.³ He is a warm friend of medical history and if I remember correctly has created a section of medical history within the academy of science. I would advise you to ask Dr. Löwenthal to write you an article on the present condition of medical history in the country as he is probably the best informed man on the subject. He is editor of the chief medical journal of the country and if I remember correctly also secretary of the Association of Medical Societies. He is a very nice fellow, a good historian and came to see me in Pura last year. I think he would be the best man for such a survey article.

Dr. Grmek is a younger man who has just become Privatdozent for medical history in Zagreb. He has recently written a book on Baglivi and a number of very good papers.⁴ Both he and Löwenthal will be at the Congress in Rome.

I was invited to spend a few weeks in Yugoslavia this year to give eight lectures in the four Universities, one each on medical history and one on social medicine. They wanted me to study their system of social [medicine] and have conferences with the government about it, but I had to postpone the tour as I felt that I should keep very quiet this summer so as to be fit

for the Rome Congress and I hope to be well enough next year to undertake this and several other tours on which I have been invited.

None of my books has ever been translated into Serbo-Croatian and I think it is a great tribute to you that [two] of your books will be translated into that language.⁵ I do not speak it although I understand a good deal and manage to read [?] the newspapers, but mostly on account of my knowledge of Russian.

At this moment Emmy is in the air on her way to the States, otherwise she would have joined me in sending you warm wishes.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Both Löwenthal and Grmek later emigrated to Switzerland and France, respectively.

² “Since you read my article”: (Sigerist 1939c).

³ WHO: World Health Organization, Geneva.

⁴ Baglivi see letter 139.

⁵ “Your books will be translateed“ see letter 627.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 13 July 1954

My dear Henry:

Thank you so much for yours of the 8th replying so promptly to my enquiry about medical historians in Yugoslavia. The information is most helpful. Grmek I knew about because of some exchanges I had with him some months ago when I reviewed his life of Santorio, but I did not know about Löwenthal and Stampar and I hope to get in touch with them immediately.¹

I am delighted to hear that you are saving your energy for the Rome Congress, and I shall try to do likewise; I may end up reading my paper on Priestley after all because they want something that can be read in exactly fifteen minutes and my present text would take more nearly thirty minutes, and I would rather cut it down myself than let someone else do

it - I am sure you know the feeling !²

If you are definitely going to be in Rome, I may not take the extra trip to Pura as I had planned, but this we can discuss later when we are both more clear about our plans. I enclose my mailing addresses, but in any case I shall write you soon after we reach the Mayfair.³

All the best, and many thanks again,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Grmek, Löwenthal, Stampar see letter 629. Santorio Santorio (1561-1636) Italian physician.

² Priestley see letter 21.

³ Mailing addresses: In London, Paris, Rome.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 19 August 1954

Dear John,

I am afraid that I never answered your last letter, but I waited until my plans would be more definite. Early in September I expect Genevieve Miller, Ilza Veith and a few others in Pura and we shall probably go to Rome together so as to be there on the 12th.¹

The Serpasil treatment has done me a lot of good and I do not hesitate to make the trip to Rome and Salerno.² I sent in an abstract of my report but the report itself is not written yet.

Otherwise little happened here. Emmy is coming back from America on the first September. I am sending Mackintosh the manuscript of the Heath Clark lectures at long last.³ There were a few difficulties which much delayed the work. The story of the Regimen Sanitatis Salernitanum is by no means clear inspite of the enormous literature written on the subject.⁴

Everything else by word of mouth. You know that I am always delighted to see you in Pura, but if it is inconvenient for you to come we can spend an evening together in Rome.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Miller see letter 181. Veith see letter 435.

² Serpasil treatment see letter 619.

³ Manuscript of Heath Clark lectures (Sigerist 1956). Mackintosh see letter 580.

⁴ Regimen Sanitatis Salernitanum: Medieval health poem, a classic text of the history of medicine.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 22 August 1954

My dear Henry

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th telling of your plans for September. Lucia and I would love to come to Pura, but if you are definitely coming to Rome I am sure it will save time for both of us to have an evening together in Rome[.]¹ Tell Genevieve and Ilza that I am keenly looking forward to seeing them - Lucia also - because she is as fond of them as I am.² I am glad that Serpasil has done so much for you; my fibrillation continues but the adjustment is good with plenty of digitoxin and I am no longer short of breath unless I run for a bus, or try to go upstairs too fast in the Louvre.³

It is good news that your Heath Clark MS is off - it is always a nuisance to have something of the sort hanging over one.⁴ You relieve me much when you write that the Regimen is even not clear to you.⁵ I tried to cope [?] with Salerno in my lecture last year on the Hist. of Medical Education, and there seemed to be so little in the literature that was

factual, but I tried to restore [?] Trotula as an historic figure for she is about the only Salernitan figure who seems not to be entirely legendary.⁶

At the moment I am fussing over my Centennial Address at Emory University on 6 October.⁷ They assured me that it was not to [be] published and now two days ago “could you let me have the text of your address for publication in the Emory Quarterly - have it not later than Sept. 1st“ ! Blast these [?] people - I am here on a holiday. Fortunately I had the MS with me unfinished, but now, damn them, it is finished and I won’t [?] have it hanging over me. This is something I accepted nearly two years ago - so I felt I must do it. Oh yes, and under pressure of the people in Rome I am reading my paper after all, because they threatened to have it read by some American official !! But I feel so much better on all counts that the prospect does not worry me. Lucia will be out at Ostia !⁸

All the best

Yours ever

John

¹ Lucia Fulton.

² Genevieve Miller and Ilza Veith.

³ Digitoxin: Drug against cardiac insufficiency.

⁴ (Sigerist 1956).

⁵ Regimen see letter 631.

⁶ Salerno: School of medicine around 1000 AD. Trotula (of Salerno): Female medical teacher and author.

⁷ Emory address (Fulton 1954b).

