

# **Correspondence**

**Henry E. Sigerist – Richard H. Shryock**

**1933–1956**

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Richard H. Shryock (1893-1972)

Shryock was born on March 29th 1893 in Philadelphia where he grew up. He took his B.A. in 1917 and started out his career as a schoolteacher in his home town, then teaching at Ohio State University. In 1924 at the age of 30 he took his Ph.D. in American history at the University of Pennsylvania, and only one year later he became Professor of History at Duke University in Durham, NC. Interested in medicine, he early on established and maintained contacts with the Medical School. He specialized in the field of medical history, and spent a sabbatical in Germany. Shryock's book of 1936, *The Development of Modern Medicine*, was a great success and made him known as a medical historian, actually the first one who was trained as a historian rather than as a physician. He was also one of the first who treated the history of medicine under a social rather than a technical aspect. In this respect he may be seen as an early follower of Henry E. Sigerist in Baltimore with whom he started to correspond while at Duke.

In 1938 Shryock returned to his Alma mater in Philadelphia, this time as a professor of American history to which later on was added the history of medicine. He became a central figure of the history of science and of medicine; he also became president or founder of important learned societies, including the American Association of the History of Medicine. Thus, it was understandable that in 1949 Shryock at the age of 56 was elected to be the successor of Sigerist as Professor of the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University. There he introduced the history of science, while Owsei Temkin, Sigerist's associate and Shryock's later successor, took care of the medical aspects.

When he retired in 1958 he once more settled in Philadelphia, working as librarian of the American Philosophical Society's Library and as part-time professor at the University of Pennsylvania. As a person he was characterized as "an able, intelligent, industrious, courteous man, sincerely devoted to scholarship" (Ackerknecht 1972). He died on February 1, 1972 as one of the leading historians of science and of medicine and the author of important books such as

- 1936 *The Development of Modern Medicine*
- 1947 *American Medical Research; Past and Present*
- 1957 *The National Tuberculosis Association, 1904-1954*
- 1959 *The History of Nursing*
- 1960 *Medicine and Society in America, 1660-1860*
- 1966 *Medicine in America. Historical Essays*

The list of Shryock's publications is given in (Stevenson 1968). More information on the man and his work can be found in (Stevenson 1968), (Temkin 1972), and in the articles of a 1974 symposium on Shryock by (Risse 1974), (Curti 1974), and (Bell 1974).

## 1.2. The Correspondence

There is a total of 137 letters of Shryock to Sigerist and 100 letters of Sigerist to Shryock, 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.

Practically all letters are dated, and the majority of the letters are typed. Some of Shryock's letters are in long-hand. Sigerist liked to write in long-hand, yet he used typing in order to have his own carbon-copies made. 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. Literary works are given as, e.g., (Ackerknecht 1972) and listed in chapter 3.

The annotations are given in small print 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 former 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 4). A bibliography of all literature mentioned in the letters and annotations is given in chapter 3.

The correspondence begins in 1933 and lasts all the way to 1956, the year before Sigerist's death. In 1933 Sigerist is professor of the history of medicine in Baltimore, 42 years old, and historian Shryock, two years his junior, is Professor of history at Duke University in Durham, NC.

From 1932 to 1947 Sigerist is head of the Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine. During this whole period there is a regular exchange of letters between Baltimore and, first Durham, and then Philadelphia, in addition to many personal encounters. The number of exchanged letters increases to a maximum in 1941.

Shryock's first letter is from his sabbatical in Munich. The following exchange of letters show the mutual interest of the two colleagues in the other. There is an exchange of reprints and other materials, and Shryock's inviting Sigerist for a lecture at Duke. Shryock's main concern is to get his fellow general historians interested in medical history. His increasing administrative activities in several scientific organizations is one of the reasons that the correspondence during the years 1938 to 1946 contains mainly "business" like, e.g., the organization of meetings and conventions.

Things change in 1947. In his letter of 27 February Sigerist explains and rationalizes his plan to quit Johns Hopkins University and move back to Switzerland in order to write his monumental *History of Medicine*. At the same time he hopes that Shryock will become his successor, and when this happens there is an exchange of questions and advices (e.g., 10 March 1948). The correspondence now is between Baltimore and the Swiss village of Pura. Sigerist happily receives the regular news from his old Institute and in turn tells about the slow progress of his *History* and his being overburdened with secondary works. Shryock visits Europe every summer of these post-war years; there is one happy encounter of the two in Pura. Among the topics the discussed by the correspondents are matters of the history of

medicine, plans and achievements, travels, books and persons. A total of about 100 books and papers are discussed and over 170 persons are mentioned (see chapters 3 and 4). There is no flattering, but mutual admiration of the other's capabilities and achievements, and thus mutual stimulation. The correspondence is a document reflecting many cultural aspects of America and Europe in the first half of the 20th century including the first decade after WWII.

## 2. The Letters

*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 3 April 1933*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

It was too late to send you the enclosed letters to the boat, but Colonel Garrison gave me your London address, and so I am mailing them there.

I wish you a successful and pleasant trip, and I am looking forward to meeting you in Warsaw.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Fielding H. Garrison (1870-1935) medical historian, at that time librarian of the Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins University and S.' staff member (see correspondence Sigerist-Garrison). Warsaw: A congress, however, not of the International Society for the History of Medicine.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Cuxhaven, Germany, 10 August 1933*

My dear Dr. Sigerist,

This is a somewhat delayed acknowledgement of your kindness in forwarding letters of introduction for me last spring. These reached me in London in due time. I called on Dr. Darmstaeder [sic] in Munich several times but did not find him at home; but I presented your letter to Dr. Martin Müller of the University there, and found him a most pleasant and helpful gentleman. Through his aid I gained access to materials in the Staatsbibliothek, and these together with those in the library of the Munich Aerztlicher Verein, enabled me to go through as much as German literature of the early nineteenth century as time permitted.

Unfortunately, the fall in the value of the dollar -- it has dropped off about 30 % since we arrived - made it necessary to give up all plans to visit Vienna and Warsaw. I shall therefore have to sail shortly for New York, and give up attending the Warsaw Congress. I trust that you will be able to go as you planned and that you were also able to make your expected trip to Italy.

Despite reports to the contrary in the American press, we have found everything pleasant and orderly in Germany, so far as foreigners are concerned. I shall hope to see you in Baltimore, and if possible in Durham, during the fall.

Sincerely yours

[Richard H. Shryock]

P.S. I must thank you also for the several reprints of articles, which I have read with great interest, especially those relating to medical historiography, to the development of medical cosmetics, and to the evolution of the ideal physician. It seems to me that your appreciation of the importance of social elements, and of the whole cultural background, for medical history, will be of great service in the development of medical historiography in the United States.

R.H.S.

I trust you received a reprint of an article on Sylvester Graham and American health cults, which I had mailed to you last March.

The letter is addressed to S. at his mother's in Basel, since S. spent the summer in Europe. Darmstaedter, probably Ernst (born 1877) German chemist and historian of science. Martin Müller (1878-1960) German medical historian. Staatsbibliothek: State Library. Aerztlicher Verein: Society of Physicians. Warsaw Congress see S. to Sh. of 3 April 1933. S.'s trip to Italy (Sigerist 1934). "pleasant and orderly in Germany": An outside view six months after Hitler's seizing power. Sh. was professor at Duke University in Durham, NC. Papers on medical historiography probably (Sigerist 1931a), on medical cosmetics (Sigerist 1931b), on the ideal physician probably (Sigerist 1933a). Sylvester Graham (1794-1851) Presbyterian minister, advocate of temperance movement and vegetarianism (Shryock 1931).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, NC, 15 December 1933*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

I wish to thank you for the copy of Great Doctors, the receipt of which I should have acknowledged before, had I not been ill with pneumonia at the time it reached me. I had read a number of the biographical articles in the German edition, but of course find it easier to read the rest in English translation. I did this with great pleasure while convalescing, and found the articles very stimulating and enjoyable. I am impressed by the manner in which you have told the major aspects of the whole story of medical history in these biographical sketches, and at the same time suggested the intellectual climate surrounding each particular man in turn.

I was glad to have received your letter from Warsaw and to learn that the Congress there proved interesting. Since last seeing you I have written a small book based to some extent upon the short article which I showed you in Baltimore last spring. My hope is that this study may prove of some interest to physicians, but more especially that it may serve to introduce the history of medicine to the general historians. I do not believe the latter usually appreciate the place which medical history should occupy in cultural history as a whole. Dr. Garrison has been kind enough to make critical suggestions on parts of the manuscript for me.

You may recall that we had hoped to have you lecture before our medical school here two years ago, but that you were unable to visit us at that time. We still hope that you will be able to do so and I am therefore writing to ask whether you could lecture in the medical school sometime during the coming spring - probably sometime in March at your convenience. I regret to say that necessary economies here (including faculty salary reductions) make it impossible to offer fees to visiting lecturers, but we should of course be glad to pay the necessary expenses of the trip. Mrs. Shryock and I would be happy to have you stay as a guest with us, if that happened to be convenient. In any case, I trust that you may be able to come under these circumstances.

It is possible that I shall be in Baltimore one of the days during the holidays and, if so, I trust that I may find you and Dr. Garrison at the Library.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

*Great Doctors* (Sigerist 1933b). S.'s letter from Warsaw is missing. Warsaw Congress see S. to Sh. of 3 April 1933. "The small book" is probably (Shryock 1936a). "Baltimore last spring" was probably the first encounter of S. and Sh.. Medical history before the late 20th century was a domain of physicians; Sh. was one

of the first general historians dealing with the history of medicine. Garrison see S. to Sh. of 3 April 1933. “lecture two years ago“, i.e., during S.’s lecture tour of 1931/32, before being chairman of the Baltimore Institute. “salary reductions“ due to the economic crisis after the stock exchange crash of 1929. Shryock’s wife Rheva.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 22 December 1933*

Dear Prof. Shryock:

I want to thank you for your very kind letter of December 15th. I do not know exactly what my program will be in March, but if I ever can arrange it I will be glad to lecture at Duke University. Prof. MacKinney, Professor of Medieval History at the University of North Carolina, is very much interested in the history of medieval medicine, and he once told me that he would like me to lecture in his university. You could perhaps get in touch with him so that both lectures could be combined.

It would be delightful to see you in Baltimore. I am attending a meeting of the History of Science Society in Boston (28-30th), but otherwise shall be in town.

With best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Loren MacKinney, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 1 March 1934*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

You may recall that I wrote you in December about the possibility of your coming here to lecture in our Medical School some time during the spring. You thought at that time that you might be able to do so; and suggested that I get in touch with Professor MacKinney of the University of North Carolina with the view to a possible lecture in that institution as well. Since then I have talked the matter over carefully with Professor MacKinney, and we have both decided that it would be most advisable to give just one lecture here at Duke, and to invite the University of North Carolina people to attend it. The latter University has no funds whatever to devote to lecture purposes, and I think that for this reason they feel somewhat embarrassed in availing themselves of lecturers whom we have brought here. Hence it is better for us to give the lecture and simply to invite them to attend, which they say they are most interested in doing.

I am now authorized formally by the Committee on Visiting Lecturers of our Medical School to invite you to lecture on some phase of medical history of your own choosing. The Committee would prefer now to put the date off somewhat later, preferably in the early part of May, if that is convenient for you. They will be glad, as I think I wrote before, to pay all expenses but regret that they have no funds to pay any regular fee.

My own suggestion would be that you might tell us how the history of American medicine impresses the European scholar, since an American medical audience rarely has an



opportunity to hear discussions of this sort. However, we leave the choice of the subject entirely to you.

We hope very much that you will be able to visit us. I shall probably go through Baltimore on the thirteenth or fourteenth of this month and shall be glad to call and talk over the details of the arrangement if you think that advisable.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

MacKinney see S. to Sh. of 22 December 1933.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 8 March 1934*

Dear Prof. Shryock:

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter of March 1st, and gladly accept your invitation to deliver a lecture at Duke University in the early part of May. I am sailing for Europe on May 30th, but the beginning of the month will be quite convenient. As I told you before, I am most anxious to see your university, and to have a glimpse of the South.

As to the subject, I would be delighted to speak on the history of American medicine, how I studied it, and the way it impressed me. And this reminds me of the fact that I have not sent you my book. I mailed a copy of the German edition to your address today. An English edition is being prepared and will be out towards the end of the year.

I have to be in New York from March 14-16, but will not leave Baltimore before the evening of March 13th. I will be delighted to see you, and it would give me great pleasure if you could have lunch with me.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

“sailing for Europe“: From 1933 to 1939 S. spent every summer in Switzerland and other parts of Europe. “glimpse of the South“: This would probably be the S.’s first visit to a southeastern state. “My book“: (Sigerist 1933c).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 11 March 1934*

My dear Dr. Sigerist,

I am very glad indeed to hear that you can lecture in our Medical School early in May. I had hoped to call on you at the Institute on the 13th; to arrange a definite date, but find now that it will be impossible to come up this week. My present plan is to be in Washington on the 20th; and if you expect to be at your office on Wednesday, the 21st, I will call on you in Baltimore that day. I should be glad to avail myself of your kind invitation to luncheon, if that date happens to be convenient for you.

I am sure that everyone here would be much interested to hear your impressions of the development of American medicine[.] I shall also look forward to seeing your book on the subject, and thank you for having a copy sent to me.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

“Your book“: (Sigerist 1933c).

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 13 March 1934*

Dear Professor Shryock:

Just a line to tell you that Wednesday the 21st is very convenient for me, and that I am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you at my office and to having you for lunch,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 5 April 1934*

My dear Dr. Sigerist:

I have postponed writing about a definite date for your lecture here, until I could consult the medical school authorities. I am now authorized to suggest Friday, May 11, if that is convenient for you. If not, please inform me, and we will try another day. If you can come on Friday, the Medical School Committee trusts that you will be able to spend Saturday also at the University. As I wrote before, they will be glad to pay all expenses, but regret that they are unable to afford an honorarium.

Mrs. Shryock and I would be happy to have you stay with us as our guest, should that be convenient.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Mrs. Shryock see Sh. to S. of 15 December 1933.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 9 April 1934*

Dear Professor Shryock:

May 11 suits me very well, and I am looking forward with great pleasure to being with you soon.

I also gladly accept your very kind invitation to be your guest on that occasion and will gladly spend Saturday also at the university.

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

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 3 May 1934*

My dear Dr. Sigerist:

I wrote you last week to say that the Lecture Committee of our Medical School wished to suggest a later date for your lecture here, due to an unforeseen conflict with a county medical society meeting here on May 11. Since then, Dr. Shands informs me that you wrote him that the later dates suggested were not convenient ones. In talking it over with Dr. Shands today, the best plan seemed to be to suggest that you give one lecture on the morning of Saturday, May 12 (at 11:30 a.m.), in the Medical School, and another that evening before the medical fraternity he mentioned. If this plan is acceptable, you could come down here on the night of May 11, and plan to stay over Sunday with us.

I am sorry that it became necessary to trouble you about such changes in schedule. Dr. Shands is also writing you today.

We are all very sorry to hear of Dr. Welch's death early in the week.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Alfred R. Shands (1899-1981) orthopedist at Duke University. William H. Welch (1850-1934) pathologist, hygienist, medical historian; founder and first director of the Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine 1929-1932, S.'s predecessor.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 5 May 1934*

Dear Professor Shryock:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of May 3. I had not received your former note suggesting later dates. However, May 12 will be entirely satisfactory, and I shall arrive in the morning 8:20.

I will be glad to stay over Sunday, as I am most anxious to have a glimpse of Chapel Hill. I suppose there is a night train on Sunday evening that will bring me back to Baltimore on Monday morning.

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

Very sincerely yours,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Chapel Hill, NC, site of the University of North Carolina.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 16 May 1934*

Dear Professor Shryock:

I wish to thank you and Mrs. Shryock most cordially for your delightful hospitality. I do not remember having enjoyed a week-end as much as I did those two days in North Carolina. The whole country is delightful, and the University impressed me very much.

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

Yours very sincerely,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Mrs. Shryock see Sh. to S. of 15 December 1933.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 27 May 1934*

Dear Dr. Sigerist,

I intended to write before, in order to express again our appreciation of your lectures here at the Medical School. I have heard many of the men of the faculty there refer to them in the most complimentary manner, and I believe that everyone enjoyed them. It was a real pleasure to have you stay with us during your visit.

In case this does not reach Baltimore before you sail, I trust that it will be forwarded, in order to wish you a good summer abroad.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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*Shryock to Sigerist, New York, 30 January 1936*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

I have taken the first opportunity upon returning from a trip to California to read your open letter to Dr. Sarton in the last issue of the Bulletin.

Permit me to say that I think this is very fine. It seems to me a perfect synthesis of the recognition due Dr. Sarton's ability and the comment which his rather absurd attitude required.

In line with the request I made when last in Baltimore, I may ask you for some aid in selecting what I would call "action" illustrations for my manuscript. As I may get to Baltimore during the next two or three weeks, however, I shall postpone this, pending a possible call at your office.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

There is an apparent gap of over one and a half years since the last letter. Letter-head: Social Science Research Council, New York. "Bulletin" of the History of Medicine. "open letter" (Sigerist 1936). George Sarton (1884-1956) Belgian-American historian of science at Harvard University.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 5 March 1936*

Dear Professor Shryock:

I remember that in the talk you gave in Washington last year you referred to Celli's work on malaria in the Roman Campagna. In the meantime Mrs. Celli has published an exceedingly interesting paper with a collection of texts illustrating the influence of malaria on some major historical events. Mrs. Celli would very much like to have the attention of the historians drawn to that paper. I am sending you enclosed the only reprint that we have here (the stingy publisher does not allow more than ten reprints) and I wonder if you would be good enough to review this paper for some historical journal, at least if you think it worthwhile.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Anna Celli-Fraentzel; her mentioned works: (Celli 1933) and probably (Celli 1935).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, New York, 6 March 1936*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Your letter of March 5th relative to Mrs. Celli's study was received this morning and also a copy of her work enclosed. I shall be glad to call this to the attention of Dr. Bourne of the American Historical Review at the first opportunity, and shall also be glad to review it in case he is willing to accept it. I must add, however, that I cannot do this until late in the Spring or early in the summer as I am quite rushed at present and am behind in several other reviews.

I have been going over with interest the last set of papers you were kind enough to send from the Institute and have found particularly suggestive your article on surgery in the pre-antiseptic period. I think your emphasis on the relation of general points of view in pathology [sic] to the progress of surgery in the 19th century is most important and commonly overlooked.

I may be in Baltimore for a short time next Tuesday morning and if so I shall try to get in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Celli see S. to Sh. of 5 March 1936. S.'s paper on surgery (Sigerist 1935).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, New York, 16 March 1936*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Thank you very much for the set of reprints which reached me last week. It now looks as though I may be in Baltimore about the 30th or the 31st and I hope to see you and Dr. Larkey at that time.

I regret very much to say that our Fellowship Committee did not feel able to make an award to Dr. Gordon at its recent meeting. For several years they have declined to waive the age limit and Dr. Gordon was so far behind this that it was not possible to aid him.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Sanford V. Larkey (1898-1968) medical historian, from 1935 on head of the Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins University. Gordon, possibly Benjamin L. (1870-1965) (medical) author.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 19 March 1936*

Dear Professor Shryock:

It will be a great pleasure to see you in Baltimore toward the end of the month. I am expecting Professor Talcott Parsons of Harvard University who is making a sociological study on medical service, at about the same time. I plan to have a little dinner in his honor on March 31st. I would like to bring him in contact with the men most interested in the social aspects of medicine here. If you happen to be in Baltimore on the thirty-first, please keep the evening free and join us. I am sure that we will have quite an interesting discussion.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Talcott Parsons (1902-1979) sociologist.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, B&O Railroad, 25 March 1936*

My dear Dr. Sigerist,

Thank you for the kind invitation to have dinner with you on Tuesday evening next. I should be most happy to do so, were it not that I must return to Philadelphia and New York on Monday night. I hope, however, that I may find you at your office on Monday afternoon, when I plan to stop at Baltimore on my return from Atlanta. With apologies for this haste,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 23 April 1936*

Dear Shryock:

I am delighted that your paper is out, and I am most happy to have a copy of it. I hope it will be read by many historians and draw their attention to a wide and so far little cultivated field.

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

The paper is (Shryock 1936b).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, New York, 29 April 1936*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for the kind comment on my article on medical sources. I hope that it may interest some of the general historians, though I am not entirely optimistic about this.

As I believe I said before, I hope to come down to the Institute in the near future in order to look for illustrations for my book. I should of course like to do this before you get away, and wonder if you could remind me when this will be. I expect to read a paper on medical materials, particularly those having social significance, before the coming sessions of the American Library Association at Richmond. This will be about May 12th, and I will of course come through Baltimore in that connection. I am afraid, however, that you may be leaving before that date, and in this case, will try to come down some time next week.

Did you happen to see the article by Dr. A. F. Kuhlman in the March issue of Social Forces, which is published by the Williams and Wilkens [sic] Press ? This is entitled: “Neglected categories of research materials bearing upon social aspects of medicine“. It is quite suggestive.

Please give my regards to Doctor Larkey.

Yours sincerely  
Richard H. Shryock

Article on medical sources (Shryock 1936b). “my book“ (Shryock 1936a). (Kuhlman 1936). Williams & Wilkins: Publisher. Larkey see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 6 May 1936*

Dear Shryock:

I am leaving Baltimore on May 25th and I will be out of town on May 11th to 12th and May 18th to 19th. Otherwise, I will be here and will be glad to see you at any time that suits you.

I greatly appreciate your reference to Kuhlman’s article which I had not seen.

Very sincerely yours

Henry E. Sigerist

Kuhlman see Sh. to S. of 29 April 1936.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, New York, 17 August 1936*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

I do not know the exact date of your return to this country, but if it is not later than next month perhaps this could be held until then. I am enclosing a note from one of my former students with reference to what appears to be a considerable collection of various nineteenth century devices for the restraint of mental cases. It appears that the owner, Dr. George W. Zeller, wishes to give them to some institution which could preserve them permanently.

If such a collection would be of any interest to you, I should be glad to get in touch with him immediately. If not, it may be that some other institution would be glad to have them. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Larkey, against the possibility that he may have already returned to Baltimore.

I trust that you had the best possible time on the trip to Russia, personally and professionally, and I am looking forward to your publications in the Russian field. I have been corresponding recently with Dr. Leake and with Mr. Brasch with relation to the Christmas meetings of the History of Science Society at Providence. We hope that you will be able to appear upon the program, and you may already have heard from Mr. Brasch about the matter.

I am returning to Duke University in the fall, and hope to call upon you in Baltimore at mutual convenience. My book on the general development of modern medicine will be published by the University of Pennsylvania Press about October, and I shall send you a copy as soon as it is available.



With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Zeller, probably a psychiatrist. Larkey see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936. “trip to Russia“: S.’s second study tour. “publications in the Russian Field“: (Sigerist 1937a). Chauncey D. Leake (1896-1978) pharmacologist and medical historian, see Sigerist-Leake correspondence. Brasch, F. E.: Secretary of the History of Science Society. “general development“: (Shryock 1936a).

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*Sigerist’s secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 18 August 1936*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

Thank you for your letter of August 17th and for your kindness in suggesting that the Institute might be interested in receiving the collection of nineteenth century devices for the restraint of mental cases.

Dr. Sigerist is still in Europe but your letter and a copy of Miss Marshall’s is being forwarded to him today in the hopes that he will receive them in time to write you.

Very truly yours,

[Pauline Brown]

Research Secretary to

Dr. Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, New York, 25 August 1936*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

I am sending the enclosed review (and hope it may be of some interest) because it will appear in a journal (The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science) which you may not have time to follow. The essential point is that I think Himes may have confused the relative significance of what economists would term “supply and demand“ factors in the history of contraception. It is so easy to overlook the essential question of priority where several variables are involved.

Your own very suggestive essay on the relation of antiseptics and anaesthetics to modern surgery affords another illustration in point. It is a curious fact also, although I do not mention it in this review, that Himes largely overlooks the medical journals as a source pertinent to his inquiries. I think, however, that the book as a whole is a very real contribution.

Yours sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

Sh.’s review of (Himes 1936). S.’s essay (Sigerist 1935).

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 27 August 1936*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of August 25th and the enclosed review.

They will be brought to Dr. Sigerist's attention upon his return to the Institute in October. I know he will be interested in reading them.

Very truly yours,

[Pauline Brown]  
Research Secretary to  
Dr. Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 8 May 1937*

Dear Sigerist:

It just occurred to me, after leaving the Institute the other day, that I had never inquired whether you received a personal copy of my book last fall. I had of course placed your name on a personal list sent to the publishers but have found that one or two of these were not received. I am most sorry if by any chance yours miscarried. In this case, please do let me know and I shall ask that one be sent immediately. If you already have a review copy, perhaps you could still find some use for it.

I had dinner with Brasch in Washington and find that he still hopes very much that it might be possible for Dr. Larkey to succeed him as Secretary of the History of Science Society. He was somewhat concerned lest Dr. Larkey might not feel free to do so, and I trust that the latter will be able to reassure him on this point.

I shall probably revise the short paper read at Atlantic City, in order to show the relationship of your training program at the Institute to the general situation; and I wonder if you could find time to look it over and send me your suggestions before I send it in to one of the journals. I should, of course, be glad to submit it to you for the Bulletin, but assume that it so overlaps with your own statements and papers that it might seem there somewhat unnecessary or repetitious. In that case, I might send it to one of the other journals of medical history.

I am much interested to learn that your work in Russia is so nearly completed and shall look forward with great interest to seeing it in the fall. With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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Sh. has returned to Duke University in Durham, NC. "my book": (Shryock 1936a). Brasch and Larkey see Sh. to S. of 17 August and 16 March 1936, respectively. "short paper": (Shryock 1937); this was indeed published in S.'s Bulletin of the History of Medicine. "work in Russia": (Sigerist 1937a).

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 21 May 1937*

Dear Shryock:

Thanks for your letter of May 8. Don't bother about a copy of your book. I received two copies, one from the Nation and one from the Baltimore Sun, and I gave one of them to the Library. I am going to write the review in the next few days.

I would very much like to publish the paper you read in Atlantic City in our Bulletin. What you stated can not be repeated often enough.

I am very hopeful that Dr. Larkey can be persuaded to succeed Brasch as Secretary of the History of Science Society.

My Soviet book goes to print on June 1 and will be out in September. I am still struggling with the last chapter.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

See Shryock to Sigerist of 8 May 1937.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 25 June 1937*

Dear Professor Shryock:

As you probably know Dr. Sigerist is in Europe and will not return until the end of September but I should like to take the liberty of thanking you most kindly for your book, "The Development of Modern Medicine" which you presented. As soon as possible, I shall write and tell Dr. Sigerist of your gift to him and he will be delighted to find it waiting for him in the fall.

Thanking you once more in his behalf, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Hope Trebing]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 29 September 1937*

Dear Sigerist:

You may recall that you wrote me May 21 last, that you would be glad to publish the paper I read in Atlantic City last spring on "The Historian Looks at Medicine". I have revised this, with particular reference to the significance of your work at the Institute of Medical History, and I am enclosing it herewith. I trust that you find it satisfactory, that you will not hesitate to use editorial discretion at any point you think necessary.

I assume that you have already returned to Baltimore or that you will do so shortly. Some time after you left, I forwarded a personal copy of my book on “Modern Medicine“ to you, with renewed apologies for the unfortunate mistake involved in not sending one early in the winter. I have just read MacKinney’s lectures with real interest. Meanwhile, I trust you had a pleasant and profitable summer abroad and that the Soviet book is about to appear.

I hope to see Brasch early in October, to urge again all possible plans be made to invite Dr. Larkey to succeed him as Secretary of the History of Science Society. I regret to find that my membership on the Council has expired, but shall be glad to do anything I can towards this end.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Atlantic City paper: (Shryock 1937). *Modern Medicine* (Shryock 1936a). MacKinney see S. to Sh. of 22 December 1933; his lectures not identified. Soviet book: (Sigerist 1937a). Brasch and Larkey see Sh. to S. of 17 August and 16 March 1936, respectively.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 4 October 1937*

Dear Shryock:

I came back from Europe a few days ago and found your letter of September 29. I am delighted to have your manuscript and will be glad to print it in one of the next numbers of the Bulletin.

I also wish to thank you most cordially for having sent me a personal copy of your book. I greatly appreciate the gift and will be glad to let you have my Soviet book as soon as it comes out.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

“your manuscript“: (Shryock 1937). “your book“: (Shryock 1936a). Soviet book: (Sigerist 1937a).

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 4 April 1938*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of March 25th and check. We are all delighted to have you with us for the graduate course. We have 27 registrations so far from all over the country and we expect several more. It will be just the right group and I am looking forward to our discussions with a great deal of pleasure.

My most sincere congratulations upon your appointment at the University of Pennsylvania. I am delighted to know that you will be in our neighborhood in the future and I hope to see you very often.

Yours very sincerely,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Sh.'s letter is missing. S. and his Institute had organized a first Graduate Week in the history of medicine from April 18-23 with 33 participants; there were lectures, seminars, an exhibition, a film, a concert, and receptions (see also Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938)..

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 25 April 1938*

Dear Sigerist:

With the most pleasant recollections still fresh in my mind, I am writing to say how much I enjoyed the recent meetings at the Institute. I do not believe I ever saw a series of conferences in which effective planning was so happily combined with informality and genial hospitality. The meetings certainly must have been of very real value to those who attended, and I trust that you are planning similar occasions in the future. One of the most valuable features, of course, was the opportunity afforded to meet others interested in medical history; I particularly appreciated the introduction to Dr. Tempkin [sic] and Dr. Edelstein of your staff. One rarely meets men of such reputation who at the same time are so unassuming in manner.

I was also most favorably impressed by your plans for the reorganization of the American Association for the History of Medicine. These are certainly calculated to make of it an effective national organization. Subsequently to your description of these plans, one critical question occurs to me; namely, whether the proposal for electing members of the Council would tend to exclude general historians or medical librarians. I am hopeful that we can interest a few of the general historians in the Association; but as they are not usually members of local societies of medical history, they would presumably never be chosen as delegates from the same. The point is probably not of great importance, since only a few men would be involved in any case; but if the medical men interested wish to do so, it might be a desirable gesture to make possible their full participation in the affairs of the Association. Perhaps I did not entirely understand the proposed arrangement; but otherwise I think the question might be worthy of consideration. In general, I think the proposed membership on the Council is an excellent one.

I appreciated the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Sigerist at the dinner; and only regret that it was necessary to rush for a train before the end of the evening.

With renewed appreciation of the very pleasant and profitable week,

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

“recent meetings“: S.’s Graduate Week, see S. to Sh. of 4 April 1938. “planning similar occasions“: A second Graduate Week took place in 1939, a third in 1942. Owsei Temkin (1902-2002) medical historian, S.’s associate in Leipzig and Baltimore. Ludwig Edelstein (1902-1965) German classical scholar and medical historian, dismissed as a Jew by Diepgen in Berlin 1933 he became S.’s coworker in Baltimore.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 28 April 1938*

Dear Sigerist:

Since writing you recently, Dr. Chauncey Leake has asked me to serve as chairman of the joint program of the History of Science Society with the American Historical Association at Chicago next Christmas. I should appreciate any suggestions which you might care to make in connection with this program. It is my offhand impression that it might be well to have still another paper on the significance of the history of science for general history. This is an old theme, but I have the impression that many professional historians are not very conscious of it even now - with the exception of medievalists. Larkey is more optimistic in this connection, however, and I may be wrong about it.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Leake and Larkey see Sh. to S. of 17 August and 16 March 1936, respectively.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 5 May 1938*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letters. At the annual meeting of the Association of the History of Medicine in Atlantic City, the new constitution was adopted unanimously and I was appointed secretary for the next two years. I am very optimistic as to the future of the Association and I think that it can be made a very vital and important society.