⁸ Ostia: Ancient port of Rome.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 4 October 1954

My dear John,

Thank you very much for the copy of the letter to Henry Schuman.¹ I feel so sorry for him. He was always so full of enthusiasm and plans, and now the poor devil doesn’t know where to turn. There should be no difficulty whatsoever to get an American edition of the Great Doctors. The book has been out of print for almost twenty years, and as it may be used as a student text book it would be certain to have a gook [sic] sale for a good many years. Ilza Veith told me that the Chicago University Press would be interested in having the book.² I shall write to the German publisher to find out whether he has any comittments [sic], if not Ilza may approach the Chicago Press. That kind of book does not need any kind of subsidy at all.

It was a great pleasure to see you and Lucia in Italy and to find you in such excellent shape, much better than a few years ago.³ I am glad you did not come to Salerno because the meetings were held in the Town Hall and in order to get to the lecture hall one had to climb a few hundred very steep steps. It was too much for me and I skipped most of the meetings. The excursion to Paestum, however, was very beautiful.⁴ We went there in the late afternoon and saw the sunset through [?] the temple of Ceres. At the end most of us were completely exhausted [...] went with Genevieve and her mother and Ilza Veith to Ravello [...] four

delightful, very quiet days recovering from the exertions of the Congress.⁵ Ravello is an enchanting spot about 1000 feet above sea level with a beautiful view on the Mediterranean coast. It has 1500 inhabitants today and had 25 000 in the Middle Ages. Genevieve and her mother are at Pura at the moment. They rented a car and took a trip all through Switzerland. I had to spend a few days in Basle and Zürich to help my sister in liquidating my mother's estate.⁶ I am back now and hope to have a quiet autumn and winter so as to get along more rapidly with my work. I shall write you about it in more detail in one of my next letters.

Please remember me to Lucia, it was so good to see her again, and with warm regards to yourself, I am,

Yours as ever

[Henry]

¹ Schuman see letter 262. In his letter to Schumann F. wrote "I saw Henry [S.] in Rome and he was in fine form; he gave two most excellent papers"; and in the copy to S. he added "It was wonderful seeing you in Rome and looking so well". Miller and Veith see S. to F. of¹ February 1940

² Veith see letter 435.

³ Lucia Fulton.

⁴ Paestum: Site of three Greek temples south of Salerno. Ceres (Demeter): Greek goddess of grain and agriculture.

⁵ Genevieve Miller.

⁶ "Liquidating my mother's estate": S.'s mother had died on 3 September in Basel, an emotional strain for S.; to his sister he then said „It will soon be our turn“.

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Erica Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 21 October 1954

Dear Dr. Fulton,

This is to tell you that my father has been in hospital in Lugano since Monday 18th October. His right side is paralyzed and he cannot speak. His condition has remained unchanged for three days now.

Mother remains at the hospital day and night.

Yours

Erica Sigerist

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Fulton to Erica Sigerist, New Haven ?, around 25 October 1954 (telegram)

DEEPLY DISTRESSED YOUR FATHER HAD A SUDDEN ILLNESS, WE
EARNESTLY HOPE FOR RECOVERY. PLEASE KEEP US POSTED.

JOHN FULTON

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Sigerist's secretary to Fulton, Pura, 27 October 1954

Dear Dr. Fulton,

I am writing this on behalf of Mrs. Sigerist who would like to thank you very much for your kind telegram. It was transferred to her at the clinic, since her daughter Erica is no longer at "Casa Serena" but had to take her work up again in Geneva.¹

I am afraid there is not much to report on Dr. Sigerist's condition. It has remained much the same throughout the week, but if anything he is slightly better and can now say a few words occasionally. We will keep you informed of any further changes.²

Yours sincerely,

Phyllis H. Arnold (Secretary)³

¹ Erica was librarian at the World Health Organization's library in Geneva.

² This was the end of the first week of S.'s post-apoplectic condition.

³ Phyllis Arnold was S.'s new secretary from England, succeeding Eva Stiasny.

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*Fulton to friends and colleagues, New Haven, 3 November 1954 (excerpt from copy)*¹

My dear

Once again I send a Christmas letter to former Fellows, associates, and friends of the old Laboratory of Physiology, the Historical Library, and the Department of the History of Medicine. I look forward to preparing this letter because it always evokes cheerful responses, which Lucia and I particularly appreciate, from so many old friends.

Let me first answer the enquiries several of you have made about the state of my health.

Nothing pleases me more than to have heartening reports of the state of physiology and neurology. ...

There are no physical changes in the Historical Library, but a great deal of activity. During 6-8 May the American Association of the History of Medicine had its annual meeting in the Library since this was the second and final year of my presidency. The Association was founded in 1925 but had never before met at Yale.

During the year we have had an enthusiastic group of students interested in medical history who have kept us on our toes.

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....

Lucia and I had a particularly good summer. We sailed for Europe on the *Queen Elizabeth* We remained in London nearly a month, enjoying pleasant times with many old and hospitable friends. In Oxford I did see Pat Liddell's new physiology laboratory which is superbly planned I don't know when I have been so enthusiastic about anything.

We made a short trip to Paris at a time when unpleasant political issues loomed large, but we had a chance to motor down to the Touraine

We next flew to Rome where we spent nearly a month awaiting the XIVth International Congress of the History of Medicine.

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The polio and pharmacology congresses preceded that on the history of medicine and we went to Castel Gandolfo with the polio members for a formal [papal] audience.

There were delegates from almost every European country, including Russia, at the congress on medical history and a goodly company from the United States, all of whom were glad to see Henry Sigerist but sadly missed Dr. Arturo Castiglioni.

I brought back many new ideas for the teaching of medical history from the experiences of the summer.

With warm greetings for Christmas, in which Lucia joins, and all the best in the new year,
Cordially yours,
(From John F. Fulton)

¹ This multi-page collective letter has been condensed in a way as to supplement the letters exchanged between F. and S.

My dear Henry:

Your friends - and you have so many - here and elsewhere have been concerned about your recent illness, but we are all thrilled by the good reports which have been coming during the last few days concerning your recovery. I have been in touch with Erica, also with Nora in New York, and it is clear that you are on the mend, but for the time being I earnestly hope that you will not worry about the History.¹ In due course you will be at it again, and as you know from our conversations in Rome, we are all ready to pitch in and lend a hand if you so desire.