I agree with you that it would be advisable to have historians on the Council. The constitution allows this without any difficulty because the Council all consist not only of the delegates of the local groups but also of the officers and all the past presidents of the Association. In addition to that, members of the Association may be elected to the Council as honorary members.

As to the program of the next meeting of the History of Science Society, I have no particular suggestions to make but will think the matter over. I agree with you that a paper on the importance of the history of science for general history would be advisable.

When I was in Chicago recently, I heard that there is going to be a paper on medieval technology in one of the sections and I was invited to discuss the paper.

It just occurs to me that our section might devote some time to discussion how the history of science could be introduced into the teaching of science in elementary schools, high schools and colleges. We discussed the matter last year informally at the dinner table, and all of us agreed that our methods of teaching science could be greatly improved if historical considerations were included.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 9 May 1938*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of May 5. I am glad to learn that the new constitution was adopted unanimously at Atlantic City and that you will serve as secretary for the next two years. This will certainly mean an entirely new life for the Association.

Thank you also for the suggestions about the joint meeting of the History of Science Society with the A.H.S. next Christmas. It occurs to me that we might combine the idea of the role of science in general history with your suggestion about the teaching of the history of science. It might be feasible to ask someone to read a paper on the present treatment of the history of science in representative American history textbooks - perhaps on the high school and college levels. These texts obviously express the prevailing views among historians of the general importance of the history of science; and a discussion of the text would naturally lead into a discussion of these views. There might be a second paper relating to methods of improving the whole situation. Would you or Dr. Larkey care to prepare a paper on the first theme suggested here? We might also have a single paper - that would make three in all - on some specific theme in the history of American science. Dean Stimson of Goucher suggests that we might ask Professor Morison of Harvard to discuss some of his findings about science in the New England colonies.

I should appreciate your further advice.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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“new constitution“, of the American Association of the History of Medicine. A.H.S.: American Historical Society. Sh. started his career as a teacher of history. Larkey see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936. Dorothy Stimson (1890-1988) historian of science at Goucher College in Baltimore. Samuel E. Morison (1887-1975) historian.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 15 September 1938*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Thank you for the reprints which were sent recently from the Institute. I have found your own papers suggestive as always; especially those on the development of medicine in this country and on the history of the academies.

I am sure that we are all impressed by the remarkable development of the Institute as reviewed in the July number of the Bulletin and I am much pleased to hear of the increase in the Rockefeller Foundation grant. In like manner I would compliment you on the excellent reorganization of the American Association of the History of Medicine. This obviously provides a basis for the successful development of a truly national society and I trust that it may be possible to secure membership for it in the A.C.L.S. If I can ever be of any assistance in this connection please let me know.

I was sorry to lose touch with you when you went abroad last summer, after Dr. Leake had asked me to arrange a program for the History of Science Society next Christmas. We have since arranged tentatively for a joint session with the A.H.A. on “The Place of the History of

Science in General History“. We are requesting Professor Morison of Harvard to lead a Round Table discussion on this theme. The subject is hardly a novel one but I think there is a tactical advantage in asking a distinguished historian to discuss it at a joint meeting with the A.H.A.

We also plan a joint meeting with the American Oriental Society, at which we hope to have Dr. Sarton and Dr. Ranke (who is coming to Pennsylvania this fall) on the program.

I trust that if you or other members of the staff are in Philadelphia, that you will get in touch with me here at the University.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Letter-head: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Sigerist’s reprints (Sigerist 1938a, 1937b). On development of the Institute (Sigerist 1938b). A.C.L.S.: American Council of Learned Societies. Leake and Sarton see Sh. to S. of 17 August and 30 November 1936, respectively. A.H.A.: American Historical Association. Morison see Sh. to S. of 9 May 1938. Ranke, probably Hermann Ranke (born 1878) egyptologist in Heidelberg, Germany.

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*Sigerist’s secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 21 September 1938*

Dear Professor Shryock:

Thank you for your letter of September 15 to Dr. Sigerist. He has not as yet returned from Europe, but your letter will be brought to his immediate attention upon his arrival, October 3.

Sincerely yours,

[Hope Trebing ?]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 14 October 1938*

Dear Sigerist:

You may recall that early last summer Dr. Leake requested me to act as chairman of the Program Committee of the History of Science Society for the Christmas meeting, and I wrote you then to inquire whether you could speak at these sessions. This letter apparently arrived after your departure for Europe and so may have escaped your attention. I trust that you are now back in Baltimore and therefore am writing again to express the hope that you can aid us in this way. If possible I wish you could give us an informal talk on “The Place of the History of Science in General History“. As I probably wrote before, we hope to devote the joint session with the A.H.A. to this topic in order to bring it to the attention of the general historians. I am asking Dr. Barry, who is professor of the History of Science at Columbia, to speak on the same program.

Without any intention of flattering, I know of no one who could do this more effectively than yourself; and as we plan in informal procedure, it would probably not make any great demand upon your time. I know that you may already be committed to one of the other



sessions, but believe that it would be very helpful to the Society if you could also give the talk suggested. Trusting that you may be able to give a favorable answer, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Leake see Sh. to S. of 17 August 1936. A.H.A.: American Historical Association. Frederick Barry.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 17 October 1938*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of October 14. I came back two weeks ago after a very interesting and rather exciting summer in Europe. It was very kind of you to ask me to speak on “The Place of the History of Science in General History“ but I hesitate to accept. I already promised to take part in a symposium of another group and to discuss a paper on mediaeval technology. In addition I have so many literary engagements for the next few months that I have very little time. The subject is so important that it should be presented after a very careful preparation.

I should appreciate it if you would attempt to find somebody else. However, if you do not succeed, write me again and I will reconsider the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 18 October 1938*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of the 17th. I can quite understand your hesitation to give the paper suggested in my letter, in view of your other commitments. I shall try immediately, to see if Dr. Conkling, Secretary of the American Philosophical Society here, can give the talk suggested.

I am encouraged, however, by your willingness to reconsider the matter in case I cannot find another qualified speaker. The difficulty is, as you know, that there are few scientific men - even among those who take some interest in the history of their immediate technical field - who have much appreciation of the relation of science to general history. In addition to this, the possible choice is narrowed still further by the fact that we need a man that is both well known to general historians and who is an effective speaker. The two latter qualifications are obviously important in view of the purpose of the discussion, which is primarily to arouse the interest of the general historians.

I may therefore write you again in a few days, in case we cannot find the right person shortly, and I sincerely hope that you will be willing then to reconsider. It would certainly be of the greatest help to the Society if you could do so. I would add in this connection, Dr. Leake and I both feel that the talks at this session should be quite informal and intended primarily to arouse general discussion. We may simply list the speakers under the heading of “Discussion led by“ etc. This would make it legitimate and even desirable to express one’s

general opinions off-hand rather than to prepare a regular paper, and I hope that this might minimize preparation necessary for those who take part.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Leake see Sh. to S. of 17 August 1936.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 25 October 1938*

Dear Sigerist:

In reference to my recent letter, I saw Dr. Conkling of the American Philosophical Society here and discovered that he cannot possibly attend our Chicago session because of his responsibility for the Richmond meeting of the A.A.A.S. Meanwhile Professor Frederick Barry has accepted and so will be one of the leaders at our discussion. I am therefore hopeful that you will also be able to reconsider and participate.

Dr. Leake has suggested that we might entitle the session simply “History, Science, and Society“, so as to allow very broad limits for the discussion and at the same time to imply some relationship to the present. I have in mind now, if Dr. Viets approves, an informal discussion under this heading in which we might not even give titles to papers but simply announce that the discussion would be led by Professor Barry and one or two other men. In such a case, those participating would not necessarily prepare any actual paper and could talk informally within such time limits as might be necessary. I still feel that it would be most valuable to the Society to have you participate and trust that you may be able to accept under these informal conditions. Please let me know your feeling in the matter as soon as possible, as we are now being pushed by the general Program Committee of the A.H.A. in Chicago.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Conkling and Barry see Sh. to S. of 18 and 14 October 1938, respectively. A.A.A.S.: American Association for the Advancement of Science. Leake see Sh. to S. of 17 August 1936. Viets, Henry R. (1890-1969) medical historian. A.H.A.: American Historical Association.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 1 November 1938*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of October 25. As you do not expect an elaborate paper, I shall be very glad to take part in the discussion “History, Science, and Society“ or whatever you may call it.

I am just getting ready to leave for Yale University where I am giving a few lectures.

Yours very sincerely,  
Henry E. Sigerist

At Yale University S. gave the three Terry Lectures on “The significance of Disease“, “The significance of Health“, and “The Physician’s Mission“; they have been published as a book (Sigerist 1941a).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 3 January 1939*

Dear Sigerist:

I am writing to congratulate you upon election as President of the History of Science Society and express my best personal wishes to you in that office. I really believe that your election, coming after the recent administration of Dr. Leake and the appointment of Dr. Viets as Secretary, places the society on a much stronger basis throughout.

I was sorry to miss the last dinner and Dr. Sarton’s paper but found that I was much more tired than I realized and that it was wise not to attempt anything more. I meant to tell you before leaving that a former colleague of mine, Douglas Maggs, has just completed for the Attorney General the case against the A.M.A. and the D.C. Medical Association, and that he assured me in Chicago that he felt they had a strong case - particularly against the latter organization.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Leake, Viets, Sarton see Sh. to S. of 17 August 1936, 25 October 1938, and 30 January 1936, respectively. Douglas B. Maggs (died 1962) Duke University professor of law. A.M.A.: American Medical Association. D.C. District of Columbia.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 7 January 1939*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of January 3 and your good wishes. The History of Science Society is a splendid organization and I enjoyed every minute of the last meeting. I am sorry that you missed Sarton’s address. It was one of the best talks he ever made.

I am afraid that you will have to help me a great deal during this coming year. I have accepted a visiting lectureship in South Africa for August, September and October and will not be back in Baltimore before December. I hope to see you some time in the spring so that we can discuss the program for next winter.

I hope you will recover soon and completely. I was most upset to hear about your accident.

With all good wishes, I am  
Yours very sincerely  
Henry E. Sigerist

This letter's background is S.'s election as president of the History of Science Society. Sarton see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 20 January 1939*

Dear Sigerist:

This is just a line to say that I have several long letters from Dr. Robert Kuhn, who is apparently a refugee and who expresses a desire to get in touch with medical historians in this country. You have probably already heard from him, but I have taken the liberty of suggesting that he might write you. He apparently is an able man who was trained in Munich and who conducted for some ten years a section on obstetrics in the Muenchn. Med. Wochenschr. I am afraid it is one of the many unhappy cases where it is very difficult to know what to do, but trust you do not mind at least having him get in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

S. helped several German refugees find positions in the U.S. before WWII. Münchener Medizinische Wochenschrift: A German medical weekly journal.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 1 February 1939*

Dear Shryock:

I intend to bring a comprehensive project on research in American medicine before the annual meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine. The plan is not formulated yet, and I am most anxious to discuss it with you in detail. I would like to mobilize all our Constituent Societies so that they may take an active part in the project.

I very much hope that you can come to Baltimore some day so that we could spend an evening together with the members of my staff in order to draw up a regular ordre de bataille.

Yours ever,  
Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 2 February 1939*

Dear Sigerist:

I am interested to learn that you plan to bring a comprehensive project on research in American medicine before the annual meeting of the American Association of Medicine [sic],

and should, of course, be very glad to discuss it with you. I shall probably be going to Washington at some time during the next few weeks and could stop off in Baltimore in order to visit you at the Institute. If you can suggest one or two possible dates at your convenience, I will try to fit these into my own program.

The chairman of the program committee of the American Historical Association has requested me to outline a session on the history of science for the next annual meeting in Washington, and I should appreciate highly any suggestions you may care to make in this connection. The program should appeal as far as possible to the general historians. There is always, I suppose, a choice between papers on the history of science as such, and such academic matters as the place of the history of science in the courses in general history or general science.

I was much interested in the recent article relating to your work in TIME, which I should think on the whole might prove helpful in developing intelligent public opinion on the whole subject of social medicine.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

“American Association“ of the History of Medicine. Time Magazine of 30 January had S. as a frontispiece and an article on him (O.N. 1939); in it S. is called the internationally leading medical historian as well as an authority on compulsory health insurance and health policy in America.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 7 February 1939*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of February 2. I shall be out of town from February 18 to 19 and have luncheon engagements for February 22 and 23 but otherwise I am free, and any date that suits you will be convenient to us.

Let me know a few days in advance when we may expect you and arrange to come for luncheon so that we can discuss the project at leisure.

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 17 February 1939*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your note of February 7th. It happens that I am rather tied up for all of next week except Thursday, the 23rd, and I note that you are not free that particular day. Would it suit you if I came down on Monday, the 27th ? If not, it is possible that I can make it the following day.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 23 February 1939 (Telegram)*

WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU MONDAY FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO.  
SHALL HAVE LUNCH AT FOURTEEN WEST HAMILTON STREET CLUB AT ONE  
OCLOCK WITH MEMBERS OF STAFF  
SIGERIST

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 24 February 1939*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your wire of the 23rd which reached me last night. Unless something unexpected prevents, I believe that I can come down on Monday 27th, and shall be glad to join you at the time and place suggested. If anything makes this difficult at the last minute, I shall let you know. I shall look forward to seeing you and the staff again.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 28 February 1939*

Dear Sigerist:

This is just a line to give you the address of Dr. Ralph Bunche, the colored scholar about whom I spoke yesterday. He is Head of the Department of Political Science at Howard University in Washington and as far as I know, he is in residence there this year.

He is an unusually interesting and attractive man and has had wide training and experience in the anthropological aspects of colonial administration in the French, British and Dutch colonies - including South Africa. I shall take the liberty of writing him that he may hear from you.

I enjoyed the opportunity of lunching with you and your staff yesterday very much indeed, and think your whole program for the Association most promising.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Ralph J. Bunche (1904-1971) taught at Howard and Harvard Universities, had U.N. assignments, was awarded the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize. "Association", American, of the History of Medicine.

In September WWII broke out; S. was stuck in South Africa, and his return was much delayed.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 11 January 1940*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

While I am not certain as to the date of your return to this country, I trust that you are already safely back in Baltimore, and that it may be possible to see you some time during the next few weeks, in relation to the future of the History of Science Society. Dr. Viets has doubtless already written you about the general situation produced by the withdrawal of support of the Carnegie Institution for Dr. Sarton and his work. This situation involves obvious difficulties, but I think also may possibly provide a real opportunity for the future of the Society.

I am writing now in the more specific matter of requesting your opinion of the work of two of the younger medievalists who have been interested in the history of science. I have in mind Dr. Dana Durand of Harvard and Dr. Lynn White of Stanford. There will be a vacancy in Medieval History in this Department next year and - other things being equal - I should personally like to bring in a man who is interested in this field. If you have any opinion as to the relative merits of these two men or if you know of any other scholar of about their age in this field, I should appreciate your writing me in confidence about them.

I trust that you had a most pleasant and profitable stay in South Africa. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Viets and Sarton see Sh. to S. of 15 October 1938 and 30 January 1936, respectively. Lynn T. White (1907-1987) became professor of medieval history at several universities. "this Department" of History at the University of Pennsylvania.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 16 January 1940*

Dear Shryock:

At long last I am back. I got stuck in Africa on account of the war. All sailing schedules were upset and I had to wait for passage on an American ship. This gave me five additional weeks that were not lost. I made a delightful trip through Zululand and the Transkeian territory where I studied health conditions and medical services among tribal natives.

I have had some correspondence with Henry Viets concerning the History of Science Society. There are indeed very urgent problems to discuss and since Viets and I are attending the meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies in Philadelphia, January 25-27, I suggest that our Committee of the HSS meet Saturday, January 27 at 1 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. We could have lunch together and discuss our problems. I am writing Karpinski by the same mail and hope that he can come also.

I am ashamed to say that I know little about the work of Dana Durand and Lynn White but like yourself, I met and heard them both at the meeting in Chicago 1939. I had a very good impression of both but I was particularly impressed by the enthusiastic approach and warm

presentation that White gave us on mediaeval technology. From what I heard he is a very promising young man and since he is interested in mediaeval technology, I am sure it would be splendid to have him in Philadelphia where he would be quite close to the Index of Christian Art in Princeton.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

S. spent the final months of 1939 on a study tour in South Africa. Viets see Sh. to S. of 25 October 1938. HSS: History of Science Society. Louis C. Karpinski (1878-1956) historian of mathematics. Durand and White see Sh. to S. of 11 January 1940.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 18 January 1940*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of January 16th. I am very glad to learn of your safe return and of the successful conclusion of your work in Africa. I shall look forward to either hearing or reading something of your impressions received in this connection. I shall be glad to meet with the other officers of the History of Science Society as you suggest about 1 P.M. on Saturday, January 27th, at the Ritz Carlton here. I should add that I have an examination that morning from 11 to 1 here on the campus, and that I therefore could probably not get in town until about 1.15 or 1.20. If I do not hear to the contrary I shall assume that you think this would be all right.

In connection with the meeting of the ACLS here about that time may I call your attention to the fact that I am under the impression the Society is entitled to another delegate in that organization. My colleague Professor Lingelbach who, I believe, is chairman, assures me that the secretaries of the constituent societies are entitled to attend the sessions ex-officio and that Dr. Viets therefore is entitled to attend in his secretarial capacity. I have already called this to his attention, and he will probably take it up with you. Please let me know, however, if I am mistaken in this and if we already have two formal delegates in addition to the secretary. You have doubtless received Dr. Leake's letter concerning Dr. Sarton and the Society. I saw Sarton at Cambridge a few weeks ago and he insisted at that time that under no circumstances could he carry on with the editing of *Isis*. I am not clear whether Dr. Leake's letter implies a change of mind in this connection, on Sarton's part, or whether it simply expresses Leake's own personal reactions.

I hope there will be an opportunity in the near future to talk over the work of the committee on medical history, which was appointed at the last meeting in Atlantic City.

With best wishes, and looking forward to seeing you, here, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

S.'s report on South Africa (Sigerist 1940a). ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. William E. Lingelbach (1871-1961) head of History Department, U. of Pennsylvania. Viets, Leake, Sarton see Sh. to S. of 25 January 1938, 17 August 1938, and 30 January 1936, respectively. *Isis*: A journal of the history of science.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 22 January 1940*

Dear Shryock:

Thanks for your letter of January 18. I am looking forward to seeing you on Saturday and we shall wait for you for lunch.

You are quite correct that we are entitled to a second delegate. The secretaries of the constituent societies have their own meeting and attend the council's meetings ex-officio but without vote. The delegates, however, should be elected by the Society and I do not think we can do anything about it before December. Since I am a member of the advisory board, however, the HSS will be actually represented by three members.

I also received a copy of Chauncey Leake's letter and I wrote him about our meeting. I also had several letters from Sarton and my impression is that the basic trouble lies in the conflict between him and the Carnegie Institute. At any rate, it is very good that we shall have an opportunity to discuss these problems.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Leake and Sarton see Sh. to S. of 17 August 1938, and 30 January 1936, respectively.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 23 January 1940*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of January 22. I am interested to know that I am correct about the representation of the Society in the ACLS, but am sure that under the circumstances we are quite adequately represented for the current year.

I am also glad to find that it will be convenient for you to wait for me at luncheon on Saturday, and shall look forward to seeing you and Dr. Viets at that time.

Did you receive a letter from Dr. Conway Zirkle in reference to the costs of publication? I think we would like to talk to our Committee on this matter and if you care to have him join us on Saturday, I should be glad to pass on the word. This is, of course, not necessary in case you think it would be better to have only the members of the Committee present.

Dr. Karpinski has just sent me a copy of his letter to you in which, I am sorry to learn, he says that he will not be able to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

“Society“, History of Science. ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. Viets and Karpinski see Sh. to S. of 25 October 1938 and 16 January 1940, respectively. Conway Zirkle (1895-1972) biologist at the University of Pennsylvania.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 25 January 1940*

Dear Professor Shryock:

Your letter of January 23 did not reach Dr. Sigerist at his office this morning. May I suggest that you get in touch with him about its contents at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton ? Probably the best time would be either in the mornings before 10 a.m. or later in the evenings when the meeting-sessions are over.

I hope you will not feel that I am intruding but I have not forwarded your letter to Dr. Sigerist and thought you would prefer speaking with him directly.

Very sincerely yours,

[Hope Trebing ?]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 21 March 1940*

Dear Shryock:

First let me congratulate you on the German edition of your book. I just saw it announced in a Swiss medical journal, and I think it is a great compliment to have had your book translated.

Could you tell me where the meeting of the American Historical Association will be held this year ?

I hope you can come to Atlantic City on May 5. Viets will also be there and we could then discuss the program of the meeting of the History of Science Society.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

German translation of (Shryock 1936a). Viets see Sh. to S. of 25 October 1938.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 26 March 1940*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your letter of March 21 and for the kind comment on the German translation of my book. I had never expected it to be completed as all the actual printing was done after the outbreak of the war. I hope my appreciation of the interest which Diepgen and others took in the matter - which was largely responsible for the translation - will not be interpreted as an approval of the present regime. As far as I can recall, none of those with whom I had any contact in Germany were Nazis or owed their position originally to the Nazi government. Hence, I expressed my appreciation of the older German scholarship, rather than of the

limited type which is now dominant. I find that one sentence has been omitted, but otherwise the text does not seem to have been tempered with.

The American Historical Association will meet this year in New York City. I believe there is some plan to meet hereafter only in New York, Chicago, and Washington, in successive years.

I expect to go down to Atlantic City on May 4th and 5th and shall hope to see you and Dr. Viets at that time. I may be in Washington Wednesday or Thursday of this week, and if possible will try to call on you in Baltimore en route.

I believe I told you how much I enjoyed reading your articles in the Bulletin in regard to your South African lectures.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Paul Diepgen (1878-1966) director of the Institute of the History of Medicine in Berlin. Viets see Sh. to S. of 25 October 1938. "South African lectures": (Sigerist 1940a).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 30 May 1940*

Dear Sigerist:

I trust that you are coming up to the Osler celebration on Saturday, June 8, and in line with our earlier letters am suggesting that we hold a meeting of the Committee on American Medical History that afternoon at 5 P.M. at the Franklin Inn Club in this city.

I am giving a small informal medical dinner to Dr. Viets at the Club that same evening at 7 and hope that you can be my guest at that time.

Dr. Krumbhaar assures me there is no special medical meeting that evening and I hope, therefore, that we can meet informally as a committee and then adjourn for dinner. Please let me know as soon as it is convenient if you can be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

William Osler (1849-1919) professor of medicine at McGill University, Johns Hopkins, and Oxford, England. Viets see Sh. to S. of 25 October 1938. Edward B. Krumbhaar (1882-1966) pathologist, medical historian and founder of the American Association of the History of Medicine in 1925.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 1 June 1940*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of May 30. Yes, I intend to be in Philadelphia on June 8 and will be very glad to attend a committee meeting at five o'clock and also to be present at your dinner at seven. Thanks ever so much for your kind invitation. I am looking forward to being with you with the greatest pleasure.

Sincerely yours,  
Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 24 September 1940*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for the copy of your letter of September 23 to Dr. Viets.

This seems to me an excellent summary of the discussions at our meeting here last week, and I hope will elicit a favorable response.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 29 September (probably October) 1940*

Dear Sigerist:

I am very sorry indeed to learn of your illness through Dr. Viets, but trust that you are much improved by this time.

At the latter's request, I have arranged a joint session for the Society with the American Historical Association on Friday morning, December 27, at the Hotel McAlpin in New York City. I enclose a carbon of my last letter to Viets which is self-explanatory. He writes me that he thinks this is probably all the formal program shall need this year, and I trust these arrangements meet with your approval.

With best wishes for a rapid recovery, I am  
Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

“Society“, probably History of Science Society. “Carbon“ copy. Viets see Sh. to S. of 25 October 1938.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 30 October 1940*

Dear Professor Shryock:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of October 29 to Dr. Sigerist. He has almost completely recovered and at the moment is at Cornell University in Ithaca where he will be for three weeks delivering the Messenger Lectures. I sent him a copy of your letter for his information.

We expect him back in the middle of November.

Sincerely yours,  
[Hope Trebing ?]  
Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

Messenger Lectures: A gift from Cornell alumnus Hiram Messenger in 1924; S. gave six lectures on the general subject of *Civilization and Disease*, see also (Sigerist 1943a).

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 23 November 1940*

Dear Shryock:

I have just spent three very pleasant weeks at Cornell University in Ithaca and on my return I found your letter of October 29.

The program for the History of Science Society meeting looks very promising and I am looking forward to attending the session.

I shall have a rather crowded week because I must talk to the Association of Medical Students in Boston on the 28th and to the AAAS in Philadelphia on the 30th.

I am looking forward to seeing you and I am sure that after the Council meeting we shall have time to discuss various problems.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

AAAS: American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 17 December 1940*

Dear Shryock:

I saw Lingelbach in Washington the other day and he told me that you are or are going to give courses at the Medical School. Congratulations to you and to the Medical School. I am delighted to see that a medical school has for once shown some wisdom in the matter of medical history.

I also heard from our historians that you will lecture at Hopkins in January, and I am looking forward to seeing you here with greatest pleasure.

I recently had a letter from Dr. Leaman, Jr., 3700 Baring Street, Philadelphia. He happens to be Clerk of the Section on Medical History of the College of Physicians. He complains about the lack of interest in their meetings. Can you not help them out? There are so many people interested in the history of medicine and in the history of science in Philadelphia that I cannot understand why there should not be more interest in those meetings.

With kind regards, I am  
Yours very sincerely,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Lingelbach see Sh. to S. of 18 January 1940. “Medical School“ of the University of Pennsylvania, in addition to Department of History.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 20 December 1940*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 17. We do not actually know yet just what will be done about medical history in the Medical School. I have been appointed Chairman of the Department of Medical History in the Graduate School, but this has always been a paper department, rather than a real, working unit. As you know, Dr. Riesman gave a general lecture course in the Medical School, but as far as I know he has not been replaced in that connection.

I hope to meet soon after the holidays with Dr. Krumbhaar and Dr. Packard, the other members of the Department noted, in order to see what plans can be made. I hope I may have a chance to talk this situation over with you.

I am sorry to learn that Dr. Leaman is discouraged about the lack of interest in the meetings of the section on medical history of the College of Physicians. I like to attend when possible, but notification has been somewhat irregular in the past and one did not always know when the meetings were actually being held. Certainly there is enough potential interest in this area to support the Section very effectively and there ought to be some way of mobilizing this interest.

I do plan to come down to Hopkins in January and shall look forward to seeing you there. Meanwhile, I shall also probably see you at the History of Science Council meeting next Friday in New York City.

I trust everything goes well at the Institute.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

David Riesman, Sr. (1867-1940) and Francis R. Packard (1870-1950) medical historians. Krumbhaar see Sh. to S. of 30 May 1940. Leaman see S. to Sh. 17 December 1940.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 6 January 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

I am glad to report that the adjourned session of the History of Science Society went off very well last Monday morning in New York. While I was sorry to miss the Symposium here in Philadelphia, it seemed best to return and see that this meeting was held. There were about 35 people present and papers were followed by a good discussion. I do not yet understand

how the confusion in the program occurred, as I find on checking that the A.H.A. program committee definitely assured me that the meeting would be scheduled for Friday morning at the McAlpin, and I have forwarded the pertinent correspondence to Viets.

Perhaps you will recall that I raised with you the question of a possible deposit of the historical materials of the National Tuberculosis Association in the library of the Institute, and that you thought this might possibly be arranged. I have brought the matter up before a meeting of the Association's committee on History and Archives in New York last Friday, and the committee agreed that the Institute of Medical History would be the best possible national depository if the proper arrangements could be made. These materials, both publications and manuscripts, are works of considerable value with relation to the history of public health, and I should think would have, therefore, a logical place in your collections. As I said, the committee feels that the collection should be kept intact and assumes that materials deposited would be indexed by the Institute's library. As far as we can estimate roughly the collections which will be available in the near future would require about 45 feet of shelf space - perhaps roughly equivalent of a single alcove - and perhaps one or two drawers or a filling case for a number of manuscripts.

I hope that you may still feel that it is possible to make such an arrangement, and if so I shall communicate immediately with the proper officers in the national office of the Association. They will then begin preparing to send down the materials this winter or spring at your convenience.

I hope to write you shortly again with regard to the next program of the History of Science Society. Perhaps we can arrange a meeting during the next meeting of the ACLS. I had a long talk with Esmond Long the other day and I believe he will be interested in serving the Society in the Council.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

A.H.A.: American Historical Association. McAlpin, a New York Hotel. Viets see Sh. to S. of 25 October 1938. Sh. was a member of the National Tuberculosis Association, used its stationery for this letter, and later would write its history (Shryock 1957). ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. Esmond R. Long (1890-1979) pathologist and medical historian.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 13 January 1941*

Dear Shryock:

Both your talks were splendid and, as you noticed, created a great deal of interest. As I told you, I should very much like to publish the paper you gave to the History of Ideas Club; send the manuscript whenever it is ready and I shall bring it out in the next number.

When you were here, I forgot to thank you for your letter concerning the National Tuberculosis Association. I am very anxious to have the material here so that it will be preserved for future historians, and I feel that I should bring the matter before the Library Committee since we shall, in all probability, have to use shelf space of the Welch Library.

I think we shall have a meeting of the Library Committee soon and I will then give you a definite answer.

With kind regards, I am  
Yours ever,  
Henry E. Sigerist

S. meant to publish Sh.'s paper in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine, however, there did not appear an article by Sh. in the coming years. National Tuberculosis Association see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 14 January 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

It was very good of you to come over to my recent talks at Johns Hopkins. I forgot to ask you, while there, whether you received my letter inquiring about the possibility of depositing materials of the National Tuberculosis Association with the Institute Library. You were kind enough to suggest in New York that this could probably be done, and I will get in touch with the NTA people as soon as I can hear from you definitely.

I hope to call a preliminary meeting of the Program Committee of the History of Science Society in Washington during the ACLS meetings, and hope that you and Viets can attend. We might also get Esmond Long to sit in. I have asked Viets to let me know a time when it would be convenient to get together.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

P.S.. Thanks for your last note, which just arrived. I shall hope for favorable action by your Library Committee.

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Long and Viets see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941 and 25 October 1938, respectively.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 23 January 1941*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

At the suggestion of Dr. Viets, we shall try to hold a meeting on the next program of the History of Science Society immediately after the last session of the ACLS at Washington, at 1 P.M. on Saturday, February 1. We shall try to get together at the Hotel Washington, 15th Street, N.W., at that time.

I hope that you can join us and shall probably ask Long and one or two others likewise. The assumption is that you will all be there in the hotel at that time and that we might have luncheon together.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock



P.S. I neglected to thank you in my last letter for the invitation to send you the paper I read at Hopkins recently for the Bulletin. I shall be glad to do so, but assume that you are in no immediate hurry and that I may hold it for two or three weeks to revise it.