I haven't much news except that I haven't been exactly idle since returning. Interest in the history of medicine among the students is really quite lively, and I am giving a series of general lectures every Thursday to which the response has been quite good. Two weeks ago I persuaded a most attractive fellow named Malcolm Parhad from Baghdad, a neurosurgeon and medical historian, to speak on Mesopotamian medicine because his knowledge is, of course, first-hand. He had a touch of that mystical quality which seems to characterize Persian scholars; he had read your chapters on Mesopotamian medicine and wondered how anyone who is not from the land of Ur and Babylon could have done them so well!²

Lucia and I are going down to the meeting of the Philosophical next week, and we shall be thinking of you when we hear all the papers on outlandish subjects.³

Our love to you both,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ Daughters Erica and Nora Sigerist. "History": S.'s *History of Medicine*.

² (Sigerist 1951a).

³ Lucia Fulton. "Philosophical" Society, American.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 4 December 1954

My dear Henry:

We are all thrilled at the fine reports of your progress and I trust that by now you are sitting up and thoroughly enjoying yourself. I envy you being able to overlook Lugano, but I suspect that before you know it you will be back at Casa Serena in surroundings that are so much more congenial than a hospital room can ever be.

The news here is not exactly exciting except for the appointment of my Rhodes Scholar friend, John Harlan, to the Supreme Court.¹ He is an outspoken liberal and will be a very congenial colleague for Felix Frankfurter.² I continue to be a faithful attendant of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study.³ We had a meeting of the Academic Committee of the Board last week in Princeton, and are having a full Board meeting in New York on Monday. It takes more time than I like to give but Wilmarth Lewis is also a member, and he and I have to keep Robert Oppenheimer from the pack of vultures who are trying to do him down.⁴ Another thing I know will please you is that at long last McCarthy has been roundly censured by his colleagues in the Senate, and I think he will now cease to be the menace that he has been in the past.⁵

The latest number of *J. Hist. Med.* has just appeared and you will be seeing it in due course. Another number is in press for January which contains a good many items of interest.

As usual, I have written a Christmas Letter for former Fellows and a few close friends, such as yourself, and I enclose a copy herewith.⁶ I had intended to send you a copy last week but I don't think it was mailed.

All the best,
Yours ever,
John

Much love to Emmy

¹ John M. Harlan (1899-1971).

² Felix Frankfurter (1882-1965).

³ Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, NJ, founded in 1930.

⁴ Lewis see letter 333. Oppenheimer see letter 380.

⁵ McCarthy see letter 440.

⁶ Christmas Letter see letter 637.

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*Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 8 January 1955*¹

Dear John,

Hallo ! I am resuscitated and I am going home next week. My leg is doing fine, my arm is doing well also, though not too well. I have still difficulty in finding words. When I write or dictate my speech is very fluent.

How are you ? I did not hear from you for some time, I am worried and afraid that something might have happened to you.²

I shall write again soon, meanwhile I am

Yours cordially,
[Henry]

¹ The letter was written at Clinica Sant Anna in Lugano.

² S.'s worries may be part of his illness since F.'s last of three letters was of 4 December 1954.

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*Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 14 January 1955*¹

My dear Henry:

We are all simply delighted to have your letter of the 8th, dictated by you, and signed in your own good hand.² This is the best news that we could possibly have, and I trust that when you receive this note you will be back at Casa Serena with Emmy and your books.

You asked about my health; I am not running marathons before breakfast, and had a touch of flu just before Christmas, but otherwise all goes well. The asthma and diabetes are well

under control, and while I still fibrillate, I come into the office every morning at 8 and stay until noon, and occasionally come back in the afternoon to lecture.

We all join in sending warmest greetings.

Yours ever,

John

¹ S. had returned home on 13 January after almost three months in hospital.

² At that time S.'s signature still showed signs of impaired motor functions.

³ Emmy Sigerist.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 21 January 1955

My dear Henry:

As I wrote you the other day, we were all so pleased to have that nice letter from you, and I hope it means that from now on we shall be in active touch. However, I don't want you to feel obliged to write except when there is something important to report. We had a fine lecture yesterday by Max Taffel on the history of abdominal surgery.¹ He carried us from the Breasted Papyrus to the most recent developments of Chicago and A.M.A. abdominal surgery, doing it very skilfully.² Next week we are having a lecture by Bert Anderson on the history of dental surgery.³ The sessions are very well attended; indeed, there were more than fifty yesterday and I felt much gratified.

Since you are a member of our Department, I like to keep you informed about these things.

With warm greetings to you both in which Lucia joins,

Yours ever devotedly

John

¹ Max Taffel (1909-2003) Yale surgeon.

² Breasted see letter 476.. A.M.A.: American Medical Association.

³ Bert G. Anderson: Yale dental surgeon.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 26 January 1955

My dear John,

For more than a week I have been at home, and I need not tell you how happy I am. My doctors are forbidding me to climb stairs, so that I am going to live on the first floor as soon as a bathroom has been built. The workmen are busy, and there is every prospect that I will be

moving in soon. This has the advantage that I have two rooms of my own and the veranda and the upper garden.

I am progressing nicely, and I hope to be able to resume my work soon.

With kind regards I am

Yours devotedly,

[Henry]

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 31 January 1955

My dear Henry,

I am so pleased to have another letter from you telling that you are now back at Casa Serena. It is a good thing that they have forbidden you to climb stairs and that you are having a bathroom installed on the first floor. I can visualize it all and I trust before too long that we shall be able to pay you a proper visit.

We have recently had a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, a very good session, thanks to the fact that my *bête noir*, Admiral Strauss, was not present.¹ He was in Washington that day presenting John von Neumann to a Senate Committee as a new member of the Atomic Energy Commission.² Robert Oppenheimer was in fine form, despite all the unpleasantness of the past year.³ We have several new members of the Board, including Perrin Galpin, whom I think you know, and also Lloyd Garrison.⁴

The lectures on the history of surgery, which I mentioned when I last wrote you, are going well. The last one on the history of dentistry by Bert Anderson was particularly good since it presented dentistry as a part of the broad field of medicine.⁵ Bill German is going to tell us this week about the history of neurosurgery.⁶

With warm greetings to you and Emmy,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

¹ See letter 631. Strauss, Lewis L. (1896-1973) Admiral.