Long and Viets see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941 and 25 October 1938, respectively. Paper for the Bulletin see S. to Sh. of 13 January 1941.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 28 January 1941*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letters. I think it is a very good idea to meet on Saturday for luncheon to discuss the program of the HSS and you can count on me.

There is no hurry with your manuscript; send it whenever it is convenient.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 5 February 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for forwarding the letter from Professor Bessie Pierce. This looks encouraging as it would seem to imply that she will make the major local arrangements for us. I have written her immediately about our tentative program.

I enjoyed our committee meeting in Washington last week and believe that we ought to be able to work out an interesting program. I have already written to Dean Stimson and to Professor Lynn White along the lines agreed upon.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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Bessie L. Pierce (1888-1974) historian. Stimson and White see Sh. to S. of 9 May 1938 and 11 January 1940, respectively.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 4 March 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

Just a line to say that Dr. Conklin has just informed me that the APS has granted us \$ 1000 in aid of Isis which seems most encouraging.

I regret very much that I missed your talk here a few weeks ago before the College of Physicians. The Secretary of their historical section has promised several times to send me

notices of meetings, but they rarely come through and as a result I did not know the date until after the event. I am particularly sorry to have missed this paper, both because of my interest in the subject, and because of your helpful contributions during my talks at Hopkins in January.

Professor Lynn White of Stanford has agreed to arrange our medieval session at Chicago next fall. Dean Stimson has agreed to read a paper at a general session and I hope will consent to select the other papers for that meeting. Should you see her, I wish you could encourage her to do so. Meanwhile, I trust that you and Dr. Long will be able to arrange something for the proposed joint meeting with the AHA on recent medical developments.

Professor Morrison [sic] of Harvard is unable to give us a dinner paper as he is already committed to another session. We shall therefore have to find another speaker for this occasion.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

For this letter Sh. uses stationary of the History of Science Society of which he is president and Viets is secretary. Conkling see Sh. to S. of 18 October 1938. APS: American Philosophical Society, see following letter. Isis: A journal of the history of science. S.'s lecture in Philadelphia was possibly (Sigerist 1941b). "Secretary of the historical section" Leaman, see S. to Sh. of 17 December 1940. White, Stimson, Long see Sh. to S. of 11 January 1940, 9 May 1938, and 6 January 1941, respectively. AHA: American Historical Association. Morison see Sh. to S. of 9 May 1938.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 11 March 1941*

Dear Shryock:

I was delighted to hear that the American Philosophical Society has granted Isis a thousand dollars. This will be a tremendous help, particularly now in the period of readjustment.

On the enclosed sheet you will find a suggestion for a symposium for the December meeting of the H.S.S. I should think that this is a subject which should have considerable interest for the historians. The idea of the first paper would be that a number of diseases, such as tuberculosis, that used to attack all groups of society are now prevalent chiefly among the low income groups.

The second paper would show that certain other diseases have been pushed out of the economically advanced countries but are still prevalent in the backward countries.

The history of influenza would be a good subject since it can be traced back pretty far and since we are just now in a period between two pandemics. I could perhaps take care of that paper as I did some work on it years ago.

And finally, the last paper would discuss the Sweating Sickness which played such an important part in the 16th century and which may have been influenza or a disease related to it.

Please consider this a mere suggestion. I am sending a carbon to Long and he may have much better ideas.

Yours very sincerely,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Isis: A journal of the history of science. H.S.S.: History of Science Society. S. did field work during the 1918 influenza epidemic in Switzerland and wrote an article (Sigerist 1918). “Carbon“ copy. Long see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 13 March 1941*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Thank you for your recent letter. I think the suggestion for a session on the history of disease for the Chicago meetings is excellent. Dr. Long has just sent me a copy of his letter of March 12 to you. I assume that you will reach some agreement concerning his suggestion about the fourth paper. My only comment would be the obvious one that we ought to limit either the number of papers or the length of each. I think we have all seen many sessions hurt by too extended a program. If there are to be four papers, can it not be understood that the chairman will enforce a brief time limit ?

Was it your intention to suggest the session on disease as a substitute for the one proposed on recent developments in medicine, or did you intend to make it a fourth session ? You will recall that we plan a first session on medieval science (Dr. Lynn White of Stanford has agreed to arrange this) and a second general one which I hope Dean Stimson will look after. I would personally prefer to make the program on disease a fourth session, rather than to omit the other medical topics. I believe it was our feeling that the latter would make a particular appeal to general historians and that we ought therefore to use it for our one joint session with the A.H.A.

I trust that you will let me know if your library committee is able to approve the request of the N.T.A. that its historical materials be deposited with the library of the Institute. This would be of great service to the Association, and at the same time I believe the materials are really of historical significance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

White, Stimson, Long see Sh. to S. of 11 January 1940, 9 May 1938, and 6 January 1941, respectively. A.H.A.: American Historical Association. N.T.A.: National Tuberculosis Association.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 14. March 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

The enclosed copy of a letter from Dean Stimson is self-explanatory. If you do not see any serious objection, I believe I shall tell her to go ahead with the proposed session on the 17th century. Most of the promising papers that have occurred to anyone seem to fall in that

period. It is also evidently a session which Dean Stimson herself would like to plan and I think this is important in itself.

If her proposal is accepted by the Committee, we shall be fairly well along in our general plans for the Chicago meeting. Lynn White of Stanford will look after the medieval session, Dean Stimson, the one just noted, and you and Dr. Long agreed to look after the joint session on recent medical developments. There is also the proposed session on disease history about which we had some correspondence recently.

As Professor Morrison [sic] has declined to speak at our dinner meeting, what would you think of asking Miss Nicolson of Columbia ? She is a distinguished woman, has long been interested in the history of 17th century science, and her name is suggested in Dean Stimson's letter. This, of course, is only an off-hand suggestion.

I think we can assume that the Program Committee consists officially of yourself, Dean Stimson, Professor White, Dr. Long, and Dr. Viets and myself, ex officio.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

White, Stimson, Long see Sh. to S. of 11 January 1940, 9 May 1938, and 6 January 1941, respectively. Morison see Sh. to S. of 9 May 1938. Marjorie Hope Nicolson (1894-1981) scholar of English Renaissance, first female full professor of Columbia University.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 19 March 1941*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letters of March 13 and 14. My suggestion was not meant to be a substitute for the one proposed on recent developments in medicine nor an addition, but I thought that the progress of medicine in its recent developments can be illustrated best by the effects it had on the incidence of illness.

I quite agree with Long that it might be better to drop the subject on the Sweating Sickness. It is an extremely puzzling disease that has played a great part in history but Long is probably right that there is very little to add to what has been said about it before.

I also very much like Long's suggestion of a paper on the changing age structure of the population. He must be persuaded to discuss it himself as he has done some splendid work in the field.

If the four papers are kept down to twenty minutes, which can easily be done, it should not be too many if we have a half day available for the symposium.

Dean Stimson's program appeals to me very much and I am all in favor of asking Miss Nicolson who has always taken a very active part in the work of the HSS.

This would give us three sessions, one on medieval science, one on the 17th century, and the medical session.

I should advise you to get in touch with Long about the medical session since you are living in the same city and it is easier for you to get together. If you or Long would prefer to drop the scheme I have suggested and to take some other medical subject, I have no objection to it at all. My idea, as I said, was merely to illustrate the recent developments in medicine by the effect they have on the incidence of illness which is a most important factor in social history.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

P.S. Our Library Committee discussed the matter of the National Tuberculosis Association at its last meeting but did not come to a final decision. I was asked to have a look at the material the next time I go to New York, whereupon the Committee will take the matter up again.

Long, Stimson see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941 and 9 May 1938, respectively. Nicolson see Sh. to S. of 14 March 1941. HSS: History of Science Society.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 20 March 1941*

My dear Sigerist:

Just a line to thank you for the reprints from the staff of the Institute, which reached me last week, and which I should have acknowledged before. I am very glad indeed to receive these.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 4 April 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

The general arrangements for the program for the History of Science Society seem to be going along fairly well. Dean Stimson, Lynn White, and Professor Geiser of Dallas have all agreed to look out for the several sessions already agreed upon. I am writing Miss Nicholson [sic] to invite her to give the dinner paper.

The only uncertainty now seems to be the matter of the medical session and I am asking the opinion of several members of the Program Committee as to whether they would prefer a session on recent medical developments or one on the history of disease with its social implications. From a personal point of view, I prefer your suggestion of the latter theme. The question is whether or not this would attract the attention of general historians as effectively as the rather dramatic story of such recent developments as those in chemo-therapy, etc. This is to be our one joint meeting with the AHA and should have, I suppose, a preliminary missionary objective. I shall get the opinions of Long, Viets, and Dean Stimson and then let you know the general consensus of opinion. In any case, I hope that you and Dr. Long will plan the session.

Thank you for your recent note with regard to the question of a national depository for the historical records of the National Tuberculosis Association. Would it be possible for your Library Committee to reach a decision in the matter prior to the next meeting of the NTA Archives Committee - which will be held in connection with the Atlantic City meetings on May 3rd or 4th ? I hope, of course, that they may decide in the affirmative, since this would

be of real service to the NTA and ought also to bring some worthwhile records to the Institute. But in any case, it would aid the Committee to know the decision before the next meeting.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Richard H. Shryock

Stimson, White see Sh. to S. of 9 May 1938 and 11 January 1940, respectively. Geiser not identified. Nicolson see Sh. to S. of 14 March 1941. AHA: American Historical Association.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 14 April 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

With reference to the History of Science program for Chicago, Dean Stimson prefers that our medical session be devoted to the theme you suggested; i.e., the history of disease and its influence on society. As Dr. Long and I have no strong preference in the matter, I shall assume that we will go ahead with this subject unless I hear to the contrary from Long in the next few days. I have also written to him that I hope he can give us a paper at this session, and I trust you and he can arrange the others. I also wish very much that you could give a paper but leave this to your discretion.

Dean Marjorie Nicolson would be glad to give a paper for our dinner meeting, if we can arrange a date at which she does not have to attend the meetings of the Modern Language Association. I shall try to straighten this out immediately if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Stimson, Long, Nicolson see Sh. to S. of 9 May 1938, 6 January 1941, and 14 March 1941, respectively.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 17 May 1941*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Since last writing you about the program of the History of Science Society, Dean Marjorie Nicolson of Smith has agreed to address our dinner meeting. As she must be in Indianapolis on Tuesday, December 30, I would suggest that we set this dinner for Wednesday, December 31, in order that she can be with us. Our whole program could then be arranged as follows:

Tuesday, December 30

A.M. Medieval History – Lynn White,  
(Leland Stanford) Chairman

P.M. 17th Century Science - Dean  
Stimson, (Goucher Chairman)

Wednesday, December 31

A.M. Joint Session with AHA, History  
of Disease and Demography -  
Sigerist and Long, Co-Chairman  
6:30 P.M. Annual Dinner - Dean Marjorie  
Nicolson, (Smith) Speaker

Other things being equal, I would prefer not to set our dinner until the last day (the AHA is meeting Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the week), but I think this is justifiable in order to have Miss Nicolson with us, and assume that most of our members would be willing to remain in Chicago through Wednesday afternoon in order to hear her that evening. Council sessions can be held at luncheon on Tuesday and Wednesday if necessary.

If you see any objections to this tentative schedule or have other suggestions, please let me know. Unless I hear to the contrary, I shall assume that you consider these arrangements satisfactory. I hope it may be possible to insert this tentative program in the next issue of Isis for the information of our members.

Please let me know as soon as it is convenient what plans it may have been possible to make with regard to the session of which you are Chairman.

With renewed appreciation of your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

P.S. I am, of course, leaving to the Chairmen the matter of procedure in their respective sessions. I would like to suggest for your consideration, however, the possibility of encouraging general discussions by limiting the number of papers to two or three or by the usual device of appointing in advance someone to lead the discussion.

Nicolson, see Sh. to S. of 14 March 1941, taught at Smith College in Northampton, MA, and at Columbia University in New York. AHA: American Historical Association. Isis: A journal on the history of science.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 22 May 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

I am very sorry to learn that you have been ill and trust that you are feeling much better by this time.

This is just a line to say that Dr. Long thinks the tentative program for the Chicago sessions of the HSS is O.K. He requests that you act as the actual Chairman of the session on the History of Disease since he must attend the Dallas meeting. I trust that you will be willing to do this, and have requested Dr. Long to send his own suggestions directly to you. I hope that you will be willing to contribute a paper to this session. I had also hoped that Dr. Long would give one, but am not sure whether this is feasible if he cannot be present.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

HSS: History of Science Society.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 23 May 1941*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

Dr. Sigerist is leaving for Colorado and has asked me to tell you that he will answer your letter of May 17 as soon as he is back, which will be around the first part of June. I hope the delay will not be inconvenient.

Sincerely yours,  
[Hope Trebing ?]  
Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist's research secretary, Philadelphia, 29 May 1941*

Dear Miss Miller,

This will introduce to you one of my graduate students, Mr. Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., who intends to do some work on 18th century medicine in Baltimore this summer. I would appreciate any courtesies of the library which it may be possible for you to show him.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Genevieve Miller joined S.'s staff as research secretary in 1938 after graduating at Goucher College.  
Whitfield J. Bell, Jr. (born 1914) historian.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 3 June 1941*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

This is just a line to say that the statement of our tentative program will be published in the September issue of *Isis*. If it is possible to determine the exact papers to be given in our session prior to about August 1, please send this information directly to Dr. Viets so that it may be included in the September statement.

My own address from June 10 to July 20 will be "care of the History Department, Duke University, Durham, N.C." Thereafter it will again be at this University. I appreciate very much the care which you are giving to the arrangement of this program.



With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock  
President

Letter-head: History of Science Society. Isis see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 13 June 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your letters of June 6 and 10. I shall be glad to appoint the sub-committee on psychiatry which you suggested. Do you wish me to write each person directly or can they be notified by you as Secretary? In the former case, could you be so kind as to send me again the names and addresses involved as I am afraid I did not bring these down here with me this week. I quite agree that it would be wise to have a meeting of the committee on research in the American Historical Association sometime in the fall and will get in touch with you about it from Philadelphia.

Professor Curtis B.[sic] Nettels of the University of Wisconsin (Chairman of the A.H.A. program) requests that we send him as soon as possible the list of participants and the papers for our one joint session with the A.H.A. This is the session of which you are Chairman. Nettels hopes in a few weeks to mimeograph a first draft of the whole program, and would let you have our papers included if possible. It might save time if you could send him a tentative list of speakers and papers directly whenever you and Dr. Long have decided upon them. There is no hurry as far as we are concerned, but it is doubtless well to cooperate with the A.H.A. committee as far as possible. It would, of course, be well also to send the details to Dr. Viets for the announcement in the next issue of Isis.

I am of course hoping that you will contribute a paper to this session. With best wishes,  
Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

S.'s two letters are missing. Sub-committee of the history of psychiatry: Gregory Zilboorg, Albert Deutsch, Henry E. Sigerist. Curtis P. Nettels (1898-1981) historian. Isis see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 27 June 1941*

Dear Shryock:

Thanks for your letter of June 13. I am just sending the minutes of the Council Meeting of the Association to the printer and to be sure that I have things straight, I am sending you enclosed a list of members of the Committee on Research in the History of American Medicine and its two sub-committees.

You will remember that Elliot suggested that a Canadian member be appointed to the Sub-Committee on Bibliography and I think that W. W. Francis would be the best since he is librarian of the Osler Library at McGill.

I shall be very glad to notify the new members of the sub-committees so that you need not bother about it.

I will be glad to write Professor Nettles [sic] about the program of the symposium of the History of Science Society and will do it next week as soon as I am away from here. My summer address from July 2 on will be: Bailey Cottage, Bolton Landing, New York.

Long unfortunately is in South America so that it will be difficult to reach him but I think we have agreed in principle so that a tentative program could be drawn.

I was frightfully busy in the last few weeks trying to get the Transaction number of the Association into print so that it will come out without delay. This is done, however, by now.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Henry E. Sigerist

Committee on Research in the History of American Medicine: Shryock (Chairman), Iago Galdston, Wyndham B. Blanton, Howard Dittrick, Sigerist, Jabez H. Elliot. Nettel see Sh. to S. of 13 June 1941. Transaction number: Probably (Sigerist 1942).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 3 July 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of June 27 and for the enclosed list of committee members. Thank you also for notifying the new members of the sub-committees. I think it would be excellent to appoint W. W. Francis of McGill to the Bibliographical Committee, as you suggest.

I am glad you will be able to write Professor Nettels [sic] soon about the papers for the joint session of the History of Science Society and the A.H.A. on the history of disease and demography. Nettels [sic] is anxious [sic] to get the exact program as soon as possible. \*

I assume that you will act as chairman of this session if you so desire, but I also hope very much that you will contribute a paper; and in the latter case it would probably be best for someone else to preside. Probably I should do so as President unless there were someone who seemed particularly indicated.

I find that Professor Nettels [sic] has scheduled an A.H.A. session on "Science and Technology since 1750," for Wednesday morning, December 31, which is the same time we had set for our joint session. I am, therefore, suggesting to him that, in order to avoid a conflict of interest, we might shift our joint session to Tuesday afternoon.

I hope you are having a pleasant vacation. It is hot as the deuce here, but I am enjoying renewing old associations. I should appreciate it if you could let me know about the program you are sending to Nettels [sic]. His address is 192 Bascom Hall, University of Wisconsin.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

\* What would you think of limiting the session to two 40 m. or to three 30 m. papers, and then appointing one or two men in advance to discuss them ? Nettles [sic] is following this procedure with some of his sessions.

Francis see S. to Sh. of 27 June 1941. Nettel see Sh. to S. of 13 June 1941. A.H.A.: American Historical Association.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Durham, 17 July 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. It hardly looks as if it would fit into your program, but I promised Hall to send it on for your consideration. He is likely to do careful work and his paper might well be interesting if you can tie it in with others you have in mind.

Perhaps I wrote you before that Professor Curtis Nettels [sic], the program chairman of the A.H.A., would like to have our exact program as soon as the papers can be arranged. Whenever you have determined it, would you be kind enough to send copies of your program to both Dr. Viets and myself ? I am sorry to have to bother you on vacation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Richard H. Shryock

Hall not identified. Nettel see Sh. to S. of 13 June 1941. A.H.A.: American Historical Association.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 23 July 1941*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 17. I am forwarding it to Dr. Sigerist immediately.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting your student, Mr. Whitfield Bell, who is now working in the Institute. I hope that we have some books that will help him in his work.

The printed slips to be used for the articles in the American Bibliography are now ready and will be sent out as soon as I have some time. Everyone is on their vacation here, and my days are quite full.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

[Genevieve Miller]

Research Secretary

Bell see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941. Miller see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Bolton Landing, NY, 26 July 1941*

Dear Shryock:

I am sorry that the program of our symposium is not quite ready yet. The trouble is, that I forgot to take my correspondence with Esmond Long with me and Miss Trebing is motoring in the West somewhere. I hope to receive the letters in the next few days however, and to be able to settle the program soon.

Since Long is away I can not consult him and I would not like to do anything against his wishes, but I hope to have the matter ready in a few days and will let you know.

Very sincerely yours

Henry E. Sigerist

Long see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941. Hope M. Trebing: S.'s secretary.

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*Shryock to Sigerist's secretary, Philadelphia, 28 July 1941*

Dear Miss Miller:

Thank you for your note of July 23, and for your kindness in aiding my student Mr. Bell. He had already written me that you had been most helpful. I can well imagine that you must be very busy with most of the staff away. I shall be glad to receive the bibliographical references whenever it is convenient, and thank you meanwhile for forwarding my letter to Dr. Sigerist.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Richard H. Shryock

Bell see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Sachems Head, CT, 28 August 1941*

Dear Sigerist,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th, which was forwarded to me here. I am sorry you feel uncertain about arrangeing [sic] the proposed session on the history of disease, but hope you still feel it possible to plan one meeting for us.

The main problem is that we need a program, for the one joint session with the A.H.A., which will attract the attention of general historians. I do not believe that any of the others now arranged - the medieval or the 17th century topics - or a miscellaneous program would do this. We could perhaps go back to our original theme of recent developments in the medical sciences. This ought to attract attention, but might also involve difficulties in securing good speakers.

I have just had a note from Dr. Iago Galdston to the effect that he plans a paper for October for the N.Y. Med. Hist. Soc. on “New Plagues for Old“ - the title relating to changes in the nature of modern plagues. Do you think this might fit in with papers by yourself and Long, so that we could use these three for the demographic session after all? Long, I believe, said that he could send a paper. If so, we might invite Dr. Galdston to elaborate his October paper and give it at Chicago. Or we might find a general historian who is interested in demography.

If this latter topic can still be used this year - and I do hope that you and Dr. Long continue to feel that you can give me the papers suggested - we might then plan well in advance a session on recent medicine for the next year. In any case, I hope you can see your way clear to planning the session on one of these themes for our joint meeting in December.

The program as a whole seems to be rounding out well. Papers are promised and local arrangements made. Dr. Viets will enter a tentative program in the next issue of *Isis*. At present, he has simply the title “History of Disease and Demography“ for the joint session; but if you wish to change this for his announcement, I would suggest that you write him directly as soon as possible.

I am sorry to say that the financial status of *Isis* seems precarious, despite the

\$ 1,000 grant which we secured from the Amer. Phil. Soc. last winter. I therefore wrote Dr. Viets in June that we should have to call our [?] special meeting of the Council in the fall to take such action as seemed necessary. A month or so later Dr. Sarton, without consulting any of the officers as far as I know, wrote Dr. Viets directly to protest against his management of the *Isis* finances, and subsequently Dr. Pogo sent me a long protest signed by several members of the H.S.S. This complicates the situation, but I wrote Pogo that no action seems called for other than the Council meeting which I had already informed Dr. Viets would be necessary. I hope you will be able to attend this. In any case I shall hope to hear from you as soon as possible regarding the program.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

S.'s letter is missing. A.H.A.: American Historical Association. Iago Galdston (1895-1989) medical historian at New York Academy of Medicine. *Isis*: A journal on the history of science. Sarton see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936. Dr. A. Pogo, historian of science.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Bolton Landing, NY, 1 September 1941*

Dear Shryock.

Thanks for your letter of August 28. I also received a carbon from Sarton's statement, complaining against Viets. I quite agree with you, that the only thing to do is to call a council meeting, sometime in the fall, and to have the whole matter discussed and threshed out in the presence of Viets and Sarton.

As to the program I think Galdston's paper would fit beautifully into the program. You can count on my paper and if you can persuade Long to give his address, we should have a good symposium after all.

I am terribly sorry that I will not be able to do anything in the matter in the next three weeks. I had endless trouble with my health throughout the summer and tomorrow morning I

am beginning a three weeks' treatment in Saratoga Springs which will not leave me any time for correspondence.

I feel very badly that I am leaving you holding the bag, but I really had the most unpleasant summer. I worked without a day's break inspite of a very painfull attack of [xxxx] and several other ailments. Now I must try to become fit again before the academic year begins.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

“Carbon“ copy. Sarton and Galdston see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1938 and 28 August 1941, respectively. [xxxx] Protected Health Information of the Alan Mason Chesney Archive of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 15 September 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of September 1. I am very sorry indeed to learn that you have not been well during the summer. I hope that the treatment at Saratoga will be a real help and that you will feel much better by the time you return to Baltimore. There is no need for forwarding this letter. I just want to let you know that, as you approved it, I have written Dr. Galdston about his paper. I trust that he will be able to give it to us; in any case will let us know about this after you return.

Thank you very much for the set of reprints which I found upon returning here recently. I am very glad to have these. Permit me to congratulate you on the interesting annual report for the Institute.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Richard H. Shryock

Galdston see Sh. to S. of 28 August 1941. “Annual report“: (Sigerist 1940b or 1941c).

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 16 September 1941*

Dear Professor Shryock:

Just a line to tell you that your letter of September 15 will be brought to Dr. Sigerist's attention as soon as he returns to his office the first of October.

Sincerely yours,

Hope Trebing

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist's secretary, Philadelphia, 17 September 1941*

Dear Miss Trebing:

Thank you for your note and for holding my letter to Dr. Sigerist. Will you please add a note to the effect that Dr. Galdston has accepted the invitation to give a paper in the session of which Dr. Sigerist is in charge ? I am writing Dr. Galdston that Dr. Sigerist will probably send him particulars during the fall.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 4 October 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

I am sorry to bother you again when you may not yet have returned to a full schedule, but I have just had word from the Program Chairman of the American Historical Association to the effect that October 28 is the deadline on titles for their meetings. As your session on the history of disease is to be a joint one with the American Historical Association, your paper and those of Long and Galdston should go in their program. I hope therefore that you will be able to send the title of your own paper as soon as possible to Dr. Viets, so that he can relay it on to the American Historical Association people.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Richard H. Shryock

Long, Galdston, Viets see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941, 28 August 1941, and 25 October 1938, respectively.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 13 October 1941*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

Dr. Sigerist left this morning to be in Canada for a week and before leaving he asked me to tell you that he had written Dr. Viets giving him the title of his paper for the History of Science Society meeting.

The title is:

Changes in the Social Distribution of Disease

Sincerely yours,

Hope Trebing

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 14 November 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

The Chairman of the Program Committee of the American Historical Association has just written asking me to notify those to present papers at our joint session with the A.H.A., to limit their papers to about 30 minutes in length. I realize that this is difficult, but hope that you may be able to do this in the interest of the session as a whole. As we have three papers this ought to leave us a little time for a general discussion, which I think would be very desirable.

As Dr. Long can probably not attend in person I am suggesting that he send a copy of his paper to you in advance, since you have been in charge of this session. The program as a whole seems to be in good shape and will probably be printed in Isis as well as on the program for the H.S.S. The joint session in which your paper is to be given, will also be printed in the general program of the A.H.A.

I was sorry that you were not able to attend the meeting of the Council of the H.S.S. in New York on November 2. The Council voted unanimously, in principle, to change the format of Isis in line with the recommendations made by our Publications Committee more than a year ago. They also inaugurated a general revision of the By-Laws of the Society, and you have doubtless received a copy of the proposed changes and a request for your vote on the same. Dr. Viets opposed the proposed changes in Isis, and upon their being adopted in principle, announced his resignation as Secretary-Treasurer. I therefore have no choice but to request the Council to nominate and elect a Secretary-Treasurer pro-temps to serve until the meeting of the Council at Chicago, and I shall write the members thereof about this in the near future.

I shall look forward to seeing you in Chicago. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Isis: A journal on the history of science. H.S.S.: History of Science Society. In a circular letter to the members of the Council, including S., Sh. asks for a vote by mail of the Secretary-Treasurer, giving the nominations already submitted: A. Pogo and Dana B. Durand.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 26 November 1941*

Dear Shryock:

I am sorry that there has been trouble with Viets and I very much regret that I could not attend the meeting in New York. I fully endorse all the decisions you took. Personally I do not particularly care for a two-column journal but since experience has shown that it cannot be done financially the other way, I agree with any change that the Committee on Publications proposes.

As to the Secretary-Treasurer, I am in favor of either Pogo or Durand. If I remember correctly, Pogo lives in Washington while Durand is at Harvard. If this is correct, I would cast my vote for Durand since it would be an advantage to have the Secretary in Boston and close to Sarton.



Let me know when you plan to have a meeting of the Research Committee of the American Association of the History of Medicine. I am delighted to have the Committee meet at the Institute and will arrange to have a little luncheon or dinner for the members of the Committee.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Chicago. One half an hour is all that I need for my paper.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

Pogo and Durand see Sh. to S. of 28 August 1941 and 11 January 1940, respectively.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 26 November 1941*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Professor Nettles [sic] Chairman of the Program Committee of the American Historical Association, requests that each of the speakers at our joint session with the A.H.A., send a copy of his paper in advance to the Chairman of that meeting. This will be Dr. Arno B. Luckhardt, 5216 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. I am sorry to have to bother you about this matter again, but hope that it may be possible for you to send a copy as requested.

The formal program of our Society should have reached you by this time. The large program of the A.H.A. is also out and includes our joint session.

I shall look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Nettel see Sh. to S. of 13 June 1941. A.H.A.: American Historical Association. Arno B. Luckhardt, medical historian. "our Society": History of Science.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 28 November 1941*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of November 26. I am terribly sorry that I cannot send the manuscript of my paper in advance because I shall not have any. I shall be talking from notes as I always do.

I simply cannot write a paper before I have presented it and in this particular case, I shall probably not write it at all because one of my students is working on the same subject and I intend to turn over my notes to her.

If the Society should insist on having a manuscript in advance, I would have to withdraw my paper.

Your student, Mr. Bell, was here this morning and attended one of our seminars. It was a great pleasure to have him with us.

Yours very sincerely,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Bell see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 28 November 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

Your letter of the 26th has just reached me. It would be helpful if you could give me your first choice between Pogo and Durand to fill the temporary vacancy created by Dr. Viets' resignation. Durand is now at Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, and Pogo has his office, I believe, in the Harvard University Library. If this would change your vote for Durand, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise I will assume, to save you another letter if it is unnecessary, that your vote for Durand stands.

It is very kind of you to extend your hospitality for a meeting of the Research Committee of the American Association and I am sure all the members will appreciate this highly. I shall try to check the dates as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Pogo and Durand see Sh. to S. of 28 August 1941 and 11 January 1940, respectively. "American Association" of the History of Medicine.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 29 November 1941*

Dear Shryock:

I just received your two letters of November 28. I really have no preference as to Pogo or Durand particularly since it is only a temporary appointment.

I am delighted to know there is a good chance of having you here on February 2 as guest of the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club. Your subject is perfectly acceptable and there is no objection at all to the fact that part of your material has already been published. I know from my own experience that it is perfectly impossible to have entirely new material for every lecture that one has to give.

In that case, I think February 2 would be the ideal day for the meeting of the Research Committee of the Association.

As to Zilboorg's committee, I would prefer Philadelphia as meeting place but would not mind going to New York if this would be far more convenient. I have a very heavy schedule in December and find that Saturday, December 20 would be the first possible date.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

One of Sh.'s two letters of 28 November is missing. Pogo and Durand see Sh. to S. of 28 August 1941 and 11 January 1940, respectively. "Association", American, of the History of Medicine. Gregory Zilboorg (1890-1959) psychiatrist in New York. Zilboorg's committee see Sh. to S. of 13 June 1941.

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*Shryock's secretary to Sigerist's secretary, Philadelphia, 1 December 1941*

Dear Miss Miller:

I am writing for Dr. Richard H. Shryock to ask if you would be so kind as to send the address of Dr. Albert Deutsch. Dr. Shryock wishes to correspond with him and would appreciate this information.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Devitt (Miss)

Secretary

Genevieve Miller see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941. Albert Deutsch (1905-1961) historian, member of Zilboorg's committee, see Sh. to S. of 13 June 1941.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock's secretary, Baltimore ?, 2 December 1941*

Dear Miss Devitt:

For Dr. Shryock's information, the address of Mr. Albert Deutsch is:

115 East 189th St.

New York City

Yours very sincerely,

[Genevieve Miller]

Research Secretary

Deutsch see Sh. to S. of 1 December 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 9 December 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your wire, to which I replied by wire this morning. Unfortunately, I cannot be here on the 16th but I am inquiring whether you could come up for dinner on the 17th or 18th. If this is not feasible, would it be satisfactory to you if I simply went over to New York

and met Dr. Zilboorg and Dr. Deutsch by myself ? I hope, of course, that we can all get together but it may be impossible to find a date of mutual convenience before the 20th.

I am writing now on another matter; namely, to inquire whether you have at the Institute that very interesting film on Harvey which I had the pleasure of seeing at one of your Graduate Week programs. If so, can it be rented to show before our medical students here ? I have not yet inquired at our Medical School what facilities they have for this purpose, but should like to do so if the film is available.

I shall appreciate it very much if you could let me know about this as soon as it is possible.

I am sending shortly a form letter to members of the Council of the H.S.S. to state that Dr. Durand has been elected temporary Secretary-Treasurer of the Society.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Zilboorg and Deutsch see S. to Sh. of 29 November and 2 December 1941, respectively. William Harvey (1578-1657) British physician and physiologist, discoverer of the blood circulation. Durand see Sh. to S. of 11 January 1940. Sh.'s form letter of the same day informs about the election and about final preparations for the Chicago meeting.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 12 December 1941*

Dear Shryock:

Yes, we have the Harvey film at the Institute. It is beginning to be slightly worn and we usually do not lend it out any more, but we are always glad to make exceptions and you are most welcome to have the film when you want it. There is no charge for it and all you would have to do would be to take care of the cost of shipping.

We also have a very interesting film that you may not have seen on the work of Anthony van Leeuwenhoek in microbiology.

Both films are 35 mm. films.

Yours very sincerely,

Henty E. Sigerist

Harvey see Sh. to S. of 9 December 1941. Antony van Leeuwenhoek (1632-1723) Dutch scientific biologist, discoverer of microorganisms.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 13 December 1941*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of December 12 and for your kindness in offering to loan the Harvey and the Leeuwenhoek films to us. I hope now that the Medical School here can provide the proper facilities for showing them and will write again shortly about this.

I believe that I wrote that we would join Dr. Zilboorg and Mr. Deutsch at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel here at 6 P.M. on the 18th. I now find that I cannot get there myself until

about 6:20, but trust that this slight delay will not inconvenience anyone. Our little dinner will be entirely informal.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Harvey see Sh. to S. of 9 December 1941. Leeuwenhoek, Zilboorg, Deutsch see S. to Sh. of 12 December, 29 November and 2 December 1941, respectively.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 15 December 1941*

Dear Shryock:

Just a line to tell you that I shall be in the lobby of the Bellevue-Stratford Thursday, December 18 at 6 p.m.

I am glad that we found a date that suits us all and I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 16 December 1941 (Telegram)*

PLEASE SEND HARVEY FILM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT OUR EXPENSE TO  
DOCTOR KRUMBHAAR AT OUR MEDICAL SCHOOL MANY THANKS

RICHARD H SHRYOCK

Krumbhaar see Sh. to S. of 30 May 1940.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 17 December 1941*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

I wish to acknowledge your telegram of December 16 to Dr. Sigerist and to tell you that the Harvey Film has been sent C.O.D. today, via Railway Express, to Dr. Krumbhaar and addressed to the Medical School.

Very sincerely yours

[Hope Trebing]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

Krumbhaar see Sh. to S. of 30 May 1940.

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*Shryock to Sigerist's secretary, Philadelphia, 18 December 1941*

Dear Miss Trabing [sic]:

Thank you for your note of December 17, and for your kindness in sending the Harvey Film C.O.D. to Dr. Krumbhaar of our Medical School. We appreciate your loaning this to us very much indeed and will expect to return it in the same manner next week.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Hope Trebing see S. to Sh. of 26 July 1941.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 10 January 1942*

Dear Shryock:

I should greatly appreciate it if you could let me have the exact title of the paper that you are going to present at the meeting of the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club on February 2. Programs must be printed in the next few days.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 12 January 1942*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your note of the 10th. I believe some such title as the following, would describe about what I have in mind for the paper on February 2: "Factors Influencing Medical Research in Philadelphia, 1800-1860".

It was very pleasant to see you again in Chicago. Durand seems to be getting under way promptly as Secretary of the History of Science Society.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Sh.'s topic widened and became central in the following years, see (Shryock 1943a, 1947). Durand see Sh. to S. of 11 January 1940.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 24 January 1942*

Dear Professor Shryock:

Just a line to ask you if you wish me to make any hotel reservation for you for the evening of February 2 when you will be in Baltimore. I shall be glad to help you in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

Hope Trebing  
Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist's secretary, Philadelphia ?, 28 January 1942*

Dear Miss Trabing [sic]:

Thank you for your note of January 24. It is kind of you to offer to make hotel reservations for me for the evening of February 2, and I wish you would do so. Any good hotel, convenient either to the Railroad station or the Institute, would be all-right.

I believe that we plan to hold a meeting of the Committee on American Medical History at 1 P.M. that day, and I think Dr. Sigerist suggested that he might arrange a luncheon for the Committee. Perhaps you could be kind enough to remind him of this. Dr. Galdston and Dr. Blanton thought they could attend, but Dr. Dittrick will be unable to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Hope Trebing. Galdston see Sh. to S. of 28 August 1941. Wyndham B. Blanton and Howard Dittrick see S. to Sh. of 27 June 1941.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 12 February 1942*

Dear Shryock:

Just a line to tell you how very much we enjoyed having you with us the other day. Your paper was fascinating. The subject is most interesting and you presented it and developed it in a most dramatic way. Everybody agreed that this was one of the best meetings we have had for a long time.

I was also very satisfied with the meeting of our Committee. I feel that we have made a step forward and that our policy is much clearer now. Miss Miller is preparing a memorandum that will be submitted to you as soon as it is ready.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Henry E. Sigerist

Genevieve Miller see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 13 February 1942*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your letter of the 12th and for the very kind comments on my talk at the Institute. I appreciated the opportunity of being with you. I also shared your feeling that we had accomplished something in the Committee meeting and shall look forward to seeing Miss Miller's memorandum. Let me also add how much I enjoyed your hospitality at luncheon and again at dinner.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Genevieve Miller see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 18 April 1942*

Dear Sigerist:

Dr. George Rosen has applied formally to this Society for a recommendation of his manuscript on the diseases of miners to the ACLS. As you know, the procedure in such cases is to appoint a committee for the Society which in turn passes on its recommendation to the American Council. Rosen writes me that you have already read the study and I wonder therefore if you would be willing to serve as chairman of such a committee? My thought is that you would have to give no further time to the matter, since your own opinion is already formed. I shall also probably ask the Director of the U.S. Bureau of Mines to serve in the same capacity, since I understand that he has read the work. I shall request Dr. Long to make a third if he can find time for the purpose. If you can act as chairman, the other men will be requested to report to you and you could then submit your recommendation directly to Dr. Durand as secretary.

Miss Miller sent me the annual bibliography some time ago and it seemed to me in generally good shape. Unfortunately I have been under such pressure that I have not been able to be of any service in the preparation of this, and I really feel - that some qualified person who can give the necessary time should be made chairman of the Committee on the Bibliography. I have also asked Miss Miller to send me if possible the minutes of the meeting of our Committee on American Medical History which was held at the Institute during the winter, as I shall need these in order to report at the annual meeting.



The Program of the annual meeting has just reached me. I congratulate you on its attractive form. I am hoping to run down for one or two days during Graduate Week and also to see you at the Atlantic City sessions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

George Rosen (1910-1977) medical historian; his study (Rosen 1943). “this Society“: Letter head: History of Science Society, President Richard H. Shryock. ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. Long, Durand, Miller see Sh. to S. of 6 June 1941, 11 January 1940 and 29 May 1941, respectively. S.’s 3rd Graduate Week was held from 27 April to 2 May 1942 on “Contributions of Greece and Rome to Medicine“.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 21 April 1942*

Dear Shryock:

Thanks for your letter of April 18. I shall be very glad to serve as chairman of the committee for examination of Rosen’s book. I know it very well. It is a very good piece of work that we can fully endorse.

As soon as I hear from the director of the U.S. Bureau of Mines and from Long, I shall make the report as requested.

You will receive the minutes of our Research Committee in the next few days. Zilboorg will present a separate report on the work of the Sub-Committee in the History of Psychiatry.

I was glad to hear that you like our program. I think it looks very attractive.

Yours very sincerely,

Henry E. Sigerist

Rosen and his book see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942 and (Rosen 1943). Zilboorg see S. to Sh. of 29 November 1941.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 22 April 1942*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of the 21st and for your kindness in serving as Chairman of the Committee on Dr. Rosen’s book. Dr. Long has also agreed to serve and you will doubtless hear from him as soon as he can examine the study. I have also written Dr. R. R. Sayers of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, who has already read the work, to serve as a third member and to report to you. You are familiar with all the procedures involved. It is my understanding that your report as Chairman and the manuscript itself should both go when possible to Dr. Durand, as Secretary, who will then forward them to the ACLS. I also assume that Dr. Rosen himself and his publisher will secure and fill in the usual Council blanks.

I should be glad to receive the minutes of the Research Committee.

Thank you also for the invitation to attend the dinner on Monday during the graduate week. I should be glad to accept if the lack of a black tie is not too embarrassing. As I can only come down for the day, it might be difficult to dress for dinner.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Rosen and his book see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942 and (Rosen 1943). ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. Graduate Week see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 22 April 1942*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

I am sending you enclosed minutes of the meeting we had on February 2, drawn up by Miss Miller. You will find them useful as a basis for your report.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Genevieve Miller see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 24 April 1942*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

Dr. Sigerist asked me to thank you for your letter of April 22 and to tell you that not wearing dinner jacket makes not the slightest bit of difference as there will certainly be others who do not come in black tie.

So I shall mark you as accepting and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Hope Trebing

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 7 May 1942*

Dear Sigerist:

Mr. R. R. Sayers, Director of the U.S. Bureau of Mines, has agreed to act as the third member of our Committee on Dr. Rosen's manuscript. I am requesting him as well as Dr. Long, to forward their opinions to you as soon as is convenient.

I enjoyed the Atlantic City meetings and thought the program and arrangements excellent. I was only sorry to have to rush away from the dinner.

With best wishes,  
Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Sayers see Sh. to S. of 22 April 1942. Rosen and his book see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942 and (Rosen 1943).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 18 May 1942*

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Reports have just reached me on Dr. Rosen's study from Dr. Long and Dr. Sayers. Each feels that this is well worth publishing but that there should be considerable editing, some abridgments, and some additions. I therefore do not see how we can rush this application through in time for the meeting of the ACLS Advisory Board the latter part of this week. But it probably would be correct for you to report to Dr. Durand - if your own opinion is favorable - that the Committee plans to recommend the study as soon as certain changes have been made therein.

If Dr. Long has no objection, I will forward his letter to you shortly, as it contains specific suggestions that might be helpful to Rosen. I have requested Dr. Long to write you directly, but am sending this on to you in case he has not done so.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Rosen and his book see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942 and (Rosen 1943). Sayers see Sh. to S. of 22 April 1942. ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 18 May 1942*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

As I heard the Committee on grants-in-aid of publication of the American Council of Learned Societies is meeting on May 24, I would like to inform you that you will find an application of my Department pending. It is for the publication of a two volume book that Dr. Edelstein has just completed on Asclepius and his cult.

I think Edelstein and his wife have done a splendid piece of work. For six years, they have collected all literary testimonies on Asclepius and on the basis of this huge material, they have come to a totally new interpretation of Asclepius, his relation to physicians and medicine, and on the cult at large.

The first volume is a collection of all the texts in Greek with English translation, and I think this volume will be of invaluable help to a wide range of historians. The material is very much scattered and often difficult of access and many of the texts are by no means easy so that the translation should prove very valuable. I think this first volume should be very useful not only to philologists and archaeologists but to historians of medicine and religion. It should be to this field what the collection of Diels is to pre-Socratic philosophy.

The second volume which is based on the materials of the first and refers to it constantly gives the history of the god and his cult. The interpretation is so new that it will undoubtedly meet with a good deal of opposition from philologists, but I and others find that the scholarship is absolutely sound and I personally find the results perfectly convincing.

I have no hesitation to say that I consider this the most important and most scholarly study that has come from my Department in the last ten years and I would be very much indebted to you if you would support our application.

I did not send the book in through the History of Science Society because this would have taken a good deal of time and there is a possibility that Edelstein may be called to the Army. I am therefore anxious to publish the book as soon as possible as long as he is here.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Henry E. Sigerist

Ludwig Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938; Emma J. Edelstein, his wife and co-worker. (Edelstein/Edelstein 1945). Asclepius: Healing god of Greeco-Roman Antiquity. Hermann Diels (1848-1922) editor of texts of pre-socratic philosophers.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 19 May 1942*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, in reference to the application to the American Council of Learned Societies on behalf of Dr. Edelstein's study of Asclepius. I should much like to see this manuscript and will, of course, be glad to support it to the best of my ability. Your letter will be very helpful, and I assume that you have no objection to my reading it if there is an opportunity to do so.

I am sorry that we cannot get Dr. Rosen's book before the meeting of this week, but it hardly seems possible under the circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Edelstein and his study see S. to Sh. of 18 May 1942. Rosen see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 1 June 1942*

Dear Sigerist:

Copies of the letters from Cherniss and Nock relating to Edelstein's manuscript, have just reached me this morning from Dr. Goodchild. I am sorry that I had no opportunity to see these in advance, as it would then have been possible to have defended the study more effectively. In confidence, what happened was this. Edelstein's work was presented last and these letters were read hurriedly - concluding with that by Nock. Both the older members of the Advisory Board seized upon the latter as indicating that the work should not be supported. They particularly criticized the printing and translation of standard texts, although I pointed

out that the work could be used primarily by medical historians rather than by philologists. I believe that two other members of the Board - Curti and Sabin - were new and knowing nothing about the matter, were inclined to go along with these criticisms. It was quite evident that the Board was about to reject the work, so that it seemed the only way to save it was to suggest that it be referred back to the History of Science Society. This proposal was well accepted, although it was urged that Professor Carl Karelung of Yale be appointed to our Examining Committee. I agreed to this, since I can appoint two or three other men who will presumably be medical historians.

I quite understand why Dr. Edelstein hoped to save time by not referring the study first to the Society. On the other hand, I observed that the Board was inclined to be deferential to recommendations made by constituent societies. Hence I suspect a certain risk is taken in submitting a work without such backing. I would hope that if our Committee recommends the study strongly, it ought to receive more serious consideration at the fall meeting. As I said on the phone, I would appreciate any suggestion you would care to make as to possible members of such a Committee. I have in mind someone like Castiglioni. Would Robinson, the archeologist at Hopkins, be desirable? I would also like to find one medical historian who was not a specialist in the ancient period, just to bring out the interest of general readers. I will appoint the Committee immediately upon hearing from you.

I enclose herewith Long's letter concerning the Rosen study. I requested him to write you directly, but apparently this was not done.

The enclosed letter from Dr. Weinberger reached me two days ago. I also enclose a copy of my reply. Do you share my feeling that this is a matter we ought to avoid if possible? Please return the Weinberger letter at your convenience.

I much enjoyed reading during the winter, your Yale lectures on "Medicine and Human Welfare." These impressed me as remarkable syntheses both in form and substance. My review will appear in one of the next issues of the Annals of the American Academy here.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

*Medicine and Human Welfare* (Sigerist 1941a).

New names:

Castiglioni, Arturo (1874-1953): Italian medical historian, in exile at Yale University

Cherniss, Harold F. 1904-1987): expert on ancient philosophy

Curti, Merle (1897-1996): historian

Goodchild: not identified

Karelung, Carl: not identified

Nock, possibly Albert J. (1872-1945): author on educational and social matters

Robinson, D.M.: archeologist at Johns Hopkins University

Sabin: not identified

Weinberger: not identified, see also S. to Sh. of 5 June 1942

Names mentioned before:

Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938

Long see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941

Rosen see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942

*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 5 June 1942*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of June 1. Let me tell you how very much I appreciated all you have done for the Edelstein manuscript. I have asked Goodchild to send it to you so that you can have a look at it yourself and I am sure you will agree with me that it is a perfectly remarkable piece of work.

As to the committee you intend to appoint, I am sure that Castiglioni would be a good choice and I would also suggest Sarton. His voice would carry a great deal of weight and if I remember correctly, he has done some work on the history of religion himself.

I quite agree with you that it would have been safer to present the manuscript through the History of Science Society from the beginning, but I felt that the Institute of the History of Medicine was a respectable applicant and Edelstein was very impatient. He may be called to the Army and after having worked so many years on this book, he was anxious to see it through the Press himself.

As things now stand, I am sure that the procedure that you have suggested is by far the best and I only hope that we will succeed in obtaining the grant in the fall.

Thanks for sending me Long's letter. I had a copy made of it so that I am returning the original enclosed. I am also adding a copy of my report to Durand. I think we all agree that the book is a good piece of work and can be recommended wholeheartedly. If I remember correctly, Rosen intends to write some day a second volume dealing with the 20th century. This answers some of Long's objections. I think Rosen did well to stop at the end of the 19th century because a survey of the development in the 20th century would actually be a study in modern public health.[sic] that could not be dealt with in a few chapters.

The Weinberger controversy is very unpleasant indeed, and I feel as you do that it would be desirable for the Association to keep out of it. I think the best would be to delay the matter in the hope that it will die out. Your suggestion to bring the matter before the Research Committee was good since it will take some time before the Committee meets.

I greatly appreciated your very kind comments on MEDICINE AND HUMAN WELFARE. The book has had an astonishingly good sale in spite of its prohibitive price.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

Goodchild and Castiglioni see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942. Report to Durand about (Rosen 1943); a second volume to this book has not been published. *Medicine and Human Welfare* (Sigerist 1941a).

Names mentioned before:

Castiglioni see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942

Durand see Sh. to S. of 11 January 1940

Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938

Goodchild see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1842

Long see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941

Rosen see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942

Sarton see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936

Weinberger see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 6 June 1942*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of June 5. I shall request Castiglioni and Sarton to serve as members of our Committee on Dr. Edelstein's study. I shall be glad to see it personally and then can forward it to one of the men who accepts appointments to our Committee.

Thank you for sending the report on Dr. Rosen's study to Dr. Durand.

I am glad you agree with me about the Weinberg matter. In reply to your letter, he wrote that he would be in Philadelphia on the 11th and felt that he must see me. I shall tell him that I cannot possibly find time to go into the case personally, but I fear that he will not heed my general advice to let the matter drop. If he insists that we present it to the Committee on American Medical History, that will as you say take a very long time.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Names already mentioned see S. to Sh. of 5 June 1942.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Guilford, CT, 30 June 1942*

Dear Sigerist,

Thank you for sending Dr. Edelstein's manuscript on to me. It arrived the day on which I was leaving for a brief vacation here. Hence I looked through it hurriedly and then forwarded it to Dr. Sarton as I did not want to delay getting it to our Committee too long. I was impressed by the thoroughness with which Dr. Edelstein had used the secondary as well as the original materials; and as far as I could judge - as an outsider to the field - his interpretation seemed ballanced [sic] and reasonable. The survey of different historical interpretations, and comments thereon, were most interesting. I hope we will get a favorable report from our Committee.

Dr. Durand has just written that he expects to go into some sort of Government service in Washington about August 1st. This will necessitate finding at least a temporary Secretary-Treasurer for the History of Science Society.

Dr. Galdston has probably sent you a copy of his proposed brief paper on the activities of local medical historical societies. Could you be kind enough to send him the address of the Cleveland member of the Com't on American Medicine? He wants to send the paper to all members. With best wishes, Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Edelstein and his study see S. to Sh. of 18 May 1942. Sarton, Durans, and Galdston see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936, 11 January 1940, and 28 August 1941, respectively.

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*Sigerist's secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 14 September 1942*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

I wish to thank you for your letter to the Officers, Council, and Committee Members of the History of Science Society. Dr. Sigerist will be at the Institute later in the week and I shall bring it to his immediate attention at that time.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 23 September 1942*

Dear Sigerist:

I do not know as yet just when the Advisory Board of the ACLS meets during the fall, but wish to refresh my memory on the two manuscripts which we will presumably submit for the HSS at that time. As I recall it, you are Chairman of our Committee on the Rosen study, which I believe was favorably reported upon by Dr. Long, Dr. R. R. Sayers, and yourself. You are more familiar than I with the procedures involved. If it is customary, could you send your Committee report directly to the ACLS office? Would it be well to enclose the specific statements by Long and Sayers, as well as your own? I believe I have forwarded you copies of their letters.

Of course, this could all be put through Dr. Pogo's office as Acting Secretary, but it might save him trouble if you could send the report on directly. By the way, do you now have the manuscript or is it still in the hands of one of the Committee? I suppose that must also be forwarded to the ACLS.

I believe I wrote you early in the summer that I had appointed a Committee on the Edelstein study, consisting of Dr. Sarton, Dr. Castiglioni, and Dr. Ernst Riess. The latter is a philologist and Greek scholar. I added him at the suggestion of one of the members of the Advisory Board who opposed recommending the study for publication. Since I did this deliberately in order to disarm possible criticism he might have made of the Committee, I am much pleased to say that Dr. Riess has now sent me a critical but definitely favorable report. Sarton also reported favorably. I do not seem to have any statement from Castiglioni as yet, but will check that immediately. I am hopeful that we shall have a unanimous and favorable Committee report.

Dr. Riess is sending the manuscript on to you, and I am suggesting that he also forward to Dr. Edelstein some specific corrections, which I thought the latter might wish to consider. Will you please, in turn, forward the manuscript to the ACLS office? I will send the Committee report on myself, or relay it through Dr. Pogo.



With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. HSS: History of Science Society. Rosen and his study see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942. Edelstein and his study see S. to Sh. of 18 May 1942.

Names mentioned before:

Castiglioni see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942

Long see Sh. to S. of 6 January 1941

Pogo see Sh. to S. of 28 August 1941

Sarton see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936

Sayers see Sh. to S. of 22 April 1942

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 29 September 1942*

Dear Shryock:

Let me first answer your circular letter concerning the History of Science Society. I am all in favor of having Pogo continue as acting Secretary-Treasurer while Dr. Durand will be on leave of absence.

The question of the annual meeting is difficult to decide and I suppose that we are going to face the same problem very soon with the American Association of the History of Medicine. Columbus, Ohio is rather far and travelling in these overcrowded trains is anything but pleasant. I am not sure that I could attend the meeting in Columbus.

If a separate meeting were considered, it should be held in cities like Philadelphia, New York or Boston that can be reached easily and where the HSS has a relatively large membership. I think such a separate meeting should be considered if the A.H.A. cancels its meeting. It is always bad to interrupt the continuity of an organization's work and it takes a good deal of time and effort to resume the work after the war once it has been interrupted. Such a meeting could be held as some kind of an enlarged Council session. The Council should meet at any rate and I would certainly be willing to attend such a meeting.

Now to your letter of September 23. I sent my recommendations as chairman of the Committee on the Rosen study to Dr. Durand last Spring, and I suppose that all the reports on Rosen's book are in the hands of the Secretary - that is, at the moment - of Pogo. They should be sent to the ACLS as soon as possible so that they have time to be mimeographed. The specific statements by Long and Sayers should be included. The manuscript must also be in Pogo's hands.

Concerning Edelstein, I was very pleased to hear that Sarton and Riess have both passed favorably on the manuscript. The manuscript itself has just arrived here and will be forwarded to the office of the ACLS.

I think this answers your letters. If there is anything else I can do, please let me know.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

Durand see Sh. to S. of 11 January 1940. A.H.A.: American Historical Association. Other names and abbreviations see Sh. to S. of 23 September 1942.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 31 May 1943 [?]*

Dear Shryock,

There are a lot of things I am anxious to discuss with you, and I wonder if you could have lunch with me in Baltimore. Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday June 4-6 would suit me very well. Just call me up and let me know when I may expect you. My telephone number at the Institute is Wolfe 4700 extension 32 and at home Belmont 5785.

Hoping to see you soon I am with kind regards

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 2 June 1943*

Dear Sigerist:

It is O.K. for the dinner at the Franklin Inn here on the evening of Wednesday,

June 9. I have told the steward that the group will be from ten to fifteen in number; but if you could send me the exact number, that would be helpful.

I hoped to call on you yesterday afternoon before leaving Baltimore but was held up on Coast Guard business until train time. I shall look forward to seeing you and the other men on the 9th.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

P.S. I seem to have forgotten the dinner hour which you gave on your card. Unless I hear to the contrary, I will assume that 6:30 P.M. is the satisfactory time.

Shryock served in the Coast Guard during WWII. S.'s card is missing.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 5 October 1943*

Dear Sigerist:

I was very sorry to miss your talk before the Committee of the New York Academy last Friday, but I had to be in Washington that day.

I have just read with interest your article on the universities in the last issue of the Bulletin. I think you were quite right that the burden of administrative duties is a serious threat to research. I am inclined to think that this is all the more true, because of the prestige which administrative functions carry in this country. Am I correct in the impression that this prestige was not so great in the German universities? Many American professors not only find administrative work necessary as chairmen or deans, but actually desire the power and influence that goes with these positions. Perhaps this can be blamed on what used to be termed here as “the commercialism of our age”, with a resulting tendency of trustees and administrative officers to receive primary recognition and to view professors as high-grade employees. The analogy with dominant business institutions is obvious enough.

On the other hand, if there are four or five professors in a department, only one of them in any case should be burdened particularly with administrative functions. This ought to leave the other four fairly free; and yet frequently it leads to little original work. I suspect there are other factors at work here in the whole complex of our university environment.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

“New York Academy“ of Medicine. “Article on the universities“ (Sigerist 1943b). Sh. is likely to have in mind the German universities of the 19th century.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 8 October 1943*

Dear Shryock:

Very many thanks for your letter. I think the point you made is very good. It never occurred to me but I am quite sure that you are correct and that this actually is a factor that has led to an overdevelopment of administrative work in our universities. We had a good deal of administrative work in Germany too but we all cursed it and I never saw anybody who liked it.

Zilboorg told me the other day how delighted he was with your contribution for the psychiatry volume. I should very much appreciate it if you could send me a carbon for a few days. I am still working on my chapter and since it follows yours, it would be very helpful if I could see it.

With kind regards, I am  
Yours as ever,  
Henry E. Sigerist

S. refers to Sh. to S. of 5 October 1943. “administrative work in Germany“: Leipzig 1925-1932. Zilboorg see S. to Sh. of 29 November 1941. “Psychiatry volume“: (Shryock 1944a) and (Sigerist 1944a). “carbon“ copy.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 11 October 1943*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your note of October 8. I am much interested in your comment that German university men so disliked administrative work. I have the impression that full professors nevertheless had large influence in determining policies in Continental institutions. Here, policy seems to be largely in the hands of administrative officers and this may explain the attraction of administrative appointments for faculty personnel. I once declined a deanship at Duke, and am human enough to be proud of it.

I am glad that Zilboorg liked my chapter, though you will certainly find weaknesses in it. Enclosed is a carbon copy in which the citations are not complete, but it probably will serve your purpose. Zilboorg probably edited the last page or two in order to prevent overlapping with your chapter, and it might be helpful to check with him on this.

I was very sorry to miss your talk before the Committee of the New York Academy last week.

With best wishes,  
Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Zilboorg see S. to Sh. of 29 November 1941. “my chapter“: (Shryock 1944a). “your chapter“: (Sigerist 1944a).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 29 October 1943*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for the program for the Vesalius celebration next Monday. This looks most interesting; and I am very sorry that a class here that evening will prevent my coming down.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564) anatomist. At S.’s Institute there was both a celebration and exhibition on Vesalius; a special issue of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine (14, 541-715, 1943) was devoted to Vesalius.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 15 December 1943*

Dear Sigerist:

My apologies for not having acknowledged before your kindness in forwarding the collection of reprints from the Institute. I was particularly interested in your essays about which I wrote before, and in Dr. Edelstein's scholarly and suggestive interpretation of the Hippocratic Oath. It is of course good also to have the last annual issue of Miss Miller's Bibliography.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938 and (Edelstein 1943). Bibliography: (Miller 1943).

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 4 January 1944*

Dear Shryock:

It was a great pleasure to see you in New York the other day and I only regret that I could not hear the papers on Thursday. I was kept down town at the editorial office of the American Review of Soviet Medicine and when I was finally through with the work, it was too late for the meeting.

I always meant to write you and to tell you how very much I enjoyed your reprints, the contents of the one I already knew from the lecture you gave here some time ago; and I was particularly interested in your paper on American historiography which gives a splendid analysis of the subject.

I also wish to thank you for having let me have the carbon of your contribution to the psychiatry volume. I found it very useful and I am returning it enclosed.

I wonder if you would be willing to review a little book for the Bulletin of the History of Medicine? It is by Otto Eisenschiml, "The Case of A.L. - , Age 56", and deals with some medical aspects of Lincoln's death. You know the kind of reviews we publish in the Bulletin and I could not think of anybody better qualified to review this particular item. I may add that the books reviewed remain the property of the reviewers. Let me know if I may send you the book.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Henry E. Sigerist

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S. was on the editorial board of the newly founded American Review of Soviet Medicine. "American historiography": (Shryock 1943b). "psychiatry volume": (Shryock 1944a) and Sigerist 1944a). Otto Eisenschiml (1880-1963) Austrian-born chemist and author; (Eisenschiml 1943). Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) 16th President of the U.S.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 10 January 1944*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your letter of January 4, and the kind comment on the paper on American historiography. I should be glad to review the book by Eisenschiml, “The Case of A.L. - “, if you do not mind quite a brief statement.

I think things worked out pretty well at the History of Science Society meeting. As I said there, I am urging the Advisory Board of the A.C.L.S. to encourage a program for work on the history of science in this country. The Committees of the A.C.L.S. are being somewhat reorganized, and the Advisory Board will be relieved of the publication awards, and will be expected rather to advise on general policies. These will include such matters as were hitherto assigned to the Committee on American Culture.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Eisenschiml and his book see S. to Sh. of 4 January 1944; Sh.’s review (Shryock 1944b). A.C.L.S.: American Council of Learned Societies.

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*Sigerist’s secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 15 January 1944*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

Dr. Sigerist has asked me to thank you for your letter of January 10 and to tell you how very pleased he is that you will review the book by Eisenschiml for the Bulletin. I am sending it enclosed.

With kind regards from Dr. Sigerist, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 25 April 1944*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 23rd. My contribution in *Isis* was simply prepared as a memorandum for the ACLS and it did not occur to me originally that Sarton would wish to publish it. Hence, I am much pleased that you think it of value and that you will quote it in the introduction to Norwood’s book.

Leland intends to send out some reprints of the statement in order to secure some reactions, before the ACLS undertakes to work out some sort of program. Hence, I would appreciate it if you could find time just to send a note to Leland lending moral support to the idea. The

Executive Committee and Advisory Board of the ACLS have approved in principle support for some sort of program in the history of American science, and I should much like to talk to you about this at the first opportunity.