² Von Neumann, John (1903-1957) mathematician, formerly member of the Manhattan Project.

³ Oppenheimer see letter 380.

⁴ Galpin, Perrin C. (1889-1973) historian. Garrison, Lloyd K. at Harvard Law School.

⁵ Anderson see letter 642.

⁶ German, William, Yale neurosurgeon, disciple of Cushing.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 February 1955

My dear Henry:

First of all, this is not to be acknowledged ! We have all been delighted to receive that charming note addressed to all your friends in many lands and we are especially heartened by the news that you will be able to resume your work in the near future, - but don't rush it.¹ You must realize that your "friends in many lands" are all prepared to help in any way possible.

I think you know that the American Association of the History of Medicine, which you revived from the grave into which it had sunk, is having its next meeting in Detroit on 12-14 May. We are planning to attend and Elizabeth Thomson, whom you will recall, is reading a paper on the Garrison letters many of which have quite a lot to do with you.²

I have been fussing over a lecture on the influence of disease on history and only wish I could remember all you had to say on this theme in Rome.

With love to Emmy and all the best to you,

Yours ever,
John

¹ "That charming note" of January 1955 read:

"TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN MANY LANDS

who have expressed their love and sympathy during my illness I tender my most heartfelt thanks.

I am home again in Casa Serena and I am able to look forward to a complete recovery, and I hope to resume my work very soon.

Henry E. Sigerist"

² Thomson see letter 436. Garrison see letter 80.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 22 March 1955

My dear John,

I received a telegram that Neuburger passed away on 15th March in Vienna.¹ Would you be good enough to forward the enclosed letter to the son in Buffalo, as I don't know his address. I shall also write [sic] to Brücke the dean of the medical faculty in Vienna, expressing my condolences. Poor Neuburger [sic], he had a hard life ! First with Sudhoff who outshone him and was very aggressive, and then years of exile during the war in London and after the war in Buffalo where he was entirely lost.² It's a blessing that it was possible for him to return to his beloved Vienna where he was deeply rooted.

I resumed my work slowly. I cannot write in longhand fluently and still have some speech difficulty. I am writing a short paper on Como and the Plinii for Genevieve's Bulletin and gradually I hope to be able to resume the work on the History.³

The Pura Conference went off very well. Prof. van der Waerden gave a brilliant lecture. He is teaching mathematics at the University of Zürich, and is an outstanding historian of mathematics and astronomy, and just published an English translation of his book, under the title Science awakening, that you must purchase for the library.⁴ He got an excellent review in the Times Literary Supplement. The book was published originally in Dutch and the German translation has been announced. Then I attended lectures of Dr. Mani, Dr. Lichtenthaeler, and on Sunday of Dr. Huber and Dr. Buess, and joined Dr. Reucker for supper.⁵

I sometimes am discouraged at the slow progress I am making. I would like to resume my full schedule of work, but have to realise that it isn't possible yet.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

[Henry]

¹ Neuburger see letter 136.

² Brücke see letter 368. Sudhoff see letter 43.

³ *Como and the Plinii* and Genevieve Miller's Bulletin (Sigerist 1955b).

⁴ (Van der Waerden 1954).

⁵ Nikolaus Mani (1920-2001) Swiss medical historian, later Ackerknecht's successor at the University of Wisconsin. Fritz Huber, a doctoral student of Buess. Lichtenthaeler see letter 505. Buess and Reucker see letter 497.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 30 March 1955

My dear Henry,

This will acknowledge yours of the twenty-second. As I have written you before, it is always cheering to hear from you and especially so since your illness. I have forwarded your letter to young Dr. Frederick Neuburger in Buffalo.¹ In case you have further occasion to communicate with him, his address is 20 Toledo Street. Neuburger was a warm-hearted fellow, and I was very fond of him since the first time I saw him at the Josephinum in Vienna in 1924.² I am sorry that I saw so little of him while he was in this country.

It is good to know that you are beginning to feel well enough to get back to the History and that you are doing a short paper on Como and the Plinii.³ The title confuses me slightly; sometime when you are writing tell me more about it.

Many thanks for the program of the Pura Conference, which looked extremely interesting, and I only wish I could have been present. I have never met van der Waerden, but I gather from you and others that he is a very impressive fellow.⁴ Buess is a bright lad, and I hope in the course of time he will develop a greater sense of security for when he was here he seemed a little apologetic about his very existence, but he certainly is able.⁵

Don't worry about your slow progress. I think it is really quite amazing how rapidly you have come out of what after all was a rather serious set-back. Don't push yourself, and on good days enjoy that marvellous view over the vineyards from the verandah at Casa Serena.

I went to Philadelphia yesterday for a special meeting of the Publications Committee of the Philosophical, in which we considered I. B. Cohen's new manuscript on Franklin and

Newton, and having made a few suggestions about it the manuscript has landed in my lap and I have to find a publisher, which I don't think should be difficult in view of the subject matter.⁶ Even the Yale Press might consider it !

It may interest you to know that “we“ have just set up an exhibit of our weights and measures which we are having catalogued. We are about to publish one section of the catalogue which is being compiled by a very knowledgeable fellow named Bruno Kisch who I think is the only one in this country in a position to make such a catalogue.⁷ We have been trying to get a catalogue for more than five years, but we hadn't discovered anyone who had the necessary background until one day down at the Philosophical a request for funds from Dr. Bruno Kisch came in to finance a trip abroad to study weights and measures. We voted the necessary sum with the suggestion that he come up and study our collection and he is as excited about it as a boy with a new toy.

All the best, and love to Emmy,

Yours,

John

¹ Frederick Neuburger see letter 646.

² Neuburger (father) see letter 136. Josephinum: Site of the Vienna Institute and Museum of the History of Medicine.

³ “History“: S.'s *A History of Medicine* (Sigerist 1951a.), *Como and the Plinii* (Sigerist 1955b).

⁴ Van der Waerden see letter 646.

⁵ Buess see letter 497.

⁶ “Philosophical“ Society, American. Cohen see letter 380; (Cohen 1956).