It was pleasant to see you in New York, and I much admired your paper on Castiglioni. I shall look forward to seeing you at the coming meetings here, in Philadelphia.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

S.'s letter is missing. Isis: A journal of the history of science, and (Shryock 1944c). ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. Sarton and Castiglioni see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936 and 1 June 1942, respectively. "introduction to Norwood": (Sigerist 1944b). Leland, Waldo G. (1879-1966) historian, founder and director of American Council of Learned Societies. Paper on Castiglioni (Sigerist 1944c).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 21 August 1944*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your letter of July 31st and the kind invitation to visit you in Lewes. It would be very pleasant to run down and if I can find a day free shall wire you about it. But as I have just returned to this city after three weeks' vacation and find things piled up, it may not be possible before the end of the month.

In any case, there will be time to talk over the proposed program in the history of American science after you return to Baltimore early in October. I shall be making tentative plans for the general character of the work and for bringing together a small group representing the different sciences as a sort of planning board. But nothing has to be final until I submit a preliminary report to the ACLS at its next meeting which will not come before late October. So I assume that if I cannot get down to Lewes, I can discuss this with you in Baltimore early that month.

An invitation to make a medical survey of Saskatchewan sounds most inviting and I congratulate you on the opportunity. It sounded like a chance to do a pioneer job of permanent significance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

S.'s letter is missing, probably a long-hand letter without copy. Lewes, Delaware. ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. In September 1944 S. was in Saskatchewan as a consultant for a new system of medical care for the people of the province which had elected a leftist government (Sigerist 1944d)..

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 23 October 1944*

Dear Sigerist:

McDaniel just happened to tell me last Saturday, that you were planning to leave shortly for India. I hoped to see you shortly and am sorry this will make it impossible; but I congratulate you on this further opportunity. I trust that meanwhile you had an interesting time of it in Canada.

If you plan to be back by mid-winter as McDaniel suggested, I shall hope to tell you then of any progress on the A.C.L.S. project for the “history of science in the U.S.”

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

McDaniel, Walton B. (1897-1975) medical historian. 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. Canada and ACLS project see Sh. to S. of 21 August 1944.

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*Sigerist’s secretary to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 25 October 1944*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

Dr. Sigerist left for India yesterday and in his absence, I wish to thank you for your letter of October 23. We expect Dr. Sigerist back sometime in January and I am sure that he will be very glad to find your letter in his mail upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

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*Sigerist’s associate to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 9 November 1944*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

We have received a review copy of George Rosen’s The Specialization of Medicine with Particular Reference to Ophthalmology, Froben Press, 1944. Since the problem is attacked chiefly from the sociological angle, we thought that perhaps you would be interested in reviewing it for the Bulletin.

I shall be pleased to send you the book if you consent to review it.



With kind regards,  
Yours very sincerely,  
[Genevieve Miller]  
Associate editor

Rosen see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942. (Rosen 1944). “Associate editor“ of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine.

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*Shryock to Sigerist’s associate, Philadelphia, 10 November 1944*

Dear Miss Miller:

Thank you for your note of November 9 and the invitation to review the work by George Rosen. I should be glad to review this if you could wait for two or three months for the review - I am in a jam until after the first of the year.

When do you expect Dr. Sigerist to return ? I have received several interesting letters from Whitfield Bell in Italy, in which he always speaks of you and the Institute.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Miss Genevieve Miller. Rosen and his work see S. to Sh. of 9 November 1944. Bell see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941.

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*Sigerist’s associate to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 11 November 1944*

Dear Dr. Shryock:

We are very glad that you consent to review the book “The Specialization of Medicine“ by George Rosen, and it is perfectly agreeable if you do not submit it until after the first of the year. The book will be forwarded to you immediately.

We do not now [sic] exactly when Dr. Sigerist will return. The very earliest possibility is around Christmas, but he may stay over a few weeks longer. His itinerary was not rigid in that regard.

It is heartening to see how keen Whitfield Bell is to get back into historical research again. I hope it won’t be long until he can.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Genevieve Miller]

Assistant

Rosen and his work see S. to Sh. of 9 November 1944. “S. will return“ from India. Bell, see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941, probably was in Italy with the Armed Forces.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 3 February 1945a*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of January 22 and for the kind invitation to come down to the research conference on February 6th. I should have acknowledged this before, but was in Boston for a week and have fallen behind in everything here in the meantime.

I am very glad that you are interested in the history of science project and should much like to discuss it with your research conference, but fear that I could not make it on next Tuesday. Perhaps this could be arranged for later in the month ? Off-hand, I think Tuesday the 27th would be convenient for me.

There are, as you know, serious difficulties to be faced and I would enjoy an opportunity of talking this over with you and the others informally.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

S.'s letter is missing.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 3 February 1945b*

Dear Sigerist,

On second thought, after writing you this morning, I think I had better not attempt coming down to the research conference on Feb. 27 as suggested, since I shall be in something of a jam for the rest of this month. But I appreciate the invitation, and should much like to do this at some time of mutual convenience in the spring. We shall probably hold a small conference on the matter at the ACLS in May, so that there is no immediate hurry for preliminary discussions.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 5 February 1945*

Dear Shryock:

Thanks for your letter of February 3. Tuesday, February 27 would suit us very well and it will be a pleasure to have you with us.

Very cordially yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 9 May 1945*

Dear Sigerist:

It was my intention some time ago to send my congratulations upon your election to the American Philosophical Society. The delay does not in any way lessen the sincerity with which these congratulations are extended. I believe you will find that participation in the activities of the Society will be of real interest, and I shall look forward to seeing you at its meetings.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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*Sigerist to Shryock, 13 May 1945*

Dear Shryock:

Many thanks for your letter of May 9. Nothing could have pleased me more than to have been elected to the American Philosophical Society. Knowing its history, I am very proud to belong to it and to be able to use its collections. I am also looking forward to seeing you at the meetings.

I take advantage of the opportunity to thank you for your recent reprints that I have read with great interest.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

The A.P.S., founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin, has an extensive library and advances study in a wide variety of disciplines in the humanities and sciences.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 20 December 1945*

Dear Sigerist:

Dr. Max Neuburger has just sent me a reprint of his article on British and German Psychiatry from the July Bulletin. I should like to acknowledge this but do not have his address. Could you be kind enough to send me this, if it is right at hand ? I was much interested also in his earlier article in the Bulletin on early nineteenth century medicine.

It was very pleasant to see you at the recent A.P.S. meetings here, and was sorry not to be able to come down for the recent Benjamin Rush meetings. Has Krumbhaar taken any action yet as to the spring meeting of the Association ? I presume this will call for some planning in advance.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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 1943c). (Neuburger 1945a,b). A.P.S.: American Philosophical Society. Benjamin Rush (1745-1813) Pennsylvanian physician, writer, teacher. Krumbhaar see Sh. to S. of 30 May 1940. "Association", American of the History of Medicine.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 29 December 1945*

Dear Shryock:

Max Neuburger is still in London and his present address is: The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, 183 Euston Road, London N.W.1, England.

I am sorry you could not come for our Rush meeting. It was a good evening with three substantial papers and we have a very attractive exhibit. This will be kept for some time so that you may see it on some other occasion.

I have not heard from Krumbhaar concerning the Atlantic City meeting but I have written to McDaniel and have urged them to invite a Garrison Lecturer and to appoint a program committee. If you have the opportunity, do talk to McDaniel and try to activate Krumbhaar. We should really have a first-rate meeting after this long interruption. In spite of all inactivity, we have increased our membership during the war but now we owe it a really good meeting. From all I hear, we may assume that the traffic jam will be over by May.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

Neuburger and Rush see Sh. to S. of 20 December 1945. “attractive exhibit“ at S.’s Institute. Krumbhaar and McDaniel see Sh. to S. of 30 May 1940 and 23 October 1944, respectively. “Atlantic City meeting“ of the American Association of the History of Medicine (AAHM). “long interruption“ the annual meetings of the AAHM were suspended during WWII.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 2 January 1946*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your reply of December 29 and for Neuburger’s address. I did not know that he was at present at the Wellcome Museum.

I expect to meet Krumbhaar, Leaman, and McDaniel on the 10th in order to talk over the spring meeting of the Association. This at least ought to start things moving. I assume Krumbhaar will keep in touch with you in the matter.

We had a good business meeting of the History of Science Society at the New York Academy last week with Dr. Fulton in the chair. Plans were made to participate with section L at the spring meetings of the A.A.A.S.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Neuburger, Krumbhaar, and McDaniel see Sh. to S. of 20 December 1945, 30 May 1940, and 23 October 1944, respectively. Leaman see S. to Sh. of 17 December 1940. “Association“, American of the History of Medicine. “New York Academy“ of Medicine. John F. Fulton (1899-1960) physiologist and medical historian at Yale University. A.A.A.S.: American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Washington ?, 13 November 1946*

Dear Sigerist:

Do you happen to know the gentleman who signed the enclosed card ? It seems to me to be a rather curious item. If you do not know him, it is not necessary to return the card.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Letter-head: American Council of Learned Societies, Washington, DC.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 16 November 1946*

Dear Shryock:

I have no idea who the man is who signed the enclosed card but I received similar cards myself. I suppose this is just a small scale racket and nothing else.

I had a much better message some time ago myself when an Italian wrote me from a small village in Sicily that I had been elected an honorary member of the American-Sicilian Culture Society and at the end asked me to send him 5 lbs. of good coffee. I am sure that the Society never existed and I did not send the coffee.

The Bulletin of the History of Medicine is sent to a number of Italian libraries and this [is] probably where they find our names.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

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*Shryock to Sigerist's associate, Washington ?, 7 January 1947*

Dear Miss Miller:

I do not seem to have Dr. Trent's address. Would you be good enough to forward the enclosed letter to him ?

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Josiah Charles Trent (1914-1948) medical historian, member of AAHM, Durham, NC.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Washington, 13 February 1947*

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you very much for the set of your reprints and for the other recent publications of the Institute. I am very glad to have these for my files. Incidentally, I re-read with pleasure your article on truffles.

I am glad to hear from Dr. Dittrick, that you can speak at one of the sessions of the Association at the Cleveland meetings in May, and I believe that the session will be devoted entirely to your program. But I am disturbed by the report, now circulating, that you may return permanently to Switzerland during the coming summer. This would be an irreparable loss to medical historiography in this country, and for this reason I much hope that the report is exaggerated. If not, I realize that there must be good reasons for the decision, and at least trust that you will continue to keep in close touch with us here.

You have doubtless seen the appointments of committees which I sent out some time ago for the Association, after consulting with you and other officers. Subsequently, - not having

a copy of the constitution at that point - I discovered that committees are appointed by the Council, and the program determined by the President. I am inclined to think that these functions should be reversed, but meanwhile hope that the Council will confirm my premature appointments.

Do you ever come to Washington ? If so, I hope you will call me here, so that we can arrange to have luncheon or dinner together at the Cosmos Club.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Article on truffles (Sigerist 1944e). Dittrick see S. to Sh. of 27 June 1941. "Association", American, of the History of Medicine.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Baltimore ?, 27 February 1947*

Dear Shryock:

Thanks for your letter of February 13. I am afraid that the report about my leaving to which you refer is not exaggerated. I have actually resigned my position at Hopkins, the resignation has been accepted and I will be leaving the country on June 22.

It was a very difficult decision to make and I have pondered over it for more than a year but I had reached the point where I simply had to make a choice between a very pleasant job with all the security it implies and a very exacting task. I came to the conclusion that the best contribution I can make at the moment is through my writings, summing up a lifetime's studies and experiences in two books, a History of Medicine in 8 volumes and if I have enough years left, a Sociology of Medicine in 4 volumes. I have the basic materials for both books; all I need is the time and leisure to write one volume a year - things that I do not have in my present position when academic and administrative duties are becoming increasingly heavy.

If I could have found a research position in one of the universities of this country, I would have considered it very seriously but you know yourself how things are. There are innumerable openings for promising young people but when a scholar has reached my age, he is expected to be an administrator. And so, I decided to break away from the University altogether although I know that I will miss teaching very much. We plan to settle down in a village of the Italian section of Switzerland where the climate is good and the general atmosphere very congenial. I have a good collection of books myself. The University of Zurich of which I am an alumnus will send me books and I will have to use microfilms, much as I dislike them. Life is not expensive in such a village. I have my Retirement Annuity. I have been promised some foundation support for the beginning and later the book will bring in royalties. Thus I hope to manage as a free lance researcher and writer.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you in New York on the 19th of March at the Symposium of the Academy of Medicine. Galdston has written you in the matter. We have the whole morning to introduce the subject of social medicine historically. Temkin will discuss the relation between medicine and society up to and including the Renaissance. George Rosen will have the period of Enlightenment and will discuss attitudes such as they are revealed in the work of Johann Peter Frank and in the philosophy of Rousseau. I thought

that your part should be to discuss the impact of the Industrial Revolution, the British health movement, Virchow's reform program, movements that culminated in the 1840's. I will then take over and present the period from Bismarck to our days. Each one of us will have 20 minutes' time.

I was also very pleased that our Institute was invited to present a symposium at Cleveland. Since this is a year of centenaries, I suggested to Dittrick the following program:

The World in 1847..... Henry E. Sigerist  
Medicine in 1847  
Continental Europe ..... Owsei Temkin  
Great Britain..... Sanford V. Larkey  
The United States ..... Genevieve Miller  
Medical Historiography in 1847 ..... Ludwig Edelstein

Each one of us will speak not more than 15 minutes and I think that together we might be able to give a picture of what the situation was a hundered years ago.

I think that the appointment of a joint committee of the History of Science Society and the Association of the History of Medicine was an excellent idea and I am sure that much will come from the work of such a committee.

I have not been in Washington for quite some time but should I ever go there, I would certainly get in touch with you.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Henry E. Sigerist

“foundation support“: Rockefeller and Whitney Foundations. S. was too optimistic with regard to 12 volumes and royalties.

New names:

Bismarck, Otto von (1815-1898): chancellor of the 2nd German empire

Frank, Johann Peter (1745-1821): German social hygienist

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques (1712-1778): French philosopher and writer

Virchow, Rudolf (1821-1902): German physician, anthropologist, statesman

Names mentioned before:

Dittrick see S. to Sh. of 27 June 1941

Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938

Galdston see Sh. to S. of 28 August 1941

Larkey see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936

Miller see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941

Rosen see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942

Temkin see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938



*Shryock to Sigerist, Washington ?, 28 February 1947*

Dear Sigerist:

Your reply of the 27th came in this morning. I am most sorry to learn of your resignation, though I understand the circumstances. Apart from the personal aspect, I am disturbed by your conclusion that it was necessary to pull out of university life in order to complete your writing, for surely that is one of the most important functions the universities should support. I know too well the prestige of administration in this country; but it has always seemed to me an indication of cultural immaturity in our society, or, perhaps, a reflection of what Dr. Samuel Jackson called, a century ago, “our commercially-minded civilization.”

I shall certainly look forward to seeing you and the others at the New York Academy on March 19, and have already written Rosen about it. This worries me somewhat, however, because I am under such pressure here - again as an administrator - that there will be no time to prepare any adequate statement.

I am particularly happy that you and the staff will be able to present the program at the Cleveland meetings in May. If you are unable to come over to Washington, I should like to call in Baltimore some time at mutual convenience to talk over the affairs of the Association.

In many ways, the location in Switzerland ought to be most pleasant. My son, who was a sergeant of infantry in Italy, went to Zurich on furlough, and was so charmed by the whole setting that he hopes to be able to go to the University of Zurich after completing his undergraduate work at Pennsylvania during the next two years. I hope that this may be possible. I share your feelings about microfilms, but assume you will be able to keep in close contact with the University.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock  
Acting Director

The letter-head is still “American Council of Learned Societies, Washington, DC”. Samuel Jackson (1787-1872) physician, educator, author. “New York Academy” of Medicine. Rosen see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942. “Cleveland meeting” of the American Association of the History of Medicine. After WWII GIs serving in Europe were invited for a leave in Switzerland.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, Switzerland, 30 July 1947*

Dear Shryock,

I think it would simplify matters greatly if I resigned now as Editor of the Association and if Miss Miller could be appointed Editor ad interim. This would make her a member of the Executive Committee to which I am useless now being so far away. So, please, consider this my letter of resignation.

We had a very good trip and are getting settled by and by but my library is still in chaotic condition.

With best wishes I am

Yours very cordially

Henry E. Sigerist

S. settled in the “Casa Serena“ in Pura a few weeks before this letter was written. He had been Editor of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine, the official publication of the AAHM, from 1933 to 1947, followed by Genevieve Miller, acting Editor in 1948, and Owsei Temkin 1949 to 1968. Sh. was president of the AAHM 1947 and 1948.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Washington, 14 August 1947*

Dear Sigerist:

It was very good to receive your letter of July 30 a few days ago and learn that you had all arrived safely in Switzerland. I am truly sorry to have to receive your resignation as Editor of the Association, but realize that this will be helpful in clarifying Miss Miller’s status.

My term as Acting Director here will end about September 10. The work has involved many headaches but has also been most interesting and I believe the Council will be in good shape when Dr. Krusé takes over.

I have heard nothing further about the directorship of the Institute at Hopkins, and assume that in view of all the difficulties the Committee will take its time in reaching a decision. While I am not sure whether it would be wise for me to accept the directorship even if it were offered, I do want you to know how much I appreciate your interest in this. I quite sincerely consider it an honor that you should suggest it.

I trust that you all are enjoying the return to Switzerland, and that conditions for your work shape up well in the midst of the beautiful surroundings.

We shall all look forward to your first volume. Knopf will bring out this month a revised edition of my “Development of Modern Medicine“ and the Commonwealth Fund will publish about October my work on “American Medical Research: Past and Present“ which will be included in the series for the New York Academy’s Committee. I shall try to send you a copy of these when available.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Acting Director

“had all arrived“, i.e., S. with wife Emmy and daughter Erica; daughter Nora remained in New York. “Editor of the Association“ see S. to Sh. of 30 July 1947. Miller see Sh. to S. of 29 May 1941. “Acting Director“ of the American Council of Learned Societies in Washington, DC. Cornelius W. Krusé (1913-1982), sanitary engineer. S. may have told Sh. that he would suggest him as successor. Knopf: Publisher. *Development* .... (Shryock 1936a). *American Medical Research* (Shryock 1947).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Lausanne, Switzerland, 3 October 1947*

Dear Sigerist,

This is just a line to say how sorry I was not to find you at the Congress on the History of Science now in session here in Lausanne. My own attendance was quite unexpected; but I came on a few days notice to a UNESCO conference on the humanities at Paris and also represented the A.C.L.S. at the first post-war meeting of the International Union of Academies at Brussels. Since I was on this side of the Atlantic, I also came down to the Lausanne meetings at the last moment.

Castiglioni is here, and tells me he saw you recently. The sessions were enlivened by the arrival of Karpinski as a “delegate from the University of Michigan.” Apparently, he came all the way from Ann Arbor to air his grievances against Sarton and the History of Science Society, under cover of the title: “The History of Science in the U.S.” He created a scene by being personally abusive and the chairman finally stopped the session. His behavior was really pathologic and suggested illusions of persecution. All this was unfortunate; but on the other hand, it has been most interesting to meet some of the other men here, and to have a glimpse of Switzerland. It seems quite pre-war.

Having come this close, I wish it were possible to call on you; but I am already due back in the U.S. and am trying to get plane reservations back on the 8th or as soon thereafter as possible. As you said, the trip is quite remarkable. It was hard to believe that we had dinner in New York one evening (the 19th of Sept.) and in Paris the next ! It is just possible that Mrs. Shryock and I will come over again in the spring - I am on leave this year - in which case, I hope we can call on you. My year as Acting Director of the ACLS ended about Sept. 10, and I am now free for my own work. Cornelius Krusé, president of the American Philosophical Asso., has now taken over as Director.

I trust the work on your first volume, to which we all look forward with the greatest interest, progresses as you would wish. Upon my return, I will try to remember to send you a revised edition of my “Development of Modern Medicine“ and of a new book on the history of medical research in the U.S. (in the N.Y. Academy series). Please keep me in mind if you do any articles meanwhile.

We are going to miss you tremendously at home, as there is literally no one in the U.S. who can really take your place. Please give my regards to Mrs. Sigerist and to your daughter.

With best wishes

Richard H. Shryock

This letter was received weeks later; see Sh. to S. of 19 October 1947. UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. ACLS: American Council of Learned Societies. *Development ...* (Shryock 1936a). *Medical Research in U.S.* (Shryock 1947). Mrs. Emmy Sigerist and daughter Erica.

Names mentioned before:

Castiglioni see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942

Karpinski see Sh. to S. of 16 January 1940

Krusé see Sh. to S. of 14 August 1947

Sarton see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936

Shryock, Mrs see Sh. to S. of 15 December 1933

*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 19 October 1947*

Dear Sigerist,

The enclosed letter was written at Lausanne about two weeks ago - after which I unfortunately discovered that the mailing list brought with me did not include your new address in Switzerland. Hence it was necessary to bring the letter back to the U.S. and to mail it here upon returning this week. There were no plane reservations (back to New York) available before mid-November, but UNESCO was able to get me a State Department priority on a PWA plane. The trip back was uneventful, but still leaves me with a sense of amazement at the speed !

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

“The enclosed letter“ is Sh. to S. of 3 October 1947. PWA: Possibly Pratt and Whitney aircraft.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 28 October 1947*

Dear Shryock,

Thanks ever so much for your letters of October 3 and 19. I heard from Castiglioni that you had attended the Lausanne Conference, and I was very sorry that you could not come and visit with us. I understand, of course, that the time was too short, but I very much hope that Mrs. Shryock and you will come to Pura next year. We have a guestroom and by that time we should even have a maid. Getting maids is just as difficult here as in the States, and we have to import them from Italy. The Swiss government prescribes the wages so that the wage level will not be lowered, and at the present rate of exchange the wages of an Italian maid in Switzerland are sufficient to support her entire family including grandparents, uncles, aunts and the whole clan. You will find Pura a most delightful spot particularly in the spring and summer.

I did not go to Lausanne because I felt that I had deserved to have a whole year without any conventions. Besides I had just resumed working on my book and did not want to interrupt it, particularly since I had several interruptions before on account of my 82-year old mother who broke her leg and developed pneumonia so that I had to go to Basel several times. I am glad to say, however, that she recovered in an astonishing way.

Karpinski is just crazy. He is not so wrong with his accusations, but he has an exasperating way of bringing them forth and creates scandals wherever he goes.

Do not bother about sending me the revised edition of your *Development of modern medicine*“ because I am going to review it for the *Bulletin* and Genevieve is sending me a copy. I am also very anxious to see your other book on medical research in the U.S., and I am sure that the *Bulletin* will have a review copy that Genevieve will send me. I am writing a book review every week-end and find it an excellent way of keeping up-to-date. Much has been published in Europe during the last few years, and through my reviews I hope to make these books known in the United States.

I still very much hope that Hopkins will approach you and offer you my old job and that you will consider the matter seriously because I cannot think of anybody better equipped for the task. It is not only a matter of scholarship but also of diplomacy. The Institute needs guidance, funds, friends, and much else that you would bring to it and that neither Temkin nor Rosen would be prepared to contribute. The fact that you are not a physician is in my opinion an advantage because the AMA would swallow you much more readily than they did me. If you take a progressive line, they can always say that you are only a Ph.D. after all.

It is autumn here and beginning to be quite cold, but we are fortunate in having central heating and sufficient fuel. The Ticino is always a little better off than other cantons. I harvested my grapes and made about fifty quarts of wine. I will save a few bottles that you will have to taste in the spring, but these are mere sidelines, and THE BOOK is progressing according to schedule.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Shryock and yourself I am

Yours very cordially,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

“Lausanne Conference“, International, of the History of Science. S.’s mother, Emma Sigerist, living in Basel. *Development* ....(Shryock 1936a). “Genevieve“ Miller. *Medical research in the U.S.* (Shryock 1947). AMA: American Medical Association.

Names mentioned before:

Castiglioni see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942

Karpinski see Sh. to S. of 16 January 1940

Rosen see Sh. to S. of 18 April 1942

Temkin see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 8 November 1947*

Dear Shryock,

I received the carbon of your letter of October 27 addressed to Dittrick in which you ask for information about the present status of the International Society of the History of Medicine. Since I am a Vice-president of it and have been in touch recently with the President and the Secretary-general, I am very glad to let you know what the present situation is.

The eleventh International Congress of the History of Medicine was held in Yugoslavia in September 1938. Germany and Italy had sent large delegations so that they could pack all the meetings. They forced a vote according to which the 12.[sic] Congress was to be held in 1940 in Berlin and the 13.[sic] in 1942 in Rome. The outbreak of hostilities in 1939 interrupted all activities of the Society.

At that time the President was Prof. V. Gomoiu, Calea Vergului, 21, Bucharest, Rumania, a prominent Rumanian surgeon, who wrote a number of books on the history of Rumanian medicine. The Society furthermore had 3 Vice-presidents 1) Laignel-Lavastine, at that time professor of the history of medicine at the University of Paris, now retired, 2) Paul Diepgen who is still professor of the history of medicine at the University of Berlin, 3) myself. It was customary that the first Vice-pres. succeeded in the presidency but he had to be confirmed by the Council. In other words Gomoiu is still President today at least nominally. Laignel-Lavastine is supposed to succeed him if he is confirmed. My personal opinion is that he is an

old fogey and that it would be a tremendous mistake to make him President. The Society needs complete reorganisation and rejuvenation and Laignel-Lavastine would undoubtedly be the worst man for such a task. Diepgen is out anyway, and I myself would never accept the Presidency, since you know well enough that I am trying to keep out of all such jobs.

Secretary-general was and still is Prof. Jules Guiart, Faculté de Médecine, Université de Lyon, Lyon, France, a man who is also past seventy. The Society was ruled by a Council of delegates from the various countries that met once a year in Paris and also at the time of the international conventions. Since the American Association of the History of Medicine functioned as a local section of the International Society for the U.S. as well as for Canada, we were entitled to 2 delegations, one for each country. In 1942-43 the U.S. delegate was E. B. Krumbhaar and his alternate myself. The delegate of Canada was Dr. Jabez H. Elliott and his alternate W. W. Francis. In 1944-45 the U.S. delegation remained the same, but since Elliott had died Francis succeeded him as delegate and no alternate was appointed. No delegates were named thereafter, since the International Soc. had become entirely inactive. The delegates used to be appointed by the Council, and at the moment I do not remember if this has been changed.

This is about the present situation. Gomoiu wrote me that he would like to see the Society revived, but in Rumania he seems to be pretty much isolated, so that the initiative will have to come from America.

My personal candid opinion is that the Society did a pretty poor job in the past. Its only achievement was that it organized eleven international conventions which were pleasant social events, but not much more. The men who played the leading parts in the Society, Tricot-Royer, Laignel-Lavastine, Van Schevensteen, Gomoiu, etc. were non-entities as far as medical history was concerned, amateurs who made use of the Soc. to get decorations and to satisfy the vanity that they could not satisfy in their real field. The official organ of the Soc. was Aesculape, a commercial sheet, put out for advertising purposes by French pharmaceutical firms. The Soc. repeatedly appointed committees, which[,] however[,] never did anything.

An international society of the history of medicine is highly desirable, and with the help of UNESCO it should not be too difficult financially to reconstitute the Society. What is needed most urgently is new personnel, and I feel very strongly that the young generation should have a voice and play a part in any such organization. An international journal corresponding to Archeion would also be very desirable particularly since many European countries are unable at the moment to publish their own periodicals.

I think it should not be difficult with the help of UNESCO to call a meeting of delegates in Paris that would reconstitute the Society, give it a new constitution, and develop a program for the next few years. Since most of the former delegates of the various countries are either dead or have not been reappointed, the fairest procedure would be to invite the various national societies to appoint a delegate for the purpose.

With kind regards I am

Yours very cordially,  
Henry E. Sigerist

“carbon“ copy. “Diepgen is out anyway“: Probably as a former supporter of the Nazis.

New names:

Gomoiu, Victor (1882-1960)

Guiart, Jules (born 1870)

Laignel-Lavastine, P. M. Maxime (1875-1953)

Tricot-Royer, Jean-Joseph (1875-1951)

Van Schevensteen, A. F. C.

Names mentioned before:

Diepgen see Sh. to S. of 26 March 1940

Dittrick see S. to Sh. of 27 June 1941

Elliot, Jabez H. see S. to Sh. of 27 June 1941

Francis see S. to Sh. of 27 June 1941

Krumbhaar see Sh. to S. of 30 May 1940

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 13 November 1947*

Dear Sigerist:

Your letter of November 8 came in today which seems very good time and I appreciate your sending me this information so promptly. I wish we could revive the International Society, but it is not easy to see just how to begin. You would certainly be the best person to inaugurate things in view of your present location as well as both your official and unofficial positions. I much wish you would undertake it; but if you feel it absolutely impossible, perhaps I could start something through UNESCO if their response happened to be sympathetic - which could not be guaranteed in advance.

We could write to one or two members of their staff most likely to respond; but even to do this I suppose we would have to send them the addresses of interested individuals in various countries. You mention the fact that our American Association serves as a “local section“ of the International Society. Were there similar sections in other countries and would there be any way of securing the names of their secretaries or other officers ? If it is impossible to secure these, it might be better than nothing just to name our own lists and see if UNESCO could do anything about calling those named to a conference. Did delegates pay all their own expenses in the past or was some subsidy provided ? In the former case, do you think it likely that under present conditions those invited would be able to travel to Paris or some other central point ?

I would gather from your letter that you do not think the present secretary of the International Society (Jules Guiart) would be the man to handle all this. Please let me have any further suggestions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

“International Society“ of the History of Medicine. UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation. “American Association“ of the History of Medicine. Guiart see S. to Sh. of 8 November 1947.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 25 November 1947*

Dear Shryock,

Thank you for your letter of November 13 concerning the International Society of the History of Medicine. I know it sounds frightfully selfish when I say that I wish to be left out of the matter, since I am located in Europe and know the people involved, but travelling wears me out. As long as I can stay in Pura I feel very well and work twelve hours a day without effort, but the moment I leave the place I am awfully tired and of no use to anybody. I also feel very strongly that I can carry out my work only if I keep free of entanglements because it is an extremely time-consuming piece of work.

In this connection you might be interested to hear that a few days ago I was offered the chair of the History of Medicine and Science at the University of Berlin, Dieppen's chair, but I obviously turned it down.

The International Society of the History of Medicine had a local section in most countries. Wherever there was a National Association this took the place of it, otherwise a special committee was organized for the purpose. I would advise you to get in touch with Jules Guiart, the present Secretary-General, in Lyon, France, who can give you names and addresses. He is a pretty old man, and I do not think he would be a good secretary for the future, but for the time being you may find him very helpful.

Do also try to get the Annual Reports of the International Society that Gomoiu used to publish. The Johns Hopkins Institute probably has a copy and in that case Genevieve will send it to you, or Dittrick may have a copy in the archives of the Association, or Krumbhaar as delegate of America. If I remember correctly these Annual Reports also contain the Constitution of the Society.

Delegates who attended meetings had to pay their own expenses except in the cases of Germany and Italy. The fascist states took care of all expenses and were anxious to be represented. I am quite sure that under present conditions and with all the currency restrictions most European delegates would not be able to pay their own way, and UNESCO would have to help as it has done in the case of the History of Science Society.

On the positive side one may point out that the International Society has published a respectable series of volumes of Transactions of the International Congresses, of which you can probably find a complete set at the Army Medical Library, and it is likely that your College of Physicians has most of them also.

If there is anything I can do to help you with letters, do not hesitate to let me know because I have very efficient help in my daughter Erica.