⁷ Bruno Kisch (1890-1966) German physiologist, medical historian and collector.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 April 1955

My dear Henry:

It seemed like old times to have a book and reprints from you again, and this is just a line to thank you for sending Die Heilkunst im Dienste der Menschheit and for the various papers including the piece on Castiglioni.¹ I was also glad to have your note on the 400th anniversary of the death of Fracastoro.²

I was in Montreal yesterday for a meeting of the Curators of the Osler Library. Your friend, Wilder Penfield, who has just been made a Curator, was there and he spoke with great enthusiasm of his trip to the isles of the Aegean on his quest for knowledge concerning Hippocrates; he also expressed his gratitude to you for the help you gave him before he departed.³ He has apparently decided that Hippocrates worked at one end of the Island of Cos contrary to previous opinion, but I can't seem to learn which end is which ! Having finished his volume on Abraham, he is now promptly starting forth on Hippocrates. As you will recall, the title of his book on Abraham was No other gods, so we suggested that his Hippocrates might well appear under the title, “One other god.“ But apparently Wilder thought we were just being frivolous.

The Osler Library flourishes. They are erecting a new library building which starts in September and are planning to move the whole Osler Library, lock, stock and barrel, down to the first floor so that students can drift in, as they can here, without having to climb stairs - which I think is a good thing.

All the best,

Yours ever,

John

Love to Emmy

¹ *Die Heilkunst* (Sigerist 1954b). On Castiglioni (Sigerist 1953a).

² On Fracastoro (Sigerist 1953c).

³ Wilder Penfield (1881-1976) neurosurgeon, disciple of Cushing, author; (Penfield 1954).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 12 May 1955

My dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of 20th April. I am glad to know that the Osler Library is thriving and I was glad to have news of Wilder Penfield.¹ He certainly must have had a marvelous trip to the Aegean islands. I read his book on Abraham and am anxious to see what he does with Hippocrates.²

Now you must be back from the Association meeting in Detroit.³ I hope my cable came in time and that the meeting was satisfactory. Whittaker and Ackerknecht produced a good programme.⁴

After a long interruption this week I resumed work on the History and I am not going to do anything else before Volume II is at the publishers.⁵ But it is difficult because I am working under a threefold handicap: firstly I was accustomed to write in longhand, and now I am obliged to dictate; secondly I cannot express myself as well as I used to; and thirdly I have not the books handy in my study the way I used to have, so that the secretary has to fetch me whatever I need. I am afraid I have not much progress to report this year, and you must be patient with me.

What are your plans for the summer ? Shall we have the pleasure of seeing you in Europe ?

With kind regards, and best wishes, I am,

yours as ever,

[Henry]

¹ Penfield see letter 648.

² "Book on Abraham" (Penfield 1954); his book on Hippocrates apparently has not materialized.

³ "Association", American, of the History of Medicine.

⁴ Whittaker, Alfred H., medical historian in Detroit. Ackerknecht see letter 342.

⁵ “Not going to do anything else”: S. published half a dozen more papers and many reviews prior to his death in 1957.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 15 May 1955

My dear Henry,

I hope all is going well with you and that with the spring and the flowers and Pura you have begun to feel more like your old self. At the moment I have begun to think about the Annual Report of the Department, but I don't think you need bother about one this year.¹ I can easily make a brief statement to cover your section. However, if you do wish to write one send it along sometime in June and it can easily be included. Having been away in Boston for two weeks for the usual annual check-up I haven't very much to report, except that I finally concluded that Sam Levine and his twelve apostles at the Brigham were really more interested in blood chlorides than they were in the patient.² They bled me four or five times a day for nearly two weeks for their silly tests and ended up by reaching the conclusion, which I knew already that my thyroid was a bit over-active and that I had some hepatitis, which I suspect is a polite way of telling you that you have a touch of cirrhosis ! They hastened to add that it was circulatory in origin and probably secondary to the period of decompensation which began some two years ago. But it irks me a little because it means that for six months or so I must be pure beverage-wise and stay away from wines and anything distilled. Perhaps you have a touch of cirrhosis too; in this case we can join the same club.

I am going out to UCLA in Los Angeles early in June to be present at a pleasant ceremony arranged by the history club there to receive a John Fulton Medal which has been struck with the idea of having an essay prize each year in the history of science and/or medicine.³ They hope that it will stir up some interest in the history of medicine, so I have become the willing victim. I am flying out with Lucia on the 8th and will be back on the 12th in time for Commencement on the 13th. We sail on the Queen Elizabeth on 13 July, and you will of course be hearing from us when we reach England. As usual, we plan to be at the May Fair for about a month. Then to Paris and northern Italy for a month, during which time we may hop a train to Lugano and drop in on you very briefly if you feel up to seeing me.

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

P.S. This letter was dictated before I received your welcome message of the 12th. I think I have answered most of your questions, and for heaven's sake don't worry about your out-put this year. The main thing is that you have made a perfectly wonderful recovery from a severe set-back, and you must not now feel under pressure, and certainly you must not push yourself.

I am glad to hear that you may be able to [...] off Vol. II but don't push yourself.

J.F.

¹ In the Annual Report 1954-55 (Fulton 1955) S.'s report was written bei F. who mentioned S.'s activities, his illness and recovery.

² Levine see letter 610. "Brigham" Hospital in Boston.

³ UCLA: University of California in Los Angeles.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 21 May 1955

My dear John,

It was excellent news that you are coming to Europe again. Please do include Pura in your trip. It would be such a joy for Emmy and me to see Lucia and you. Please plan to do it, and to give us this pleasure.

I was distressed to hear that you had a touch of hepatitis or rather cirrhosis, and that you must abstain from alcoholic drinks for six months or so. I am in the same boat forever. In addition my doctors prescribed a saltless diet for me. Did I ever tell you that during my illness I lost 26 pounds. This has rejuvenated me, in addition I take Perandren to pep me up - that is an androgenic drug and it works.

When you come you will find me in new quarters. In order to avoid climbing stairs I moved downstairs, had a bathroom built, so that I have my own apartment [sic] and the secretary is working in my old study.

How nice to have a John Fulton medal. I am sure it will stimulate interest in medical history, and I wish you a good trip to California.

By the way did you hear that our friend Jimmy Mackintosh is suffering of an attack of coronary thrombosis ?¹ We certainly are getting old.