With best wishes I am yours very cordially

[Henry E. Sigerist]

Dieppen, Guiart, Gomoiu, Dittrick, Krumbhaar see S. to Sh. of 8 November 1947. "Genevieve" Miller. Erica Sigerist served her father as secretary in 1947 and 1948.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Pasadena, CA, 1 March 1948*

Dear Sigerist,

About two weeks ago, Miss Miller wrote that you had heard the Hopkins chair had been offered to me and that I had declined it. As no such invitation had been received, I immediately wrote Miss Miller to that effect and requested her to pass this on to you. Then, only two days later, there arrived a formal invitation from President Bowman. This coincidence is somewhat embarrassing: as when Miss Miller learns of this, sooner or later, she may suspect a lack of candor on my part. I hesitate to write her at once, however, since the invitation should presumably be considered confidential until I return East about April 1 and am able to discuss it with Hopkins authorities.

The need for keeping the matter confidential is twofold. First, this would presumably be Dr. Bowman's wish. Second, there is an awkward situation at Pennsylvania, resulting from the fact that I am now on leave of absence there at full salary. I was also on leave last year, while Acting Director of the A.C.L.S. in Washington, though not on University salary. Under these conditions, the University authorities might not consider it ethical for me to accept an appointment for next year. Hence it would be unfortunate if any rumor reached them before I could bring the matter up directly. It is too bad that the invitation was not extended by last summer, when I would have been a relatively free agent.

In any case, and in strict confidence for the next month or two, I want you to know the circumstances. I realize the honor of the invitation, especially as it involves the

distinction - though also the difficult responsibility - of becoming your successor. And I appreciate your support, which is doubtless responsible in large measure for the proffered appointment.

As soon as I return East, I will discuss the whole matter with Dr. Bowman, in order to see, first, whether the appointment could be postponed until 1949. Is [sic] so, no ethical question would be involved. Then, also, I must ascertain all the conditions; since it is necessary in any case to decide whether I would wish to accept in principle. It would be most helpful in this connection, if I could receive - also in strict confidence - your advice on a number of points.

My first question is a very general one. Do you really think it wise for a layman to accept the post? Apart from the technical limitations of any layman, how would medical men in general and those at Hopkins in particular react to this? Presumably, their cooperation will be needed. Hopkins must have considered this, but I would value your own frank opinion.

More specifically, can you advise me about conditions at the Institute itself? Anything you could tell me on that score - regarding the finances, the staff, relations with the President and Deans, the actual courses and training program, the Bulletin, etc., would be invaluable. I would naturally hesitate to accept if the financial prospects were uncertain, if there were questions about cooperation of the staff, or if difficulties were to be expected in dealing with the President. This sort of information, as we all know, is vital but usually cannot be secured during a day of formal discussions. A great opportunity merits taking some chances; but at the same time, one naturally wants to look at the whole situation with his eyes open. I shall therefore much hope to hear, and assure you that I will not mention your observations to anyone.

Plans for the annual meeting of the Association at Philadelphia on May 24-25, are well under way. Meanwhile, I have just heard from Dr. Guiart at Lyon that the Permanent

Committee of the International Society expects to meet in Paris on June 5 in order to plan the next Congress. He has kindly invited me to attend. Mrs. Shryock and I do hope to come over early in June, but to date have been unable to secure steamer reservations. If feasible, I should like to meet this group; but in any case, we can doubtless learn later what plans have been made.

We came out here early in February and have found Pasadena most attractive and the climate all that they claim for it. Dr. Castiglioni wrote recently from Rome that he was enjoying spring weather while we were doubtless suffering from American snow; but actually, the winter environment here has much in common with the Mediterranean.

I trust everything goes well with the work on your History, and that the location in Ticino is all that could be wished. Mrs. Shryock joins me in best wishes to Mrs. Sigerist, your daughter and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

P.S. This will be mailed March 1, and will perhaps reach you between the 7th and the 12th. We plan to leave here March 24 and to arrive in Philadelphia by the 29th. Perhaps it would be safer, it [sic] it is not too much trouble, if you could address me here and also send a copy to my home address (317 Cherry Bend, Merion Station, Penna.).

Miss Genevieve Miller. Isaiah Bowman (1878-1950) President of Johns Hopkins University. A.C.L.S.: American Council of Learned Societies. "Association", American, of the History of Medicine. "International Society" of the History of Medicine. Guiart see S. to Sh. of 8 November 1947. Castiglioni see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 10 March 1948*

Dear Shryock,

First of all let me congratulate you most warmly and tell you how delighted I am that the chair has been offered to you. I could not think of a better choice, and I hope that you will see your way clear to accept the post, because it still has great possibilities of development particularly now when there is such a nationwide interest in the history of science.

Dr. Temkin who was my closest co-worker for many years is a very fine scholar, and whatever he writes is first-rate, but he is not a good administrator because he is afraid of assuming responsibility, and you know as well as I do that the head of an active department, especially in such a field, has to be both a good scholar and a good administrator.

You may be quite sure that I will keep the matter strictly confidential, as I fully appreciate the reasons for doing it at this time. You need not write Genevieve Miller, and I know that she will understand the situation when the offer becomes known later.

I understand your feelings toward the University of Pennsylvania, because I was very much in the same situation when the Hopkins job was offered to me in 1931. I had a leave of absence from the University of Leipzig with full salary for 8 months, and I came back to Germany in April 1932 pretty much determined to leave. Well, they realized my predicament, and the man from the Ministry with whom I had to discuss the matter was Robert Ulich, who is now Professor of Adult Education at Harvard. I have no doubt that some arrangement could

be made with the U. of Penna., and I am also confident that Hopkins would wait until 1949, because they would be only too glad to get you on the faculty. I remember similar cases where a compromise solution was found by having the professor assume his duties after the first semester. This really is a secondary problem, which I am sure will be easily solved.

Now let me answer your specific questions:

1) I think the fact that you are not a medical man is not a disadvantage, but on the contrary may prove to be a real asset, and I have no doubt that the Hopkins physicians will receive you with open arms. You will probably feel much freer than I did. Being a member of the medical fraternity I was always looked upon with the greatest suspicion whenever I came out for instance for health insurance, while you can speak as a historian and sociologist, and the guild will be much more tolerant. You have worked with physicians at the New York Academy and you saw yourself how gladly they accepted you and your work. You can compensate limitations in the field of research easily through your staff.

2) As to finances. The budget of the Institute so far came from five different sources:

a) Income from an endowment fund of \$ 500,000 (in 1940 it had a book value of \$ 404,000 and I do not know what it is now) established in 1930 by the General Education Board.

b) Income from Fund for Retiring Allowance for Professor of History of Medicine, a fund close to \$ 12,000 established in 1932 from unexpended income.

c) Half the income of an endowment fund of \$ 68,000 left from the estate of Dr. Welch.

d) Sale of Institute publications.

e) Annual grant of \$ 15,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. From the foundation of the Institute on, the Rockefeller Foundation contributed an annual grant of \$ 12,500. Ten years ago it was increased to \$ 15,000 and the grant will have to be renewed. I feel very confident that if you accept the job, the Rockefeller Foundation will not only renew the grant, but may even increase it considerably. You of course must make your acceptance conditional upon the renewal of this grant. The line I would take is that the scope of the Institute should be extended, so as to include the history of science, which means a larger staff and hence more funds. But with a larger staff the Institute could also give instruction at the College of Arts and Sciences, and I should think that the foundations would now be very receptive to suggestions concerning the teaching of the history and the social implications of science. From all I hear, money is still easily available in America, and it would not be too difficult to increase the budget of the Institute quite considerably.

As you know, I wrote a report on the activities of the Institute every year, and if you go through the files of the Bulletin you will find a great deal of detailed information, particularly in the report for the year 1940-1941 (Bull. Hist. Med., 1941, 10: 364-416). This was the most detailed report I ever wrote and in which I discussed the various problems at length including the financial side.

3) As to staff, you will have a completely free hand and will be able to select your own people. Ackerknecht as you know is Professor at the University of Wisconsin, Edelstein is at the U. of Washington in Seattle and as I hear is being considered very seriously for the U. of California to take Cherniss' place. Genevieve Miller is leaving on June 30. The only member of the old guard left is Temkin, who I am sure would be a great asset to you. He was my right-hand man ever since 1929, is an excellent Greek, Latin and Arabic scholar, has some knowledge of Assyrian, is a good general historian and also well versed in philosophy. He is, moreover, completely familiar with the affairs of the Institute and very conscientious.

4) As to relations with the President and Deans. Pres. Bowman is not a pleasant individual, although I must say in all fairness that I never had the slightest difficulty with him, and that he

never tried to interfere in the affairs of the Institute in any way. He did not like me, and I did not like him, but we had always the most correct relations and respected one another, and there was never any unpleasantness. He is an autocrat as you experienced yourself, but you may have seen in the papers that he is retiring definitely this year. My daughter in New York just sent me a clipping to that effect. In other words, you will have to negotiate with Bowman, but since he is going out you will probably find him quite amenable.

The University now has a Vicepresident who does most of the President's work. He is the former Dean of the School of Hygiene, Lowell J. Reed, a perfectly delightful individual, most cooperative and helpful. His successor as Dean of the School of Hygiene is Ernest L. Stebbins, the former Health Commissioner of New York, who is not only a brilliant public health administrator but also a very lovable person and extremely liberal.

The Dean of the School of Medicine, Alan M. Chesney, is a typical inborn Hopkins product. To him there is Hopkins and nothing else in the world, and whatever is Hopkins is good by definition. He is one of the last Osler students. You will find him very pleasant to deal with; he never interferes in any department's affairs; on the contrary he has the view that the Dean's job is to do all the unpleasant work of the department heads.

I cannot tell you who the present Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is, because he is a new man with whom I never had anything to do. The Graduate School in Homewood, strangely enough, has no Dean, but is administered by the Senate and the President directly.

5)The courses that have been given in the past years you will all find in the Bulletin, but you would have a completely free hand to give whatever courses you wished. So far they have all been elective, for the only reason that I personally dislike required courses, but if you wish to have some courses required and if you wish students to be examined in them, this can be done without any difficulty.

The training programs for candidates of MA or PhD are outlined in Bull. Hist. Med.,

1941, 10: 368 ff., but here again you could make requirements as you please as long as they conform to the basic requirements of the School of Higher Studies of the Faculty of Philosophy. While the Institute administratively is a Department of the School of Medicine, it is also considered a Department of the School of Higher Studies of the Faculty of Philosophy and students need not be medical students to take higher degrees in the Institute. Ilza Veith whom you know is such an example. You will find that Hopkins is extremely liberal as far as requirements are concerned. There is no credit system, and students as a rule are admitted for examination when the Department thinks that they are ready.

6)The Bulletin of the History of Medicine is owned by the Institute[,] and the Director becomes automatically its Editor. I dropped out or rather will drop out with the last number of volume 21, and the University has appointed Genevieve Miller Acting Editor until my successor has been found. I don't know what her plans are when she leaves Hopkins in the summer. She was an excellent Associate Editor who did all the technical work for me. The Bulletin had an annual deficit, a matter that was foreseen from the very beginning. When publication costs increased considerably we had to cut down somewhat, and as you know are now publishing only one volume a year. But here again, the Director of the Institute will be able to do with the Bulletin whatever he pleases and to make any changes he likes. The Hopkins Press, unfortunately, is extraordinarily inefficient, and I am sure that any other press would have sold twice as many copies of all our publications. But the manager of the press is also close to retiring, and I hope they will appoint a young and experienced man in his stead.

I think this answers your questions. Make sure that the annual grant of the Rockefeller Foundation is renewed before you accept, and do not be modest as far as your personal salary

is concerned. I had \$ 10,000 like the other pre-clinical professors, had in addition until the war broke out \$ 1000 a year for travelling expenses, because I wanted to go to Europe every year in the summer, and the University also paid between \$ 400-500 a year toward my retirement annuity. I do not see why your salary should not be at least \$ 12,000. Prices are so much higher now than they were 15 years ago that salaries must be raised.

I hope that you will consider the matter very seriously, because I am convinced that the Institute has enormous possibilities for development and because it would be a tragedy to see it go to pieces. The Welch Library and the collections of the Institute are simply excellent, and while they are not as rich in rare books as other libraries, yet they have infinitely better reference books and other tools for research.

We are looking forward with greatest pleasure to seeing Mrs. Shryock and you here in June and hope you can stay in our neighborhood a while. If I can make any reservations for you, I shall be glad to do so. My New York daughter and her husband will be with us all summer. He is a composer and instructor in the Department of Music at Columbia and has just been awarded the Prix de Rome, which will give him one or two years at the American Academy in Rome.

I remember Pasadena as an enchanting spot, as sane and cultured as Hollywood and Los Angeles are crazy and barbaric. They used to have a very nice little theatre in Pasadena, where I used to spend some pleasant evenings.

We shall have to discuss the matter of the International Society when you come in the summer. There seems to be some trouble among the members of the old guard. The non-French members are complaining that the French are trying to grab the organization etc. What the Society needs is rejuvenation.

I am sending a carbon of this letter to your Pennsylvania address, and with all good wishes to Mrs. Shryock and yourself I am

Yours as ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

This four page letter answers the “specific questions“ asked in the letter of Sh. to S. of 1 March 1948. “General Education Board“ of the Rockefeller Foundation. The history of science and instruction at the College of Arts and Sciences were indeed introduced when Shryock became head of the Institute in 1949. “My daughter“ Nora in New York. “Welch Library“ of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. “International Society“ of the History of Medicine.

New names:

Ackerknecht, Erwin H. (1906-1988): medical historian in the U.S. and Europe.

Beeson, Jack (born 1921)

Chesney, Alan M. (1888-1964)

Reed, Lowell J.: Biostatistician, Vice President of Johns Hopkins University

Sigerist Beeson, Nora: S.'s younger daughter, born 1922

Strebbins, Ernest L.: Physician, Dean of Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health

Ulich, Robert (1890-1977): around 1930 counselor of the Saxon ministry of education

Veith, Ilza (born 1915): medical historian, pupil of S.

Names mentioned before:

Bowman see Sh. to S. of 1 March 1948

Cherniss see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942

Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938

Osler see Sh. to S. of 30 May 1940

Temkin see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938

Welch see Sh. to S. of 3 May 1934

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Pasadena, CA, 16 March 1948*

Dear Sigerist,

Your letter of 10 March has just arrived, and I much appreciate your kindness in answering all my questions with such care. I shall of course consider the invitation most seriously, and your comments are most helpful in this connection. The salary offered is

\$ 12,000, which is in line with your suggestions, and is about \$ 1,300 more than my present one at Pennsylvania. Hence the salary is ample, but not really a determining factor. I am glad to receive your suggestion re the annual Rockefeller grant, with which I agree entirely. I suppose Alan Gregg is the key man in this ? And I am encouraged by your view that Hopkins, if I wished to accept, would probably wait until 1949. There is no certainty, but I suspect that the Dean of my College at Pennsylvania, Glenn Marrow is meticulous in ethical matters.

Your account of administrative personnel and arrangements is encouraging. Just after writing you, by the way, a note appeared in Time about Bowman's retirement. If I were to accept, I am sure that within the Institute, Temkin would be most valuable; but I would greatly regret losing Genevieve Miller - especially with reference to the Bulletin.

My schedule calls for a return East about March 29th, and I expect to get in touch with Bowman within a few days thereafter - meanwhile keeping you informed. Our plans for the summer remain uncertain as we have to date been unable to secure steamer reservations (applied for about 1 December) and Mrs. Shryock does not want to travel by air. But I hope some way can be found, and would look forward in that case to seeing you. I am sorry to hear there are some difficulties in the International Society. With renewed appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Alan Gregg (1890-1957) Rockefeller Foundation officer, S.'s friend (see Sigerist-Gregg correspondence). Bowman and Temkin see Sh. to S. of 1 March 1948 and 25 April 1938, respectively. "International Society" of the History of Medicine.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 18 April 1948*

Dear Sigerist,

This is just to inform you about developments re the invitation to join the Institute at Hopkins. On [?] appointment, I finally spent a pleasant day in Baltimore on the 15th. President Bowman was emphatic and optimistic about the future of the Institute and Dean Chesney was gracious and devoted a good part of his day to me. Larkey and Temkin, as well as Genevieve Miller, were most cordial. Apparently, the new Director can be assured of the cooperation of the Medical School people and also of the present staff, which is of course most important.

It probably will not be possible for me to make any decision, however, until more can be known about the financial prospects of the Institute. The present income from endowment is about \$ 18,000 a year. This could do little more than provide the salaries for the Director and Dr. Temkin; and Dr. Bowman informed me that no funds were available for the Bulletin beyond this year. Dr. Chesney plans, however, to apply to the R.F. for a ten-year grant - perhaps for as much as \$ 50,000 a year. If this were given, it would make possible a real program. Meanwhile, I shall not attempt to make any decision until the outcome of this application is known.

Do you plan to attend the meeting of the permanent Committee of the International Society at Paris, early in June ? The A.C.L.S. has asked me to represent them at the Brussels meetings of the International Union of Academies, later that month (June 14-17); and if steamer reservations can be secured, I shall probably do so.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Bowman and Larkey see Sh. to S. of 1 March 1948 and 16 March 1936, respectively. Chesney see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948. R.F.: Rockefeller Foundation. Final paragraph see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 24 April 1948*

Dear Shryock,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 18. I was sure that you would be given a warm reception at Hopkins and I was particularly pleased to hear that President Bowman as well as Chesney are optimistic as to the future of the Institute and that steps are being taken to secure funds. It is perfectly obvious that you cannot make any decision before the financial question is settled. Unless considerable money can be secured there is no point in trying to run the place.

My fifteen years were the years of depression, war, and post-war confusion, but now is the moment to put the Department on a solid financial basis, so you really can develop a program.

I have written a personal letter to Alan Gregg. I felt that I could do it, because we are old friends and because he might care to know what my opinion is.

I do not plan to attend the meeting in Paris in June, but if you do, I hope you will come to see me. You can fly from Paris to Zurich in less than 2 hours and from there to Lugano is only a 4 hour train ride.

I have no words to tell you how very much I hope that funds can be secured and that you may see your way clear to accept the job. With you as Director, the Institute is going to flourish as never before and you will attract students and young scholars at a moment when there is a great need for teachers in the history of medicine and science. Without you, I do not see any future for the Institute.

With kind regards I am  
Yours very sincerely,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Bowman and Gregg see Sh. to S. of 1 and 16 March 1948, respectively. Chesney see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 12 May 1948*

Dear Sigerist:

Just a hurried line to let you know of the developments at Hopkins. With the approval of Dr. Bowman and Dean Chesney, I had a long and friendly discussion with Dr. Gregg. He intends, at present, to recommend a five-year grant of \$ 30,000 a year to the Institute; but does not expect to do this until about next January. Whether the date is due to the fact that I could not, in any case, leave Pennsylvania before September, 1949, I do not know. This is not a formal commitment by Gregg, but states his present intentions. On the whole, his interest seems encouraging.

On the other hand, Gregg emphasized the fact that he could not be certain that his Board would actually make the grant. The appointment of a new president is now going in to effect, whose interests are yet unknown. This being the case, it will apparently be impossible to know what the immediate financial future will be until next winter. Under the circumstances I do not believe it would be wise for me to attempt to make a decision until that time; and I have so informed Dean Chesney. I am sorry that this may involve further delays for him; but I turned out to be just the innocent bystander in the situation. I informed Dr. Chesney that I should quite understand it if the thought he should offer the place immediately to someone else; adding that, from a personal point of view, I hoped he would keep it open.

Mrs. Shryock and I have secured steamer reservations for June 2. We hope to reach Lausanne about July 1. I shall try to get in touch with you from there. After June 2 I can probably be reached via the U.S. lines at Southampton until about June 9. We are traveling on the America. Care of Thomas Cook and Sons, London, England, for about two weeks thereafter.

Please pardon this typing, it seems about as good as we can secure here. Plans have been about completed for the May 26,27 meetings of the Association here. You will be sincerely and greatly missed.

With all good wishes,  
Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

Bowman, Chesney, and Gregg see preceding letter. "leave Pennsylvania" University of. The final paragraph was added in long-hand. The 1948 meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine took place in Philadelphia.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 19 May 1948*

Dear Shryock,

When your letter came, I was just thinking of you because at the moment I am reading your two books that I will review for the Bulletin. Both are splendid contributions, and I am glad that they came out now at the best possible moment. Last week I reviewed Fishbein's History of the AMA. I tried to be as tactful as possible, but I could not help making the remark that this was about the most primitive type of historiography one could think of. Reading your book after having just read Fishbein is like entering a new world. I think it was a great mistake of the AMA not to have a real historian undertake the job, but I suppose that what they wanted was not a detached history but a book that would justify their actions, and Fishbein of course was the man to plead his own cause.

I was delighted to hear that you saw Alan Gregg and that he continues to be interested in the Institute. Actually I never doubted that he would, and I sincerely hope that he will get through with his recommendation. \$ 30,000 a year in addition to the \$ 18,000 from endowment would give you a very handsome budget. Of course, you cannot make any decision before the financial question is settled, and I am quite sure that the Hopkins authorities will more than understand this and will be only too glad to wait.

I am very happy to hear that Mrs. Shryock and you will be here in July. Let me know when you reach Switzerland. We are not in the telephone directory yet, but we have a phone (Pura 3 61 52). We count on your visit and are looking forward to it with greatest pleasure,

With kindest regards I am

Yours very sincerely,

Henry E. Sigerist

“two books“: (Shryock 1936a, 1947). Morris Fishbein (1889-1976) conservative editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association (AMA), S.'s review (Sigerist 1948a) of (Fishbein 1947) is rather devastating. Gregg see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1948.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Lausanne, Switzerland, 3 July 1948*

Dear Sigerist,

We arrived here yesterday after leaving New York on June 2, and spending about two weeks in Paris and several days each in London and Brussels. We expect to spend about a week here, and then to go on to Interlaken and probably to Zurich. But our plans are somewhat uncertain, because the U.S. Military Government has invited me to lecture for a week at a summer session at Heidelberg, and no permits or directions for entering Germany have yet caught up with us. If I should go to Germany, it would be for the week following July 23. Then we must return to Paris via Lausanne about Aug. 9th, in order to sail from Havre for New York on Aug. 12.

In between these various trips, we should much like to call on you at Pura if the schedule can be worked out. As we shall be rather pushed for time, would it be possible to begin a return trip to Lausanne on the same day ? Or to Zurich ? In any case, perhaps you could advise me on the railroad connections between Pura and both of these cities ? In a general

way, we have thought of buying roundtrip, reduced fare tickets in a circle - from Lausanne to Interlaken, Zurich, Pura and return - if that is feasible. Is Pura near Lugano,

etc. ? Or might it be better to go to Pura from Zurich and to return there, before coming back to Lausanne ?

I have just had a note from Sarton, who is staying at Montreux-Territet, near here.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

Our best to Mrs. Sigerist, and to your daughter.

Sarton see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936. Montreux: Near Lausanne on Lake of Geneva. "your daughter": Erica and/or Nora.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 6 July 1948*

Dear Shryock,

I just received your letter of July 3 and was delighted to know that you are in Switzerland. We very much count on your visit. It is not quite easy to reach the Ticino from Lausanne because the Alps are in between, and I would rather suggest that you make the trip from Zurich, because from Zurich to Lugano through the St. Gotthard takes only 4 hours. There is an excellent train leaving Zurich at 9:39 A.M. which reaches Lugano at 1:23 P.M. Pura is only about 10 miles from Lugano, but since we have no car and since our house is not in the village but in midst of vineyards it is not quite easy to reach it. I would meet you in Lugano at the Station from where we reach Pura in 10 minutes by postal automobile. All you would have to do would be to call me up from Zurich (telephone Pura 3 61 52).

I would suggest that you spend the night in Pura. Our guestroom is occupied at the moment because my New York daughter and her husband are here. But there is a little pension five minutes from the house where we would be very happy to have Mrs. Shryock and you stay as our guests. The following day you could return to Zurich whenever it suits you, because there are plenty of trains. This would give us a good afternoon, evening and morning during which we could discuss a lot, and I am sure that Mrs. Shryock and you would enjoy this perfectly beautiful region. I need not tell you explicitly that if you have more time to spend here, we should be only too glad to have you. This is a region that was settled by the Etruscans and the Celts and was then colonized by the Romans, and I am sure that you would be interested in seeing it.

I shall be here all through the summer, so that any date would suit me for your visit.

With kind regards to Mrs. Shryock and yourself in which the family joins

I am

Yours very cordially

Henry E. Sigerist

“we have no car“: in the first year in Pura. New York daughter and her husband: Nora Sigerist and Jack Beeson.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Interlaken, Switzerland, 15 July 1948*

Dear Sigerist,

Your reply reached us in Lausanne and we much appreciate the invitation to stay overnight at Pura. We plan to reach Pura on July 20, where I hope to find out promptly from the U.S. Military Government office whether or not I am to lecture at their Heidelberg summer session July 24-30. The timing of our trip to Lugano will depend on whether or not this Heidelberg visit materializes, and I am glad to know that any date is convenient for you. In any case, I shall phone you from the Hotel Central in Zurich, where we shall be staying for at least the first two or three days.

We are looking forward to seeing you, and also to a glimpse of the Lugano region. Castiglioni, in a recent letter, kindly urges that we also go down from there to Milano. All this, also, will depend on whether we go to Germany and on how much time we could spend at Lugano. If several days are available for this trip, it would probably be best to make our headquarters at a hotel in Lugano. But we can discuss this by phone.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Castiglioni see Sh. to S. of 1 June 1942; he left his exile in New Haven after WWII and returned to Milan. Sh.'s planned visit in Pura did not materialize, because he “suddenly got scared about the Berlin situation and thought that war would break out at any moment. So he sailed back to America on the first opportunity“ (Sigerist 1948b).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Philadelphia, 7 May 1949*

Dear Henry:

As you have doubtless heard, the Rockefeller Foundation about a month ago finally renewed the grants to the Hopkins Institute - extending \$ 30,000 per year for the next three years beginning July 1. The Hopkins authorities thereupon renewed the invitation to me to become the Welch Professor and Director of the Institute. After careful consideration, I have decided to accept the appointment. There was of course no question about the professional opportunity, but it was difficult to give up our personal associations in Philadelphia. But the professional outlook was made even more attractive by the appointment of my friend Detlev Bronk as President of the University, and by his kindness and that of Dean Chesney in

making all possible personal adjustments to fit my case. Bronk is a very able man and I believe his appointment is a promising one for Hopkins.

On reaching my decision, I was of course influenced by your own encouragement. I have just re-read the letters you sent me when this invitation was first extended, and wish again to express my appreciation of the careful analysis of the whole situation which these gave me at that time. I need hardly add that I shall hope to receive your continued advice in taking over my new responsibilities.

It happens that I am now in the midst of term-end pressures here as chairman of this department, so that I will have little opportunity to really think out policies until some time in June. I shall take the liberty of writing you further in this connection at that time. Meanwhile I must discuss shortly with Dean Chesney the Institute's budget for next year, and shall have to do the best that can be done in a rather impromptu manner. There is, however, one specific item already passed on to me, with regard to which I would appreciate your advice. As soon as my appointment was announced, Dr. Hume wrote from New York saying that he would like to give several "seminar lectures" on Chinese history at the Institute next fall. As I know little about his past associations with you, it would be helpful to have your opinion on whether it would be advisable to make this arrangement at the present time.

I trust everything goes well with you and your family, and with the work on your history. I wish that it were possible to see you in the near future, but it is not feasible for me to visit Europe again this summer. I do plan, however, to visit Europe in the summer of 1950, and shall probably spend either the spring or the fall months there as well as the summer. Among other things, I hope to attend the International Congress of the History of Science and also that to be held by the International Committee of the Historical Sciences. Mrs. Shryock will probably accompany me.

Our best wishes to you, Mrs. Sigerist, and your daughter.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Detlev W. Bronk (1897-1975) biologist. Chesney see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948. "re-read the letters" of 10 March, 24 April, and 19 May 1948. Edward H. Hume (1876-1957) former staff member of S.'s Institute; see S. to Sh. of 13 May 1949.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 13 May 1949*

Dear Richard,

Your letter just arrived and I am perfectly delighted.

I am so deeply attached to the Institute, to which I have devoted the best years of my life, that I worried a great deal about its future. Now I am very happy to know that it is in the best possible hands, and I have no doubt that it will flourish under your leadership, will again be productive, play its part in the University and community and make new friends all over the country. I feel that I have been relieved of a great burden.

You have all the qualifications and the personality needed for such a post, and the fact that Bronk is a personal friend of yours, will facilitate your task in the future. I am well aware how deeply rooted you are in Philadelphia, and that giving up your present position is a sacrifice. I sincerely hope that Mrs. Shryock and you will feel at home in Baltimore soon, and that you

will find full satisfaction in your work at the Institute. You have a handsome budget now, that should be adequate, and I feel confident that the Rockefeller Foundation will renew the grant after three years.

Now to Dr. Hume. As you know he is lecturer in the History of Medicine, an honorary post which does not carry any salary but gives its holder the privilege to teach, of course, in consultation and with the approval of the head of the department. Larkey holds the same position at the Institute. Dr. Hume is an old Hopkins graduate, was a protégé of Dr. Welch, and as you probably know made a distinguished career as Dean of the Medical School of Yale in China. He once gave a series of Noguchi Lectures at the Institute, and being desirous of having a closer connection to Hopkins, he applied for a lectureship and the faculty was glad to give it to him. He knows Chinese very well, masters a half a dozen Indian languages, and as I was interested in oriental studies, I liked to consult with him from time to time. In the past Dr. Hume usually gave three lectures every year on some subject of Chinese medicine. They were given in the seminar room to a small group and were followed by a discussion. When we had sufficient money, we refunded Hume his expenses. Hume is getting on in age, and the lectures were not always very good but I certainly see no harm in allowing him to continue with his lectures. The oriental students of the School of Hygiene were always invited to attend them and usually enjoyed them very much.

I would like to warn you against one man who in all probability will approach you and ask you for a lectureship, namely Dr. I. Macht [sic]. You may have seen some of his papers in the Bulletin in which he tries to prove that the entire modern medicine may be found in the Old Testament. He is a pharmacologist by training, was on the staff of Abel, went then into industry and always tried to squeeze into Hopkins in some way or another; when he failed in pharmacology, he tried at the Institute and he pestered me a great deal. He is a most unpleasant individual.

The first volume of my History is with the publisher in New York, who wanted to bring the volume out in the fall, but it would have been a rushed job and I would like to correct the proofs of the first volume slowly and carefully. So we agreed to postpone publication to the spring 1950, whereupon I hope to bring out a volume every year.

At the moment I am busy with Volume II, which will be rather unconventional because I will give India almost as much space as Greece. It is very striking how parallel the course of Greek and Indian culture and medicine ran in antiquity, with the difference of course, that one civilization unfolded itself in a temperate and the other in a tropical area. I am also making plans for volume III, in which Arabic medicine will take a central place. The Arabs, after all, were the immediate successors to the Greeks and the link between East and West. From volume IV, that is from the Renaissance on, the chief accent will be on the West, where the significant developments in medicine took place. It is a gigantic piece of work which absorbs me entirely, and I greatly enjoy it.