I shall avail myself of your generous suggestion not to submit an Annual Report. I am very grateful to you for it. Instead I shall send a list of my publications which have come out during the academic year, and you can work it into your report of the department.²

With best wishes, and looking forward to your visit, I am,

yours ever

[Henry]

¹ Mackintosh see letter 580.

² The Annual Report 1954-55 (Fulton 1955) mentions six publications of S..

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 26 May 1955

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your cordial letter of the 21st. Lucia and I will, of course, come to Pura if you and Emmy feel up to seeing us, but we shall promise not to stay long; a glimpse of you both will do our hearts good.

It is distressing to hear that your physicians are subjecting you to such an austere regime. I have been on a salt-free diet for nearly two years now, but it has not bothered me since I found that potassium salt is almost as good as ordinary salt for seasoning things, and I hope you are using it too because it does not affect the vascular system or the blood pressure. If you do not have it and your physician approves, I shall bring you some when we visit you. Loss of weight helps a lot, as you say. I dropped from 188 to 174 and feel much improved physically, but I had not had the benefit of Perandren. These androgens are amazing substances; they tend to accentuate your normal patterns of behavioral response whether you are a homo or a hetero. An endocrinologist told me an amusing story the other day about a homosexual chap who thought marriage would provide him with social protection because he was beginning to lose his interest in young men anyway; so he took some androgen to pep himself up and no young man in the community was safe for the next six months, and he lost all interest in the idea of matrimony ! Androgens do wonderful things for the ladies too; in accentuating their normal tendencies it makes them practically insatiable.

I had not heard about James Mackintosh's attack; it's bad luck but it doesn't surprise me because he has always been the florid, hypertensive type.¹

Don't worry about your Annual Report, but I shall look forward to receiving your list of publications as usual.

All the best to you both,

Yours ever,

John

P.S. We are entertaining Lord Adrian and Bernardo Houssay over Memorial Day.² Rather quaint bed-fellows, but they are both good neurophysiologists.

¹ Mackintosh see letter 580.

² Edgar D. Adrian (1889-1977) and Bernardo Houssay (1887-1971) neurophysiologists and Nobel laureates.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 13 June 1955

My dear John,

To-day is Yale Commencement and I wish I were with you. I remember that you planned to go with Lucia to California and I hope you had a nice trip.

I was happy to read about the verdict of the Supreme Court concerning John Peter.¹ He put up a brave fight against obscurantism and injustice and plain stupidity. Both the international edition of the New York Times and the Paris edition of the Herald Tribune which I read regularly, had long articles about the case. I shall drop him a line congratulating him. The practice is scandalous that you are not able to confront informers.

I sent in a list of my publications to Madeline and have no comment to make about the draught you wrote concerning me.²

We expect Lucia and you without fail.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ John Peter not identified.

² Madeline Stanton. "The draught you wrote": Annual Report 1954-55 (Fulton 1955).

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 20 June 1955

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for yours of the 13th. This is just a line to tell you that I had a good trip to California and that I was greatly impressed by the group there. The Medical History Society of Los Angeles is a lively organization made up of nearly two hundred members, principally from UCLA but drawn also from the local profession and the University of Southern California. I spoke about the pre-Harveian students of the vascular system with reference particularly to the discovery of the lesser circulation. Many friends, by the way, asked for you and were all greatly pleased by the good news of your recovery.

I have just read that preface of yours to Izquierdo's Montaña - you have given the book a fine and well-deserved send-off.¹

Everything is in hand with regard to the Annual Report.

Yours ever,

John

¹ Izquierdo see letter 67; Preface to Izquierdo (Sigerist 1955c).

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Fulton to Sigerist, London, 16 August 1955

My dear Henry

We are leaving for Paris today and will be at the Regina (2 Place des Pyramides) until 24 Aug when we go to Milan. Would either the 25th or the 26th of August (preferably the 25th) be possible for us to motor up to Pura for a brief visit ? We would plan to go back the same day. Perhaps you would send us a line [?] to the Regina.

All is well here

Yours ever

John

O'Malley is here in London also I Bernard Cohen.¹

¹ O'Malley see letter 443. Cohen see letter 380.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 18 August 1955

My dear John,

It will be a great joy to welcome you in Pura and 25th August is most convenient or 26th. I am looking forward to your visit with impatience.

I had a charming letter from Madeline Stanton in which she announced your visit.¹ I am glad you can come now, because we expect to spend the whole month of September in Zurich, where I will engage in rehabilitation therapy, in order to be my old self again next winter. I shall practise writing, both longhand and typing, have speech lessons with a very good speech trainer, who has been recommended to us. My sister who lives in Basel, has a pied-à-terre in Zurich which she has put at our disposal.² And of course we shall enjoy the theatres and concerts and the whole change.

Looking forward to your visit, I am with love to Lucia and you,

yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ Stanton see letter 183.

² S.'s sister: Marguerite Sigerist Bickel (1894-1974). Pied-à-terre: lodging.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 20 August 1955

My dear Henry

Many thanks for yours of the 18th. Granting we can find a car at Milan, we shall drop in on you shortly after 11 a.m. on the 25th, hoping that you and Emmy of course will feel up to lunching with us either at the Pura inn or in Lugano. We too are most impatient to see you both.

Today we have just been to see Chateau [sic] Chantilly (Musée Condé) and Compiègne and were profoundly impressed especially by Chantilly.¹

All the best

Yours ever

John

¹ Chantilly castle north of Paris; the Condé family were its proprietors in the 17th and 18th centuries. At Compiègne the French and Germans signed the Armistice that ended WWI on 11 November 1918.

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Fulton to Sigerist, Paris, 22 August 1955

Dear Henry

Many thanks for your ‚Express‘ which arrived yesterday which we were trying (unsuccessfully) to cool off at Fontainebleau.¹ We shall of course be delighted to lunch with you on the 25th provided it will not be too much for Emmy.² Our plans have altered slightly in that we are taking a car for a week from Paris and will be arriving from Zurich rather than from Milan. Our driver is impressive, a white Russian named Alessandrovitch Mikhailopoff [?] who used to drive for Eisenhower and now serves Morgans and the American Embassy (who are all in Denville [sic])[.]³ You can address him in Russian or practically any other European language but not English !