If I can be of help in any way, feel free to write me and I will answer your letters by return of the mail. I am sorry that you are not coming to Europe this year, but it will be splendid to have you here next year.

Once more I wish to say how very happy I am to know you are at the head of the Institute, and with my warmest wishes to Mrs. Shryock and yourself, I am

Yours as ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

P.S. Every letter I get from Baltimore speaks in most enthusiastic terms of the new President. A change was badly needed and from all I hear I think that Bronk was an excellent choice.

Bronk and Hume see Sh. to S. of 7 May 1949. “present position“: As head of the Department of History. Larkey and Welch see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936 and 3 May 19344, respectively. Noguchi Lectures: Lecture series at S.’s former Institute. David Israel Macht (1882-1961) pharmacologist. John J. Abel (1857-1938) pharmacologist at Johns Hopkins University. S.’s volume I appeared in 1951, volume II unfinished posthumous.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 19 August 1949*

Dear Richard,

Yesterday I had the very great pleasure of having the visit of Barbara and Jack and Miss Gotwald. What delightful young people they are. It was a real joy to be able to show them the place and my workshop, and I only wish time had been longer. They were in fine shape and seemed to enjoy their European trip very much. They were here on their way to Venice and Florence, and I advised them to go to Florence by way of Ravenna which is unique in its kind and has suffered very little from the war. I was very happy to hear from them that you are already making reservations for coming over next year, and we are looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Shryock then.

Henry Guerlac and his family were here last Sunday and I was very glad to see them. He is an excellent man, and it is most encouraging to know that we have now several bright young people in the history of science. Gregory Zilboorg was also here a few days ago, and I saw Sanford Larkey in Basel recently so that I feel up to date with the latest gossip.

I am deep in my second volume in which I give India almost as much space as Greece. I am brushing up on my Sanskrit and find it great fun.

Hoping that you are having a good vacation and wishing you a good beginning in Baltimore, I am with warm regards to Mrs. Shryock and yourself

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

Barbara and Jack Gotwald are friends of Sh. from his sabbatical in Munich in the 1930s; see Sh. to S. of 24 August 1949. Henry Guerlac (1910-1982) historian of science. Zilboorg see S. to Sh. of 29 November 1941. Larkey see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936. S.’s place was flooded with up to 100 visitors every year (Bickel 1997).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Sachen’s Head, CT, 24 August 1949*

Dear Henry:

Your letter of August 19th has just reached me here, where I am on partial vacation until September 10th. It was most kind of you to entertain the young people and I am sure they appreciated it. It means much to Americans, as you know, to have some personal associations in Europe which, so to speak, take them a little behind the scenes. This is Barbara’s first trip

abroad since 1933, when she lived with us in Munich for several months, and she seems to be enjoying it greatly.

I talked to Larkey by phone about two weeks ago, when he said that he had seen you in Basel. Guerlac wrote me in the spring; likewise Geniveve [sic] Miller, who is arranging for him some of the details of a session on the history of science for the December meeting of the American Historical Association. Interest in this field is slowly spreading among professional historians, and several able young men are now writing on the history of disease, public health, the relations of science to intellectual trends, etc. in this country. But I hope we can also bring a few students with full scientific training into the picture.

I now understand that no separate Congress of the International Society of the History of Medicine is planned for 1950, but that the Society may meet with the Congress of the International Association of the History of Science. Guerlac also said something about sessions on the history of medicine and other sciences, at the 1950 meetings of the International Committee of the Historical Sciences. But I have no details as yet on either of these programs. We plan to spend part of next June in Britain, (if this does not conflict with the meetings), and then come over to the Continent for the rest of the summer and the early fall.

We now have a pleasant apartment at 4210 N. Charles Street in Baltimore. This is the property of the University, which is probably the reason we were able to secure it - apartments still being very scarce. Temkin and I have worked out the Institute program for next year, in which I included a seminar for one quarter on the Homewood campus; and I assume that a copy of the catalogue will be sent to you. Things will probably pick up slowly this next year; but by the following one I hope we will have several advanced graduate students who hold a doctor's degree or have at least completed residence for the same. I also hope to bring in a Visiting Professor by that time. Temkin will continue to edit The Bulletin next year. Prospects seem good for pleasant relations with the Homewood faculty, and I hope the same will be true of the medical staff. Temkin doubtless wrote you that the Institute floor had been declared structurally unsafe, but repairs are now being made.

I am much interested to learn that you are already working on Volume II and admire your energy in "brushing up" on Sanskrit. When is the publication of I due ?

With all good wishes to you, Mrs. Sigerist and your daughter,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Barbara Gotwald and Guerlac see S. to Sh. of 17 August 1949. Larkey see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936. Homewood: The non-medical campus of Johns Hopkins University. "Your daughter": Erica Sigerist had become librarian at the WHO in Geneva and had been replaced by S.'s new American secretary, Claire Bacher.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 25 October 1949*

Dear Richard,

There are three matters I would like to have your opinion on:

1) I am sending you under separate cover a short manuscript entitled Letters from Pura. As the plural indicates, there will be others if you like the idea. I thought I would write every two months such a letter reporting on medical-historical activities in Europe and commenting on

books and events just as the spirit moves me. To me this would be a welcome opportunity to keep in touch with my American friends, and also a means of relaxation because you cannot work on one book all the time.

These letters, as you will see, will be very informal and you may find that they are not suitable for publication in the Bulletin. I do not know what the future policy of the Bulletin will be and if you and Dr. Temkin prefer not to publish such letters, please tell me so quite frankly; I shall not be offended in any way.

If on the other hand, the idea appeals to you, I will send you other such letters so that there could be one in every, or almost every number of the Bulletin next year. The next such letter would deal primarily with the three epidemics of plague that affected our region and with a few recent books on the subject. I might add a few remarks on the half century that is just coming to an end.

2) This concerns the letters of Jean de Carro to Macet, which are in the Jacobs' collection. I prepared them for publication with an introduction and footnotes, and the original plan was to publish them together with the Jenner letters and other manuscript documents to the history of vaccination, as a special volume that would have been issued as part of the catalogue of the Jacobs' collection.

Three years ago, I discussed Jean de Carro and his letters at a meeting in Zurich and ever since, I have been asked when the manuscript would be published. Carro was a Geneva man and the people there have a particular brand of hero worship. Again I do not know what plans you may have in regard to the Jacobs' catalogue, but I am sure that Genevieve will not be ready to publish the Jenner letters so soon.

Now it occurred to me that it might be possible to publish the Carro letters separately, perhaps in the Bulletin, or if the manuscript should be too long, as a supplement, or it could be published in Switzerland. The chief difficulty, however, is that I have not checked my typescript with the original letters, and this is particularly difficult because I began editing the letters while I was copying them, applying very much the same rules that Corner followed when he edited the Rush manuscripts. In other words, I would have to see the original manuscript, or possibly microfilms, of it. Please let me know what you think of the whole plan and again be quite frank about it. Dr. Temkin knows where the manuscript is.

3) I think Genevieve wrote you that plans are being made for holding a conference in Pura next summer. I am most enthusiastic about the idea, and would suggest that we meet here for about a week preceding the Amsterdam convention, which you know will be held August

14-21. Pura now has a very delightful and comfortable small hotel. It was a run-down "Pension" that has been completely rebuilt and reconditioned, and with all this, is remarkably inexpensive.

A one week's symposium in Pura could be extremely stimulating and would at the same time be a pleasant vacation for the participants. We could arrange for a boat ride on the Lake, for a tour to one of the mountains near by, etc., so that it would not be work all the time.

Genevieve will keep you informed how things develop. I think the symposium should have a central theme, and Henry Shuman [sic] might be persuaded to publish the papers as a special volume. The Amsterdam convention has two such excellent themes that it is difficult to find anything better, but we may perhaps select a subject from the social history of medicine. Please do think the matter over.

Thanks for your good letter. I am delighted to know that you found an apartment in Baltimore and I have no doubt that you have been received in the friendliest way; Baltimore really is a most hospitable city.



I hope that the building of the Welch Library has been made safe by now. What a shame that such a beautiful new structure was not better built.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours as ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

Only one *Letter from Pura* was published (Sigerist 1950a). “cannot work on one book all the time“: In addition to his two volumes of the *History of Medicine* S. in Pura wrote many articles and reviews. Jean de Carro (1770-1857) physician in Vienna and Carlsbad; Alexandre Marcet (1770-1822) physician in Geneva and London; Carro/Marcet correspondence (Sigerist 1950b). Henry Barton Jacobs (early 20th ct.) physician and medical historian; donated his collection to Johns Hopkins University. Jenner’s letters were published much later (Miller 1983). George Washington Corner (1889-1982) anatomist and medical historian. Rush see Sh. to S. of 20 December 1945; (Corner 1948). Pura Symposium see Sh. to S. of 28 July 1950. “Amsterdam convention“ of the International Society of the History of Medicine. Henry Schuman, publisher in New York. Welch Library: The building also contained the Institute of the History of Medicine.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 31 October 1949*

Dear Henry:

This is just a hurried note to say that I moved into the office early in the month and am now beginning to get my bearings. Of course there is still much to be learned about the local situation; but everyone has been cordial and Dr. Bronk particularly helpful. We have just moved our things down from Philadelphia to Baltimore this week and ought to be fairly well settled within a few days.

I enclose a memorandum on the Institute which was submitted to President Bronk and Dean Chesney. It is of a general character, since it seemed well to formulate a tentative statement of program at the start. I should much appreciate any comments you may care to make on this, as these would be particularly helpful at this formative stage.

My chief difficulty at this point is that all the commitments undertaken before coming to the Institute necessarily carry over; so that for a time I have to carry on with these, when it would be better if all attention could be given to the new obligations. I shall try to write you later in more detail.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Bronk see Sh. to S. of 7 May 1949. Chesney see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948. The major points of Sh.’s nine-page memorandum are the continued emphasis on social history and the introduction of the history of science.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 3 November 1949*

Dear Henry:

Your letter of October 25 and also the “Letters from Pura“ have just arrived, and I

have already read the latter with great interest. The accounts of the recent meetings at Milan and Lausanne provide just the sort of information about medical-historical activities in Italy and Switzerland which should appeal to readers of the Bulletin; that is, news about meetings, personalities, journals, general trends in the field, etc. It need hardly be added that your own historical perspective lends meaning to many points in the narrative. I appreciate your sending us the Letters and should much like to see them appear in the Bulletin. Indeed, I would wish to enlarge on the idea; if we could find a few other correspondents abroad who could give us anything of the same sort for - let us say - Britain or Latin America. It may, of course, be hard to find anyone else who is “up to it”.

It might be possible to organize the news section of the Bulletin in such a way as to provide for one or two such foreign letters in each issue. It would be necessary for practical reasons, of course, to set limits to their length - I should say that your first was just about right in that respect, but that we could not go much beyond this in the number of pages. I would add, quite frankly, that we are under pressure to limit the total size of the journal; and we may, for this reason, have to review from time to time the whole matter of space available for such elements as original articles, texts, Association documents, and new notes. For the present, however, I think we can go ahead with this interesting experiment in raising the news section above the level of simple announcements.

I think it would be helpful in this connection, if you could distinguish in your own mind between contributions which focus definitely on current activities (like this first letter) and those which could be viewed as general articles. The latter could be handled by the editor just like any other article, and so would not add to the length of the news section. In other words, I would personally prefer to see the “Letters” focus on current activities so as to justify their inclusion in the news section - hoping that you would continue to pen these in the same informal manner, and that you would also offer us separate articles from time to time.

I have taken these matters up with Dr. Temkin, since he continues to serve as editor. He shares the views just noted and also my appreciation of the “Letters”, and will therefore be glad to accept them for the Bulletin. The copy just received will probably appear in the January-February issue, and we shall hope to receive others in due time.

With regard to the Carro letters, Dr. Larkey informs me that these are the property of the Welch Library. I shall therefore request permission for their publication at the next meeting of the Library Committee. Dr. Temkin thinks the letters are too long for the Bulletin; but I should like to take advantage of your services in editing them by publishing them as a Supplement if the details can be worked out. Dr. Temkin estimates that publication would cost about \$ 700, and if this is approximately correct, I think we could handle it out of the budget fund for supplementary publications. I do not believe that Dr. Larkey would wish to trust the originals to the mails, but I would be glad to look into the possibility of sending you microfilms if you can use these. Please let me know about this as soon as is feasible, and also advise me on the time you would need to complete the editorial work. From my viewpoint, it would simplify matters if the proposed Supplement could be charged to our 1949-1950 budget.

Genevieve Miller did write about the proposed symposium in Pura, which seems to me a most attractive idea - in personal as well as historical terms. She has not written again but I shall hope to hear from her again whenever further plans are made. Word has not reached me yet as to the themes adopted for the Amsterdam meetings, but I may have overlooked some statement in the Archives internationale [sic] or in Isis. At any rate, some other theme can presumably be found for informal discussion at Pura.

We finally sold our house near Philadelphia and moved our things down here only last week. In the midst of all this, I am gradually orientating myself in the work of the Institute. Several days ago I mailed you a memorandum on a general program, really written to clarify my own ideas and then submitted to the Dean. Everyone seems cordial and we are looking forward to associations with both the Homewood and the medical faculties. We have not yet had time to explore the city, but our apartment is a pleasant one and we expect to enjoy the Faculty Club. The structural work on the Library building is completed. Later, the walls must be washed and then painted; but meanwhile, we are using the floor without hindrance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

This letter answers S. to Sh. of 25 October 1949; see annotations there. “Association“, American, of the History of Medicine. Larkey see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936. “Archives internationales“ d’histoire des sciences; Isis: Journals of the history of science. Memorandum see Sh. to S. of 31 October 1949. Homewood: The non-medical campus of Johns Hopkins University.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 4 November 1949*

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for your letter of October 31 and for your memorandum. I read it very carefully and I think that it states the point admirably and outlines a very constructive program.

An extention [sic] of the Institute so as to include the history of science would be very desirable but as you correctly say, should not be considered before adequate funds were available. The Leipzig Institute changed its name into Karl Sudhoff Institute of the History of Medicine and Science, but in all these years did not produce one single publication devoted to the history of science. This is bad policy.

I was glad to see that you will continue studies and instruction in sociology and economics of medicine because I strongly feel that the Institute can make a real contribution in these fields in spite of the fact that the Medical School has a Department of Preventive Medicine and the School of Hygiene a chair of social medicine. The historical approach to these problems is extremely important and is something that the other departments cannot give the students.

I often felt that a required, or at least strongly recommended course, in the history of hygiene and public health should be given to the students of the School of Hygiene who are working for their M.P.H. It struck me that they completely lack philosophic, historical and sociological orientation. They learn the most advanced techniques but know little of the spirit behind them. Yet this is a very responsive group of students because they are more mature than the medical students and they have all had practical experience and have been in close touch with people.

One important matter which I am sorry to say I neglected, but which you undoubtedly will develop much more strongly, is the contact with the History Department in Homewood. I attended the advanced history seminar at times but not regularly. It is unfortunate that the campus of the Medical School is so far away from the University. I am sure that a closer co-operation between the two departments would work out for the benefit of both.

I am glad to know that you are so well launched and with warm wishes, I am

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

Karl Sudhoff (1853-1938) medical historian in Leipzig, S.'s teacher. M.P.H.: Master of Public Health. Homewood: The non-medical campus of Johns Hopkins University on the North side of Baltimore; the medical campus is on the East side.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 8 November 1949*

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for your letter of November 3. I hasten to answer it in regard to the Carro letters. Microfilms would be perfectly satisfactory as I have a reading machine here. I think I could deliver a manuscript ready for the press about one month after I got the material. The introduction is finished and so are the footnotes; all I have to do is check my transcription and do the final editing of the text. This should not take very much time. The letters are really very interesting due to the wide range of interests of de Carro. I am sure that they would make a good supplement, and you should certainly be able to get it on the current year's budget. You would have to send me not only the microfilms but also my manuscript of introduction, footnotes and transcriptions. Dr. Temkin undoubtedly knows where the material is.

The themes for the Amsterdam meeting are Precursors and Influences and [?] Scientific Relations between Orient and Occident.

As to the Letters from Pura, I will gladly follow your suggestion and will limit myself in the future to medico-historical activities. If you or Dr. Temkin would like to omit the last two sections of the Letter I sent you, please feel free to do so.

So much for today and with warm regards, I am

Yours as ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

For the topics of this letter see Sh. to S. of 3 November 1949.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 9 November 1949*

Dear Henry:

It was good to receive your letter of November 4 and I appreciate your helpful comments on my memorandum concerning the program of the Institute. I quite agree that we ought to approach the larger history of science with caution, until we actually have facilities to handle it. I also agree that a course in the history of hygiene and public health would be valuable in the School of Hygiene and would much like to give this myself. I shall try to establish contacts in the School as occasion permits, in order to find whether we can secure cooperation. If they do not wish to introduce this formally, perhaps I could offer it in the Institute next year in the hope that some of their students will come over.

I am of course anxious to establish close contacts with the History Department in Homewood, and am giving a course with them this fall. All the members seem entirely cordial.

You have doubtless received by this time my letter acknowledging receipt of your first “Letter from Pura“, and Temkin plans to include this in the first available issue of the Bulletin.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

Memorandum see Sh. to S. of 31 October 1949. *Letter from Pura* (Sigerist 1950a).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 16 November 1949*

Dear Henry:

Your letter of the 8th arrived yesterday and I am glad to learn that the editorial work on the Carro letters is so near completion. I cleared the matter with Dr. Larkey and we will have the microfilms made and forwarded as soon as possible. Dr. Temkin will also forward your manuscript in this connection.

We shall look forward to further “letters from Pura“ and I hope you will also send us articles.

I may go to Paris for a week beginning about 12 December, to attend a UNESCO conference on their project for a world history which would emphasize the development of science and culture. The project looks rather grandiose to me, and I think they are overoptimistic regarding the ease and speed with which elaborate collaborative procedures could be completed. But it seems worth while to follow what they are planning to do, in the hope that realistic attitudes can prevail. Perhaps the program would be more feasible if it were limited to Western culture and the modern period.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

For the first part of this letter see Sh. to S. of 3 November 1949. UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore 28 February 1950*

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for the copy of Peyer’s work on Goethe, which looks like a careful study. I am sure that Temkin, who read a paper recently on Goethe and Science, will also be interested in this.

Genevieve Miller has written me about the plans which she is formulating for discussions with you at Pura in August. I of course like the general theme which you have proposed and am looking forward to being with you and the others. Genevieve indicates that a number of good people will probably be available.

For the past two or three weeks we have been in the midst of a re-decorating job here in the building. This makes things a bit chaotic but completion of the work ought to put the interior in good shape.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

(Peyer 1950). Pura symposium see S. to Sh. of 25 October 1949.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 9 June 1950*

Dear Henry:

Just a line to say again that we hope to join your group at Pura about August 9. I have requested reservations at the Pension there and just the other day received confirmation from them.

We are planning to sail from New York on the 9th, travelling through Britain, Norway and Denmark before we reach Paris the middle of July. Our address in Paris, for at least several days after July 13, will be the Hotel Montalembert, 3 Rue de Montalembert, Paris VII. You can always reach me by addressing the Institute, allowing for the delay of forwarding.

There are many things which we can talk over about the Institute, but this can probably go until I see you.

Our best to you and Mrs. Sigerist.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 11 July 1950*

My dear Richard,

Just a line to welcome you to the Continent and to tell you how very much we are looking forward to seeing Mrs. Shryock and you in August. I expect Genevieve Miller to-morrow and we shall soon draw up a program for the symposium. I think we shall have a small but very good group and this is just what we want.

I spent two weeks in England and saw Needham who was very enthusiastic about his visit in Baltimore. So many people wrote me and said how happy they were that there was new life at the Institute. I think you did wonders in a very short time.

I am looking forward to having a good talk with you and in the mean-time I am with all good wishes

Yours very cordially

Henry E. Sigerist

Joseph Needham (1900-1995) British biochemist and medical historian; he gave the Noguchi Lecture at Sh.'s Institute.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Eaglesmere, PA, 28 July 1950*

Dear Henry:

I am writing, with the greatest regret, to say that it will not be possible for me to join in the gathering at Pura next month as originally planned. Rheva and I visited England and Scotland in June where I gave talks in London and Edinburgh, and later went to travel in Norway. We had intended to spend July in France and thence to Pura and Amsterdam, in August; but a combination of circumstances led us to return to this country early in July. Having suffered from a chronic cold and associated deafness since March, I found it very wearing to move from one ship or hotel to the next. In addition, we were disturbed by the Korean situation, and feared that the international tension would continue to worry us over the next month in France. It therefore seemed best just to cut the trip short, returning by plane from Oslo to New York.

To date our anxiety about the international situation has proved unfounded, and I earnestly hope that this will continue to be the case. But in this country, and I think now to some extent in Britain, the gravest views are taken concerning the danger of another world war.

In any case, I would not now be able to visit Europe again long enough this summer to "take in" the Pura gathering. I had looked forward greatly to seeing you and the others again, and to participating in the discussions. Do express my most sincere regrets to the group, and particularly to Genevieve Miller for any trouble my absence may cause her in regard to the agenda. I trust that any such difficulty will be minimal, in view of the general informality of her plans.

There is still just a possibility that I will fly over to spend a short time at the Amsterdam meetings; although this seems unlikely, in view of the trouble and expense which would be involved.

Not the least of my regrets is that there now will be no opportunity to talk over informally the affairs of the Institute, at least, during the current year. Things went smoothly enough during the past year, as far as I could judge; but there are problems concerning a better integration of the Institute - both with the Medical School and with Homewood - on which I should have much liked to have had your opinion. Fortunately, Bronk is a great asset as President, and Temkin has been very helpful. I shall hope to write you further about future plans early in the fall. I am already discovering that administering even a small department takes quite a little of one's time, and that outside lecturing is also distracting but difficult to avoid if one wishes to maintain good "public relations." But I know that you experienced all this in greater measure.

I hope that the work on your History goes forward without such interruptions. Rheva joins me in all good wishes to you and to Mrs. Sigerist.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

This was the third time in a row Sh. had to cancel a planned visit of S. in Pura. Rheva: Sh.'s wife. "Korean situation": Begin of the Korean War with the invasion of South Korea by communist North Korea. The Anglo-American symposium in Pura took place 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). Amsterdam: Convention of the International Society of the History of Medicine. Bronk see Sh. to S. of 7 May 1949.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 14 December 1950*

Dear Henry:

It was good to receive your November letter and to hear something more of the Pura meetings of last summer. I share your liking for these small gatherings - indeed I have come to feel that large professional meetings are pretty hectic - and am glad to know that the discussions of the social history of medicine proved stimulating. We had a similarly small meeting here at the Institute two weeks ago; in this case, a small conference on the Teaching of Medical History and its present status in this country. Some eighteen people attended and it was possible to see everyone individually. We shall probably work the results up into a report which might be worth publishing in the Bulletin.

I was interested in your article on the Swiss situation in the Neue Zürcher Zeitung, and to learn of the prospects of an Institute at Zurich in connection with the historical collection already available there. There are of course much the same possibilities at Yale in this country as you well know; and I am interested to note John Fulton's comments on this in the Report of the Historical Library for 1949-50.

With regard to the program here in the Institute, my Annual Report in the next issue of the Bulletin will suggest much of what we have in mind; and I also enclose a recent report to President Bronk which will supplement the picture. I hope to send you such materials from time to time so as to keep you informed, and in the hope you will send me critical comments. The report for the Conference noted above may also be available in preliminary form in a week or two, and I could send you a copy of this before it is formally submitted to the Association. It will suggest impressions of the current situation in the country at large.

I have heard nothing further about the International Society of the History of Medicine since last seeing Lavastine in Paris two years ago. There was a program at Amsterdam; but the French officers apparently make little effort to keep foreigners informed. I do not even know whether the Bulletin of the French Society was ever resumed after the war.

I am glad to hear that you can keep in touch so effectively with professional personnel and current developments while living in Pura; and that you are able to concentrate now on volumes II and III of the History. I received order forms from Schuman for volume I some time ago -- is he acting as agent for the Oxford Press ?

Our best wishes to you and Mrs. Sigerist for the Christmas season.



Sincerely yours,  
Richard H. Shryock

S.'s letter is missing. Pura meeting see Sh. to S. of 28 July 1950. On teaching of medical history, see Sh. to S. of 27 March 1951, (Galdston/Temkin/Shryock 1951). The Institute of the History of Medicine in Zurich (Sigerist 1950c) was founded in 1951, that of Yale University under the direction of Fulton in the same year. Fulton see Sh. to S. of 2 January 1946. Report on the Historical Library (Fulton 1950). Annual Report on Sh.'s Institute (Shryock 1950a). Sh.'s report to President Bronk deals with the institutionalization of the history of science at Johns Hopkins. "Association", American, of the History of Medicine. Laignel-Lavastine see S. to Sh. of 8 November 1947. Amsterdam: Convention of the International Society of the History of Medicine. Schuman and Oxford Press: Publishers in New York; the latter published S.'s *History*.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 27 March 1951*

Dear Henry:

It was my intention to write long before this. First, please accept my sincere congratulations for your sixtieth birthday in April. It will be widely remembered in this country; and I only wish that you could come over for the meetings of the Association of the History of Medicine on May 3-5, so that we could celebrate the occasion fittingly. The Association is meeting here at the Institute this year, and I enclose copies of the preliminary announcements.

Larkey, Temkin and I had no desire to serve on the program committee, but it seemed wise to do so in order to guide the planning. Associations, as you know, have their ups and downs; and the last two meetings of the A.A. of H.M. were not vigorous ones. I therefore thought it best to invite them here, in order to do what we can to revive interest and tighten up on administration.

To the same end, I arranged a conference on the Teaching of Medical History at the Institute last November. On the basis of the discussions then held, I prepared a general statement to be presented to the Association in May, and perhaps subsequently to deans and other authorities. This has been all winter in Dr. Galdston's hands, as a member of our editorial committee, but we hope to get in [sic] in shape by May 1.

The whole program of medical education in the U.S. is now being reconsidered, and it may be an opportune time to again call attention to the significance of medical history. Teaching of the subject may have lost ground over the last decade, and we need a new survey to check on this. There are some encouraging signs, however, such as John Fulton's appointment to the chair at Yale, which would seem to assure an Institute there, although this title is not yet employed.

Many thanks for the copy of the first volume of your History, Which I am now reading. This is really exciting, not only for its immediate contents but for the promise of what is to follow. I think everyone who is at all familiar with the field realizes the truth of what Singer says in his recent review in the Bulletin; i.e., that you are the only person living who is capable of preparing this great synthesis. As he observes, the total work will not only become the standard, but will do much to broaden the perspective and raise the status of the discipline. Meantime, the present volume provides - in addition to its most interesting chapters on primitive and Egyptian medicine, etc. - the best statements in English on the nature and method of medical historiography. As such, it should prove very stimulating as well as enlightening to all students in this country.

Let me add here my great appreciation of the reviews of my two books which you have kindly done for the Bulletin. Temkin assumed that you would approve my seeing them before publication. These are too generous, for I am aware of at least some of the limitations of each work; but I am hardly the one to object on this score.

There is much to be talked over concerning the Institute, if space permitted. I enjoy the freedom from heavy teaching schedules, the excellent facilities, and the traditions of the School of Medicine in general and of the Institute in particular. Relations with the medical faculty have been courteous enough, though I do not detect much interest in medical history among the majority. There seems to be more promise of actual cooperation with the School of Hygiene, and with the Homewood staff. No doubt you have seen the brief statement of policies in my Annual Report for 1949-50 in the Bulletin. I should really appreciate any suggestions you could make about policies here, particularly in the light of your own experience. The renewed Rockefeller grants, made in 1949 for three years beginning July 1, 1949, were extended last year to cover 1952-53. There is no certainty that the grants will be continued from year to year, but this “forward financing” procedure has some obvious advantages.

My chief difficulties result from the time demanded by talks, lectures, local committees, extra-mural offices and commissions, etc. This must have a familiar ring to it. It has been difficult to know where to draw the line during these first two years - some local matters are command performances, while some outside activities are interesting in themselves and others presumably encourage good public relations. In the case of the AAUP, which provides this stationary, I have a real sense of moral obligation. Then there have been obligations undertaken in Philadelphia which still require another year to complete. But I hope to cut down definitely on outside demands after another year. I plan to go to Lima in mid-May to represent the School of Medicine at the San Marcos celebrations, and Rheva will go with me. Whether there will be time to go on to Santiago or Buenos Aires is not clear. Do you know personally any of the medical historians in these cities? We expect to return by about June 20, and July and August should be available for my own work. We may come to Europe in September, as I should like to attend the meeting of the International Association of University Professors in Nice. In that case, I shall hope to get in touch with you.

We continue to live at 4210 N. Charles St., in a six room apartment owned by the University. It is so pleasant, convenient, and economical that we have to date resisted the temptation to buy a house. I still straddle Philadelphia and Baltimore in some degree, since my club memberships are in the former; although university contacts are of course entirely here. I have, however, worked up a brief series of lectures on general medical history for all the Philadelphia schools, in which Temkin shares. In these, because certain of the schools require attendance, we reach far more students than in Baltimore - a somewhat incongruous situation.

Is there any news about the International Society of Medical History, which I believe also met at Amsterdam? I have heard nothing from M. Lavastine.

Our best wishes to you and Mrs. Sigerist, and renewed felicitations on your anniversary.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Shryock

During his 11 years in Pura S. has never been back in the U.S.. Larkey, Galdston, and Fulton see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936, 28 August 1941, and 2 January 1946, respectively. The first volume of S.'s *History* (Sigerist 1951a). Charles Singer (1876-1960) English historian of medicine . Two reviews (Sigerist 1951b). Annual

Report: (Shryock 1950a). AAUP: American Association of University Professors. Rheva: Sh.'s wife. Laignel-Lavastine see S. to Sh. of 8 November 1947.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 8 August 1951*

Dear Henry:

It now seems probable that I shall leave New York on August 18 by the American Export Line "Independence" for Genoa, where we are due about August 27. The primary purpose of the trip is to attend the meetings of the International Association of University Professors at Nice on September 20-24; I am this year president of the American Association of University Professors, and have been interested in affiliating this with the International, so that it seems an appropriate time to attend the latter's meetings.

Prior to the Nice sessions, we shall probably travel via Milano and Lugano to Zurich, Stuttgart and Munchen [sic]. I wonder whether you expect to be at home in Pura about August 31 when we will probably be traveling north from Milano. It would be a great pleasure for Rheva and I to come out to see you on the way through if that happened to be entirely convenient. We shall have so little time that it would probably be best just to call on you during the day; but if the connections are too complicated, perhaps we could spend the night at the Inn of which Genevieve wrote me last year.

The "Independence" stops at Gibraltar, Naples and Cannes before reaching Genoa; I presume that mail could be delivered to me in care of the ship at any of these ports - in case there is not time for a reply here before we leave.

Things go well in general at the Institute. The foundation grants have been renewed each year for three years in advance; we expect to have a varied program and a good resident group next fall. Temkin is recovering well from an operation on his ear, which he hopes will improve the hearing. At the moment, Larkey is on his way back from vacation in California.