All the best

Yours ever

John

¹ S.’s „Express“ is missing. Fontainebleau: town and castle south of Paris.

² Emmy Sigerist.

³ Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969) WWII general and 34th president of the U.S.. „Morgans“, probably family members or descendants of J. P. Morgan (1837-1913) financier, philanthropist, art collector. The Morgans and Embassy people were probably at the Norman seaside resort Deauville (not Denville).

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Fulton to Sigerist, Florence, 31 August 1955

My dear Henry

I cannot easily tell you how much the brief visit with you at Pura meant to us both, for we know now what a superb recovery you are making and that by following your spartan regime so conscientiously you have put yourself in such excellent physical shape. Instead of writing you and Emmy a proper bread-and-butter letter immediately as I should have, I wrote the same evening an informal memo to those who are closest to you Geo Rosen, Owsei[,] Genevieve, Ilza, Erwin A., Dorothy Schullian and I also included Bill Francis and Alan Gregg, for I knew that they would be grateful to have first hand word of your progress.¹

The only thing that worries me about your plans was your decision to give up Miss Arnold and do your own secretarial work.² If you really need Miss Arnold and if she is as good and as acceptable to the household as I think she is, I will find ways and means of meeting her salary for at least another six months (by which time other sources of support should be forthcoming)[.] What is her salary ?

I met Spiv quite by accident at the Giorgione exhibit and took the occasion to impress upon him that you were back at work and that you had every reason to believe that you would continue to work for many years to come.³ He seemed much pleased and said he would pass on the good news to the “girls“ and Mr. Whitney but I have no idea whether anything will come of this.⁴

You said you were leaving for Zurich for September; since tomorrow is the 1st I don't know whether this will reach you promptly but I assume if you have left it will be forwarded.

We had a wonderful time in Venice and en route for Gino Belloni who dined with us Friday [...] discovered was going to Verona the next day to set up an exhibit on the history of surgery for a medical congress there, and we took him in our car.⁵ He was a wonderful cicerone and had anecdotes about every village we passed through. We stopped for lunch

at Sirmioni [sic] and saw Catullus Villa and drank some Valpolicella from Fracastoro's vineyards.⁶ Tennyson's “[...] Ave Atque Vale“ has always been one of my favorite poems so of course I was thrilled. I never before visited Lago di Garda and ‘olive, silvery, Sirmio’.⁷ From there we went on to Verona where Gino showed us S. Zeno, later his exhibit and Signora Letizia Vergnano who is helping him set it up.⁸ We left Gino there and went to Venice where we had three glorious days even though they were very hot. Sig Lollobrigida stayed in our hotel !⁹ We motored across yesterday from Venice, stopping at Padua and Bologna. The [...] of [...] et al. are being recolored, the Fabrizio amphitheatre is still intact as is the Giotto chapel of G. Scrovegni.¹⁰ We saw the Pinacoteca at Bologna but it was too hot for anything else. Florence warm but most stirring.

Love to Emmy

Yours ever

John

¹ George Rosen, Owsei Temkin, Genevieve Miller, Ilza Veith, Erwin H. Ackerknecht. William W. Francis and Alan Gregg.

² Miss Phyllis Arnold, secretary to S., see letter 636.

³ Spiv = Spivack, see letter 360. Giorgione (1478-1510) Italian painter.

⁴ Whitney see letter 416.

⁵ Belloni see letter 552.

⁶ Sirmione, Latin Sirmio, Town at the southern end of Lake Garda, with the “Villa” of the Roman poet Gaius Valerius Catullus (1st ct. BC). Valpolicella wine and town at the eastern shore of Lake Garda. Fracastoro see letter 43.

⁷ Alfred Tennyson (1809-1892) British poet.

⁸ San Zeno Maggiore: Romanesque church in Verona. Letizia Vergnano: Italian researcher at Braidense Library in Milan.

⁹ Sig. (for Mrs. or Miss) Gina Lollobrigida (born 1927) Italian actress.

¹⁰ Giotto di Bondone (1267-1337) Italian painter and architect.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 1 October 1955

My dear Henry:

This is just a line to thank you and Emmy for your card from Switzerland and to express the hope that all is well with you now at Pura.

You will be glad to know that we have just received a check for \$ 3000 from the John Hay Whitney Foundation covering its payment for 1955 on your grant. This has been deposited in the Treasurer's Office here in the University to the credit of the Henry E. Sigerist fund. Unfortunately, it is the final payment under this particular grant.

While in London I had some preliminary conversations with the Ciba people, and if it meets with your approval I should like to approach Dr. R. Kappeli, the President of the Ciba Foundation at Basle. If they cannot see their way clear toward making a grant, I should like your permission to approach the Macy Foundation in New York which, by the way, is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year.

Lucia and I arrived back several days ago after a wonderful summer, one of the chief high-points of which was seeing you and Emmy. The trip back on the Queen Elizabeth was very rough and very cold, but we have already forgotten about that !

All the best,

Yours ever,

John

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 6 October 1955

My dear John,

I was thrilled when I got your postcard with the beautiful monument of Florence Nightingale.¹ I was repeatedly in the Basilica di Santa Croce, but did not notice it.²

It was good news that you received a cheque from the John Hay Whitney Foundation. Feel free to approach the Ciba Foundation, but I doubt very much that you succeed in securing a grant from them. Feel free to approach the Macy Foundation or any Foundation as you please.

I am sorry that your crossing was rough. I myself have just returned from Zurich where I spent a very successful month. I had an excellent speech trainer, a woman, who did wonders with me. I speak and dictate without hesitation. I took advantage of the opportunity to consult a neurologist, an ophthalmologist, and to show my nose to a rhinologist, who confirmed that my chronic condition was allergic. In addition I greatly enjoyed the theatres.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ F.'s postcard is missing. Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) British pioneer of nursing, author.

² Basilica di Santa Croce in Florence.

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Fulton to Sigerist, New Haven, 11 October 1955

My dear Henry:

We are all so pleased to have your cheerful letter of 6 October reporting on the successful month you have had at Zurich. This news will be a source of gratification to all your friends.

Thanks for giving me carte blanche to approach the foundations.¹ The Macy people are already being approached, and I shall get in touch with the Ciba people immediately I have heard from Macy. I intend first to see the American head of the Ciba Foundation; it would seem to me unwise psychologically to approach them all at once.

I am also glad to know that the Florence Nightingale statue at the Santa Croce was new to you as indeed it was to me.² In the same mail with your letter I have had one from W. J. Bishop at the Wellcome Library asking about Florence Nightingale letters for the International Council of Nurses.³ We don't actually have much here, but I am sending him a report about what we do have.

All the best,

Yours ever,

John

P.S. I'm glad you were able to see some of the theatres in Zurich.⁴ Did I tell you that Lucia and I took in fourteen this summer in London? When I left I felt I was something of an authority on the current London stage!

Much love to Emmy

¹ S.'s grant was to expire in 1956.

² Nightingale and Santa Croce see letter 671.

³ Bishop see letter 446.

⁴ S. was a passionate playgoer.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 3 November 1955

My dear John,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 11 October, and for your announcement of lectures.¹ How glad I would be to help you in your admirable teaching programme, but this is impossible for various reasons.

I was tickled when I heard of the essays prize in memory of Ernet [sic] P. Boas, and that they would give my History of Medicine to those who have honorable mention.² I have just written a letter to the Oxford Press urging them to go ahead with the reprint of my first volume. It is out of print, and is sold second-hand at a premium. I advised them to make a straight reprint of the text as it now stands, as I would not have the time to make a second edition right now. They want to know when they may get the manuscript of the second volume, and I promised them they will have it sometime next year.³ It depends whether I will include India as I originally planned, or whether I will stick to Greco-Roman Medicine.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I have decided to sell my Haller collection while I am still alive.⁴ It contains some 200 titles and many more volumes - I estimate 300 volumes. It includes 42 editions of the poems alone, including the very rare first edition. It includes some 60 books and pamphlets and reprints on Haller, 9 portraits and one autographed letter. It includes a further several rarities, such as an interleaved edition of the poems on which a Hungarian poet and patriot had written poetry while he was in gaol.

I know that you have a good many Haller items in the library, but perhaps Schuman is interested to buy it if he offers me a fair price.⁵ I would be glad to send you my card catalogue.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours ever,

[Henry]

¹ S. had received a copy of an announcement of the lectures of the Yale Department of the History of Medicine.

² Essay Prize in memory of Ernst P. Boas.

³ Volume II of S.'s *History* was not finished at his death in 1957.

⁴ Haller see letter 9. S. eventually sold his Haller collection to Yale University (Sigerist Beeson to Bickel 2001), however, on 21 April 1943 he had written in his diary:

“I decided to sell my Haller collection. It is bitter because it is the result of 25 years of collecting and every volume has its history.” (Sigerist Beeson 1966, 182). The card catalog of S.'s Haller collection is at the archive of the University of Zurich Department of the History of Medicine.

⁵ Schuman see letter 250.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 21 November 1955

My dear John,

I wish to thank you for your letter of November 9th and for the abstracts from the papers that were presented at the Annual Meeting of the Philosophical Society.¹ I was very pleased to hear that Edelstein did well.²

As to the Haller-Collection I am having a check-list prepared so that you may not buy what the Germans call „a cat in the bag“. ³

I am grateful to you that you undertake steps with the Bollingen-Foundation.⁴

There is not much news to report from this end except that we are bathing in sunshine. We have a glorious autumn.

With cordial greetings I am

Yours ever

[Henry]

¹ F.'s letter of 9 November is missing.

² Edelstein see letter 576.

³ Haller collection see letter 673.

⁴ Bollingen Foundation of Paul Mellon.

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura ?, 27 December 1955 (telegram)

ARE COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED BY OUR FRIENDS' GENEROSITY.
HEARTFELT WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

HENRY EMMY SIGERIST

A telegram with the same text has been sent to Robert Leslie (see letter 331).

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Sigerist to Fulton, Pura, 26 January 1956

My dear John,

First of all let me congratulate you most heartily upon your twenty-five years of service to Yale University. Nora sent me a clipping from the New York Times, commemorating the

event. Twenty-five years is quite some time. How I wish I could have attended the dinner that your colleagues and former students gave you. I hope that you will send me a copy of the special issue of the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine dedicated to you on that occasion.

Then let me thank you for two good letters and for the menu of the dinner on the occasion of the Samuel Clark Harvey Memorial Lecture with that excellent picture of Harvey, whom I remember very well indeed.¹

As to the Endowment Fund I would feel very much happier if Bob Leslie were left out of the picture, for reasons that Nora explained to you.² It is hard on him because he initiated the idea and made a very generous contribution to get the Fund started.

I shall send you within the next few days the catalogue of my Haller collection [sic] and I am sure you do not mind if I send a copy to Henry Schumann [sic] and to Dorothy Schullian.³ I had three copies made.

With warm wishes I am

Yours ever

[Henry]

P.S. Nora gave me an enthusiastic account of her visit with you.

¹ F.'s two letters are missing as is that of 9 November 1955. S. C. Harvey see letter 595.

² Endowment Fund: Since S.'s funds had expired in 1956 his close friends* gathered in a Research Fund Committee. Leslie see letter 331. Nora Sigerist, daughter.

³ Haller collection see 663. Schuman see letter 250. Schullian see letter 464.

It is hard to explain why letters are missing from February 1956 until S.'s death in March 1957. S. during this period was in reasonably good health, relatively active, and wrote no less than 24 letters to his good friend Ackerknecht. Probably F. was also in reasonably good health; according to his diary he wrote a letter to S. in February 1956. He also received letters from a host of correspondents during that period, and visited S. in Pura on September 1st 1956 in remarkably good shape in the presence of the editor of this Sigerist-Fulton correspondence. Hence, the correspondence between S. and F. must have gone on during that period but the letters are unaccounted for.

S. died on March 17, 1957, of a second stroke in Pura. F.'s health deteriorated in July 1957, i.e., after S.'s death, but apparently was restored in 1959. His death in 1960 was a sudden one, as a result of a cerebral accident. Part of this information was supplied by (Garipey 2008).

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(F = Fulton, S = Sigerist)

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