I trust everything goes well with your work on volume two - or is it now three? Rheva joins me in best wishes to you and to Mrs. Sigerist.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 23 August 1951*

My dear Richard:

Welcome to Europe! I am delighted to know that you will be in our neighborhood soon and, of course, count on your visit. There is so much I would like to discuss with you. I suggest that you plan to spend the night at Pura where we have a very good small hotel. When you know the date just send a telegram addressed to Albergo Paladina Pura Ticino reserving a room and telling when your train arrives in Lugano. They have a car and will meet you at the station in Lugano. Or send the telegram to me and I shall then get in touch with the hotel and make all arrangements. I think this would even be better. We have no car at the moment because my wife is in Geneva nursing my daughter Erica who has typhoid fever. God knows where she got it, probably in France across the border. There has not been a single case in Geneva for the last fifteen years and typhoid is practically unknown in Switzerland.

Fortunately we have chloromycetin today. It is a miracle drug and her temperature was down after 48 hours. Still, it is a serious illness and I do not know yet when my wife will come back. But I am in Pura and plan to be here until the end of September. I have a maid, so do come and have the meals at my house. It will be such a pleasure to see you both.

I meant to write you long ago but was without secretary and my correspondence suffered a great deal. I have to thank you for so much, for your good wishes for my birthday and for having nominated me for membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. I deeply appreciated this honor. Well, I shall tell you everything by word of mouth next week, I hope. Zilboorg and Galdston were here recently but I am anxious to have news from Baltimore and the Institute. I am much interested in your program which I think is excellent.

Au revoir soon and my warm regards to Mrs. Shryock.

As ever yours

Henry E. Sigerist

Chloromycetin: One of the early antibiotics; no longer in use. Zilboorg see S. to Sh. of 29 November 1941. Galdston see Sh. to S. of 28 August 1941.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, (August 1951) (telegram)*

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT BON VOYAGE  
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*Shryock to Sigerist, Milan, 28 August 1951 (telegram)*

DUE LUGANO 11,30 TOMORROW WEDNESDAY HOPE PURA PENSION WILL MEET US. RICHARD SHRYOCK

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Basel, 1 September 1951*

Dear Henry,

It was very good to see you again after so long an interval, and Rheva and I sincerely appreciated all your hospitality. It was also most interesting to see your home, which is so peaceful and at the same time so superb in its location. Combined with all the conveniences which are available, and with the accessibility to Lugano, the setting seems ideal.

Dr. Buess and his wife called on us here at this hotel (which is good), and entertained us at their home last evening. They really devoted themselves yesterday; and he seems a pleasant and able person, who should be an asset to us at the Institute this fall.

We plan to go on to Trier today, and then from there to Stuttgart and Munich - where we can probably be reached care American Express. If possible, I should like to attend the Swiss meeting on Sept. 29 and 30; but cannot be sure of this.

We hope that your daughter improves rapidly now, and that you will give our regards to her and to Mrs. Sigerist. With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

P.S. We have asked the desk porter here to mail the carton of cigarettes to you, and trust that he will be honest enough to do this.

Buess, Heinrich (1911-1984) Swiss medical historian, to make a stage at Johns Hopkins and Yale in 1951. “daughter improves“: see S. to Sh. of 23 August 1951.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Paris, 4 October 1951*

Dear Henry,

It was my hope that I could visit the Swiss Society’s meeting at Luzerne [sic] about Sept. 30; but we had by that time reached Paris and had traveled so much that a trip back to Switzerland did not seem feasible. I trust everything went well with the Luzerne [sic] sessions.

After our very pleasant visit at Pura, we spent two days in Basle; where we enjoyed meeting Dr. Buess. Then we went on to Trier to have a look at the new (or reorganized ?) German Society, and saw Diepgen and the Artelts briefly. Wickersheimer of Strassbourg was also there. Subsequently, Martin Müller told me in München that he and perhaps others in Bavaria were not consulted in the organizing of the German Society; so there is apparently a schism there, with which you are more familiar than I. It was pleasant to see Müller again, but I gathered that he is not in close touch with other people in the field at present.

I have not attempted to look up the French members of the International Society here in Paris; since I understand Lavastine is abroad, and I have not met the others. Hence I have no further information about a possible international meeting in 1952. If you hear more definitely about this, I hope you will let us know.

We spent the period from Sept. 20 to 27 with the International Asso. of University Professors at Niece [sic] - with which I have persuaded the American Association to affiliate. The International leaves much to be desired in terms of organization and procedure, but it has potential value.

Here in Paris I looked in on this UNESCO historical Commission of which I am a corresponding member. I enclose a copy of my letter to them re medical history, which may be of passing interest.

Rheva and I wish to express again our appreciation of your hospitality and - I should add - thanks for your wire to Genoa. Our best to Mrs. Sigerist.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

We leave today by the French Line for New York.

Lucerne meeting of the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine and Sciences. Buess and Diepgen see Sh. to S. of 1 September 1951 and 26 March 1940, respectively. German Society of the History of Medicine and Sciences. Walter Artelt (1906-1976) and his wife Edith Heischkel (1906-1987) German medical historians. Ernest Wickersheimer (1880-1965) French medical historian. Martin Müller see Sh. to S. of 10 August 1938. Laignel-Lavastine see S. to Sh. of 8 November 1947.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 27 October 1951*

Dear Henry:

It was good to receive your letter of October 5 a few days ago, and to learn that Mrs. Sigerist and your daughter are now back with you in Pura, and that your daughter is recovering. The behavior of these new drugs is very curious, but they are at least helpful within certain limitations.

I was also glad to hear that the meetings of the Swiss Association at Lucerne went well, and was truly sorry that I could not attend them. I am sure that Temkin will appreciate any report that you could send us on these meetings.

Dr. Buess of Basle, by the way, is due to arrive in Baltimore today, and expects to spend some time in Residence here at the Institute. Koyré is already here and seems to be an interesting and pleasant man. As we also have three fellows, we are beginning to build up a little Institute nucleus of our own. Ackerknecht stopped in this morning on his way back to Madison.

I trust everything goes well with your work on Volume 2. Did I tell you how much I enjoyed Volume 1 ? I was particularly interested in the first section on medical historiography, which is both clear and comprehensive, and, as far as I recall, the only good general statement available in the subject.

Thank you also for sending the photographs, which we are very glad to have. I think they happened to turn out particularly well of me.

With our best wishes to you and Mrs. Sigerist,

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

S.'s letter is missing, probably a long-hand letter due to his temporary lack of a secretary. "new drugs": Antibiotics. "Swiss Association" of the History of Medicine and Sciences. Buess see Sh. to S. of 1 September 1951. Alexandre Koyré (1892-1964) French philosopher and historian of science. "three fellows": Blake, Gilbert, Fein. Ackerknecht, see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948, was on his way back from Europe.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 8 February 1952*

Dear Richard,

This is a letter of apologies as I have to confess two sins. I just found a very substantial reprint that belongs to the Institute. It is a paper by E. Ingerslev on Rösslin's "Rosegarten", which is part of the Ilberg Collection. I just found it buried in a folder in which I kept

materials of a paper that I wrote five years ago for the Singer Anniversary Volume. As you know the volume has not been published yet, and as a result I never touched that folder until a few days ago. I am mailing the reprint under separate cover and hope it has not been missed. The Singer Volume is supposed to come out this year at the Oxford University Press in London, by the way.

Then I must confess to another accident. The Institute very kindly lent me two excellent portraits, one of Pavlov and one of Ramon y Cajal, for the new edition of my Grosse Aerzte which is being prepared in Munich. I sent them to the publisher, J. F. Lehmann, who had cuts made, but when he returned the portraits to me he did not wrap them up properly, and Ramon y Cajal arrived badly damaged. I am awfully sorry that this happened and will try to find another portrait for your collection. In the meantime I am returning Pavlov and the ruin of Ramon y Cajal. I think another time it will be safer to have photographic reproductions made in Baltimore.

Do you plan to attend the international congress of the history of medicine in Southern France next September? I am playing with the idea of going there, and it would be nice if we could meet on this occasion. At the moment I am frightfully busy with the second volume on [sic] my History. The chief difficulty is to keep it within bounds, I do not want it to exceed 600 printed pages, otherwise the same will happen to me that happened to Neuburger and also to Sarton: every volume grows larger, so much so that you give up after a while. However, I have been making good progress recently. I think I will end the volume with Galen and discuss the following centuries in Volume III. Once I am through with Galen I am sure to be on page 600.

I was in Zurich the other day, Adolph Schultz was just giving his inaugural lecture at the University, a very good lecture, and we had a pleasant lunch afterwards. His department in Zurich is completely independent, he has plenty of space for his collections and seems very happy, but his wife finds it rather difficult to adjust to the new environment.

We have a beautiful winter with plenty of sunshine and spring seems to be very close.

With warm regards, I am,

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

Rösslin's *Rosengarten*, a standard book on childbirth (Rösslin 1513). Ilberg collection of medieval manuscript reproductions. Singer see Sh. to S. of 27 March 1951; Singer Volume (Underwood 1953). A third German edition of S.'s *Great Doctors* (Sigerist 1933b). Neuburger and Sarton see Sh. to S. of 20 December 1945 and

30 January 1936, respectively.

New names:

Galen (2nd ct.): Greek physician

Ingerslev, E.: probably Danish obstetrician

Lehmann, J. F.: German publisher

Pavlov, Ivan P. (1849-1936): Russian physiologist

Ramon y Cajal, Santiago (1852-1934): Spanish neuro-histologist

Rösslin, Eucharius (ca. 1470-1513): see above

Schultz, Adolph (1891-1976): anthropologist in Baltimore and Zurich

Underwood, E. Ashworth (born 1899): British medical historian

*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 14 February 1952*

Dear Henry:

It was good to receive your letter of February 8 yesterday. While I am sorry to learn about the damage to the portrait of Ramon y Cajal, I hope you have not worried about it. One would naturally assume that a publisher would be more careful. Meantime, I appreciate your taking the trouble to return the Ingerslev reprint to the Institute.

I have been playing with the thought of attending the meeting of the International Society at Nice in September. The difficulty is that we were abroad twice last summer, and had rather hoped, for both personal and financial reasons, to remain home this year. But it is so long since the Society met that I am tempted to attend, and may finally do so. I also wish that Temkin could go. In any case, I hope that you will be there, and that I may perhaps have a chance of seeing you.

I am glad to hear that Adolph Schultz has completed an able inaugural lecture. I saw his offices in September. He seemed enthusiastic, but we received the same impression about his wife's difficulty in adjusting to the Zurich environment.

You will find my Annual Report for last year in the current issue of the Bulletin, so I will not impress the local developments on you at this point. But I think we are having a good time. There are always problems regarding the Association of History of Medicine, but that is probably bound to have its ups and downs.

Our best to you and Mrs. Sigerist,

Sincerely

Richard H. Shryock

“International Society“ of the History of Medicine. Schultz see S. to Sh. of 8 February 1952. Annual Report 1950-51 (Shryock 1951).

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 20 February 1952*

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for your letter of 14 February. I raised hell with the publisher in Munich for not having wrapt the Ramon y Cajal portrait more carefully, whereupon he immediately sent me two very decent photographs which I am forwarding by surface mail.

It would be very nice indeed if you could attend the International Congress in France in September, and I am sure it would be very good for Temkin to see Europe again after so many years, and to renew acquaintance with colleagues.

As I hear, the Italian Society plans to hold its meeting in Bologna at the end of April, and I may possibly combine it with a short trip to Florence to get illustrations for the second volume of my History.

As every year, the Swiss medical historians will meet in Pura on the last weekend of March, and I think we are going to have quite a good program. Of course I shall let you have a copy of it. These informal conferences have become quite a tradition, and are much more



popular and satisfactory than the annual meeting of the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine held in autumn.

The latest issue of the Bulletin has not arrived yet, but may come at any moment, and I am of course looking forward to seeing your Annual Report.

Warm regards,

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

“Italian Society“ of the History of Medicine. The active medical historians of Switzerland met for the third time at Pura in 1952. Annual Report (Shryock 1951).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 16 April 1952*

Dear Henry:

It was very good of you to write me last month about the reports in the Bulletin, and I much appreciate your kind comments on these and on the Japanese translation of my book on modern medicine. It is interesting to learn that Sogensha had already published translations of some of your own works. Of course, I can make nothing of this translation, but I take a childlike pleasure in looking at it. The Japanese now seem to wish a cultural rapprochement with Americans. I met several of their delegates at the International Association of University Professors at Nice last September; and since then - as president of the American Association - have written to extend formal fellowship to the new Japanese organization. By the way, my presidential address on “The Academic Profession in the United States“ will appear in our next A.A.U.P. Bulletin, and I shall try to send you a separate. As you know, the evolution of the profession in this country has been a rather strange and complex one.

I think the meetings of the American Association of Medical History went well here at the Institute last year, and this year we move on to Kansas City. The meetings there are apparently to be well organized, but I suppose the attendance will have to be largely from that area. Although I cannot yet be sure, it is quite possible that Rheva and I will come over to the meetings at Nice beginning September 8, in which case I will hope to see you there and can then tell you more about the American Association.

We have already secured René Habat’s [sic] Traité Akkadien de Diagnostics et Pronostics Médicaux which you were kind enough to mention. Thank you also for sending me the program of the Konferenz at Pura last month. Such informal gatherings must be very pleasant, and I think I would prefer them to more formal ones. It was nice to get all the autographs, including yours and Mrs. Sigerist’s, and also Goldschmid’s, whom I have known at Lausanne.

There are also various developments here about which I should like to let you know, but of which I shall not write at the moment pending the possibility of seeing you in September.

Our best to you and Mrs. Sigerist,

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

S.’s letter is missing. “book on modern medicine“: (Shryock 1936a). Sogensha: A Japanese publisher. “presidential address“ (Shryock 1952). “meetings at Nice“ of the International Society of the History of

Medicine. René Labat (1904-1974) French orientalist, (Labat 1951). Pura conference see S. to Sh. of 20 February 1952. Edgar Goldschmid (1881-1957) German pathologist and medical historian in Switzerland.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura ?, 23 April 1952*

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for your good letter. I am not sure that I will be able to attend the international congress in France, as so many other obligations have been piling up this year, notably a series of lectures I have to give at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and various other meetings that I simply cannot skip. Thus I am going to Bologna at the end of the week to attend the meeting of the Italian Society at which Jerome Webster will be awarded a degree for his beautiful Tagliacozzi book. I will write a short report about it for Dr. Temkin.

Could you do me a great favour ? A new edition of my book Grosse Aerzte will be published in Munich by J. F. Lehmanns Verlag with a number of additional biographies. Now Lehmann's entire archives were destroyed during the War, so that he has no copy of the contract he had with me. My copy of the contract probably still exists and may be in the old files of the Institute that contain my correspondence from 1932 on. Could Janet or somebody else have a look at these early files ? The contract would probably be filed under Lehmann or possibly there might have been a special folder for Grosse Aerzte. But please do not have your people waste much time on this. If the contract could not be found immediately, then I must have misplaced it hopelessly, as I did with several other such documents. Schuman, by the way, thinks of reissuing the English edition of the book.

I shall be very disappointed if I cannot see you in the autumn. Perhaps there may be a possibility of your coming to Pura now that you know where we are.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours very cordially,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

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Jerome Webster (1888-1974) plastic surgeon and medical historian, doctor honoris causa of the University of Bologna. Gaspare Tagliacozzi (1546-1599) Italian plastic surgeon; (Gnudi/Webster 1950). *Grosse Aerzte* see S. to Sh. of 8 February 1952. S.'s correspondence from 1932 on was kept at the Institute, later on transferred to the Alan Mason Chesney Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. "Janet" Koudelka, Assistant Editor of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine. Schuman see S. to Sh. of 25 October 1949. A second edition of *Great Doctors* appeared in 1958.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 8 May 1952*

Dear Henry:

Your letter came in about a week ago, and I immediately requested Mrs. Durling and Mrs. Koudelka to search your old files for the Lehmann contract on "The Great Doctors". To date this has not been found; but your files are all preserved, and Mrs. Koudelka is still working on it. I can write again shortly as to whether it has been possible to locate it.

I am sorry to learn that you will probably not be able to attend the meetings of the International Society at Nice in September. I have been thinking tentatively of coming over

for this, but am beginning to wonder how representative a meeting it will actually be. It would be better for my own work, to say nothing of finances, to stay over here during the coming summer. If you have any impressions of the nature of the Congress, or who you think will get to it besides the French, I would appreciate your letting me know.

Things seem to be developing well for the Institute's program next year. As you doubtless know, Edelstein has returned to Hopkins (as a result of the California controversy), and he will offer one of his old courses for us in the fall. We also expect Koyré back from Paris during the first semester. Meantime, I am developing courses, in collaboration with Dr. Wing of the School of Hygiene, which relate to the history of public health, medical care, and medical economics - which will probably make an integral part of the School of Hygiene's offerings. The Medical School has closed its department of preventive medicine, turning this program over to the School of Hygiene: and there is a possibility that the Institute can offer something in this connection which will be required of all the medical students.

Temkin and I have just returned from the Kansas City meetings of the Association of the History of Medicine. These went off smoothly and pleasantly, although the program was very miscellaneous and less than ten people attended from the East. The Association has had some ill luck with its officers over recent years, but I think that we can keep things going. At the present time, e.g., John Fulton - the new president - will be away at Oxford all of next year.

Our best to you and Mrs. Sigerist,

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

Evelyn Durling, Research Assistant. Janet Koudelka, Assistant Editor. Edelstein, Koyré, and Fulton see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938, 27 October 1951, and 2 January 1946, respectively. California controversy over the (McCarthy) oath; Edelstein belonged to the small group of courageous non-signers. Wilson M. Wing.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura ?, 15 July 1952*

Dear Richard,

I just spent a very pleasant evening reading reprints of your latest papers, and I wish to thank you very much for them. They cover a wide field and I was much interested in all of them. The doctor of one hundred years ago was indeed very different from the doctor of today, although they had a good deal in common. The medical profession has always been a much closer fraternity than the lawyers, engineers, or similar professions. It does have a great deal in common with the clergy, different as the task may be. But the esprit de corps has always been very strong, too strong sometimes.

I also much liked your paper on local history, and I am sure it will be a great encouragement to many people.

I recently had a letter from Gottschalk of the University of Chicago who like you is working on the history of science and civilization of UNESCO. I was interested to hear that they intend to launch next year a journal on world history. He wants me to write a paper for it, and I suggested something like the history of peripheral medicine, that is, medicine as it developed from the Renaissance on in the periphery of Europe, the Americas, South Africa, Asia, and Russia, where it gradually became independent of the centre and developed along its own lines. It is a subject that has fascinated me for a long time.

O'Malley and his wife were here the other day and of course we talked a lot about the Renaissance. He is following the trail of Vesalius and looking for unpublished archive material. He may not find very much, but it is certainly good for him to get the atmosphere of the places where Vesalius lived and worked. I liked them both very much. His wife is a very remarkable dermatologist.

We are having a very beautiful summer with almost too much sunshine. I of course do not mind it, but the garden does. Temkin wrote me what a nice heatwave you had in Baltimore. I remember only too well what the Baltimore climate can be like at this time of year.

With warm regards to your wife and yourself, I am,

Yours very cordially,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

“doctor of one hundred years ago“: probably (Shryock 1949). “local history“: (Shryock 1950b). “peripheral medicine“: Apparently this paper did not materialize. Charles D. O'Malley (medical) historian at Stanford University. Vesalius see Sh. to S. of 29 October 1943.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 12 September 1952*

Dear Henry:

I was most glad to receive your letter in July, and regret this delay in my reply. Thank you for the kind comment on my miscellaneous reprints, which is truly encouraging.

With regard to the UNESCO history of science and civilization about which Gottschalk wrote you, I really think they have a substantial program under way at last. I was a member of a small committee which made the original suggestions about this. We met in Paris in December of 1950 - I left here one weekend and returned the next - ; and our proposals were almost wrecked, in my opinion, by the lack of realism shown by the French members. In consequence, UNESCO had later to reorganize the whole project, and in Relf Turner of Yale they now have a realistic and dynamic director. Their scheme for a journal, in which all materials for the History can be seen and criticized in advance, seems promising. I hope you can prepare the article suggested, which would not only be significant, but involves an unusual perspective.

Rheva and I had our reservations for the trip to the Nice meetings this summer, but these had to be given up because of work accumulating here. Among other things, the Hopkins Fund requested me to write an article on the Johns Hopkins influence in American medicine. This was a kind of command performance, but they assured me that what they wanted was something which could be published in a respectable journal. Its preparation has proved difficult for a number of reasons - so much has been written on the theme, its inherent complexities, the difficulty of being objective about one's own institution, etc. But it will be useful, if in no other way, in orienting myself in the history of the medical institutions. I shall send you a copy if and when it is published and, meantime, also an address of mine on “The Academic Profession in America“ which I hope you will find of interest.

Temkin and I both returned this week from vacations; and I am most sorry to write that we found that Dr. Larkey has been quite ill at the Hopkins Hospital. Some unidentified form of pneumonia is apparently involved along with pleurisy. I fear that he has had a very tough time. The latest report, however, is that his temperature has come down, and I hope that this means improvement.

Our best wishes to you and Mrs. Sigerist,

Sincerely

Richard H. Shryock

UNESCO, Gottschalk, “article suggested“ see S. to Sh. of 15 July 1952. “Johns Hopkins Influence“ (Shryock 1953a). “The Academic Profession“ (Shryock 1952). Larkey see Sh. to S. of 16 March 1936.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura ?, 8 October 1952*

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for your last letter. I did not go to Nice either, but I saw Underwood and Dorothy Schullian soon after the meeting, so that I had a full report of what went on. It seems that the American delegation was rather small.

I just had a letter from my old friend Professor Stampar who, as you probably know, is the Dean of the School of Public Health in Zagreb and President of the Croatian Academy of Science. He wrote me that one of his very promising students, Dr. Mirko Grmek, is applying for a fellowship in the history of medicine at the Institute and asked me to recommend him. I do not know Dr. Grmek personally, but I am sure that he is a good man, if Stampar says so. I do not know what your present policy is and whether you are considering foreign applications. Stampar is very anxious to have a chair of the history of medicine created at the University of Zagreb, and in his opinion Grmek is the best man for the post. But he obviously would need some specialized training, and there is of course no better place for that than Johns Hopkins.

John Fulton spent a few days here last week. He is very anxious to get an endowment for his new department which would enable him to appoint a regular staff. I very much hope he succeeds, because it would be so important to have the Yale department established on a permanent basis. John is not in good health, and I think he is the only person at the moment who can get the funds for a department at Yale which would continue, even if something would happen to him. We must have a few permanent centres of medical history in the States.

I was delighted to see in the last number of the Bulletin that Edelstein will have some connections with the department again, that you have a lecturer in medical economics, and that Koyré will be with you again during this academic year.

With warm regards, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

Underwood see S. to Sh. of 8 February 1952. Dorothy M. Schullian Adelman (1906-1989) medical historian. Andrija Stampar (1888-1958) expert in social medicine and public health in former Yugoslavia. Mirko D. Grmek (1924-2000) became a French historian of medicine. Fulton, Edelstein, Koyré see Sh. to S. of 2 January 1946, 25 April 1938, and 27 October 1951, respectively. “lecturer of medical economics“, probably Wilson M. Wing.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 24 October 1952*

Dear Henry:

It was good to receive your letter of 8 October. The Americans who attended the Nice meetings have now returned - among them Dr. Radbill of Philadelphia, who is the present Secretary of the American Association. He apparently enjoyed the sessions, but implied that he actually found the meetings of the German Society at Schweinfurt more valuable.

I was interested in your suggestion about the application of Dr. Grmek of Zagreb for a possible fellowship here, and I also received a letter from Professor Stampar in the same connection. It would be interesting in many ways to have a Yugoslav scholar resident in the Institute. But next year we shall be able to offer only one or, at most, two fellowships; and the announcement of these, including the statement that they are available only to Americans and Canadians, has already been widely circulated in the American journals. Under these circumstances I have decided, with some regret, that it would not be wise to change this rule in this special instance.

As you doubtless know, Dr. Sarton has retired at Harvard and also as Editor of *Isis*. The latter journal is being somewhat reorganized by the Council of the H.S.S. and will be edited by I. Bernard Cohen. Sarton has again made some references to what he considers an over-emphasis on the history of medicine - in comparison with history of science - and for this reason I was particularly interested in your recent article in the *Acta Medica Scandinavica*. I agree entirely with the views you express therein.

I also agree that it would be highly desirable to have several permanent departments of medical history in this country, and hope that John Fulton can develop the Yale program along the lines he has in mind. He has presumably returned from Europe and I hope his health is better, but I have not yet seen him.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

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“Nice meeting“ of the International Society of the History of Medicine. Samuel X. Radbill, medical historian. “American Association“ of the History of Medicine. Grmek, Stampar see S. to Sh. of 8 October 1952. Sarton and Fulton see Sh. to S. of 30 January 1936 and 2 January 1946, respectively. *Isis*: A journal of the history of science. H.S.S.: History of Science Society. I. Bernard Cohen (1914-2003) historian of science. “recent article“ (Sigerist 1952).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 15 April 1953*

Dear Henry:

It was good of you to send me the program for the Fifth Historical Conference at Pura last month, and I appreciate the good wishes and the autographs. It would have been a real pleasure to have been present.

Temkin and I have just returned from the meetings of the Association of the History of Medicine at Columbus, Ohio. The average quality of the papers was not too high - with certain exceptions. But the Council and business meetings went smoothly, and - in the

American vernacular - a good time was had by all. The Welch Medal was awarded to Dr. Ackerknecht. Dr. Fulton remains President until the next annual meeting, which will be held in New Haven.

We have had a pleasant, active year at the Institute to date. Besides the usual courses, Koyré of Paris was here again for the first semester offering courses in the history and philosophy of physical sciences. Meantime, I have been collaborating with one or two men in the School of Hygiene in offering work in the history of public health, medical care, etc. Temkin and I have also continued to give a short series of lectures on general medical history at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, which are attended by first year classes of the five schools in that city.

You doubtless heard of the general conference on medical history which was held by the New York Academy of Medicine last month, largely under Dr. Galdston's direction. This provided some discussions concerning the training of professional medical historians; but I think that this will continue to proceed on a very small scale unless and until more full-time chairs are provided. I have had some discussions with medical deans in the Association of Medical Colleges in this connection; but you know how much inertia or resistance there is to the founding of any additional departments in the schools.

I shall send you a few reprints later in the spring. *Centaurus* at Copenhagen plans to publish soon a long article of mine - in book form - on "The Unique Influence of the Johns Hopkins University on American Medicine," which may be of interest to you.

I am not yet sure whether Rheva and I will get to Europe this summer or not. If we do, we shall of course hope to get in touch with you. Meantime, our best wishes to you and to Mrs. Sigerist.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

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1953 was the year of the fourth Pura Conference. Ackerknecht see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948. Fulton, Koyré, and Galdston see Sh. to S. of 2 January 1946, 27 October 1951, and 28 August 1941, respectively. "five schools" of medicine (Hahnemann, Jefferson, Pennsylvania, Temple, Woman's Medical). *Centaurus*: Danish journal of the history of medicine. *The Unique Influence* .... (Shryock 1953a).

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 3 November 1953*

Dear Shryock,

I am having the medieval section of my library, books pamphlets and reprints catalogued in preparation for Volume III of the *History*. In the process of cataloguing two reprints were recently found which belong to the Institute, namely:

The Venerable Bede, 'De munitione [sic] sanguinis sive de phlebotomia',

Kühlwein, 'Mitteilungen aus seiner alten lateinischen Uebersetzung der Aphorismen des Hippokrates'

We sent them by surface mail and I hope they have not been missed during the past years. Should anything else turn up I will mail it immediately.

I recently attended the annual meeting of the Italian Society of the History of Medicine which was held at Verona and centered around Fracastoro. It was a very pleasant convention and the general standard of the papers was very high. Pellegrini who is the expert on

Fracastoro presented two superb papers on Fracastoro the physician and humanist. The local Academy is preparing a volume of *Inedita* of Fracastoro. The library possesses two manuscript volumes by him with treatises that have never been published so far.

In Verona I had a long talk with Adalberto Pazzini, who as you know is Professor of the History of Medicine in Rome and [the] only full time Medical Historian in Italy. He is President of the next International Congress at which occasion we shall inaugurate the new building of his Institute.

You probably heard that Laignel-Lavastine died recently, so that we shall have to have a new President for the International Society. I think that Pazzini would be a good choice. He is still young, is energetic, full of plans and has a very devoted staff. Laignel-Lavastine had become an institution and under his direction the society [sic] had not developed, but on the contrary deteriorated. It is time for a younger man to take over. Much as I would like to see an American as president I think it is better to elect a European this year at least as long as the secretariat is in Europe.

The Congress by the way promises to be very brilliant. Pazzini told me that at this early date over a hundred papers had been announced so that we shall have to meet in sections. I accepted the invitation to give one of the main addresses on 'The Influence of Medicine upon Civilization'. I hope to see you in Rome, if not before. Do try to persuade Temkin to come also. He has not seen Europe for a very long time and it will be twenty four years since we attended an International Convention in Rome together.

I had a frightfully busy and rather unsatisfactory summer as so much had come together. I am struggling to finish Volume II of the *History*. The manuscript of the German translation of Volume I is on my desk. The German publisher wants me to read and approve of it and I am anxious to make a few corrections. Volume III is being prepared, but then in addition I also had to write the *Heath Clark Lectures* that I gave at the London School of Tropical Hygiene [sic] which the London branch of the Oxford Press will publish. Then I prepared a new edition of the *Great Doctors*, and since all my friends and former classmates are reaching the Festschriftage I have to write more papers than I like. Next year when I will be working on Volume III I hope to have a little more time and leisure because I hate to rush work.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours very cordially,

Henry E. Sigerist

P.S.. I just received *Centaurus*. What a beautiful number Lilley prepared. Your paper will be the first that I shall read.

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The Venerable Bede (ca. 673-735), (Lazenby 1993?). Fracastoro, Girolamo (1478-1553) Italian physician, anatomist, poet. Francesco Pellegrini (born 1881). Adalberto Pazzini (1898-1975) Italian medical historian. Laignel-Lavastine see S. to Sh. of 8 November 1947. S.'s main address in Rome (Sigerist 1955a). German translation of volume I of S.'s *A History of Medicine* (Sigerist 1963). Heath Clark Lectures (Sigerist 1956). *Great Doctors* see S. to Sh. of 23 April 1952. *Centaurus*: Danish journal of the history of medicine; its first number of 1953 contained "Essays on the Social History of Science", edited by S. Lilley, among these essays (Shryock 1953b).



*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 3 December 1953*

Dear Henry:

It was good to hear from you again in your letter of 3 November. Thank you for returning the two reprints mentioned. So far as I know, they have not been missed; but we shall be glad to return them to the collections here. I might add that the catalogue cards on the collection of reprints here had fallen behind in recent years, but we are now bringing these up to date.

Meantime, I have sent you one or two reprints and also a copy of a little book on the Hopkins influence on American medicine, which has just been brought out by the firm in Copenhagen that handles Centaurus. I have not yet seen the Centaurus issue containing my own article, but it will doubtless be along shortly. Much the same article also appeared over here in the Scientific Monthly (a reprint of this was probably forwarded to you). This duplication occurred when Lilley gave me the right-of-way in publishing over here, but then subsequently sent the article to Centaurus without clearing with me first. Everyone had the best of intentions, and both publishers seem reconciled to the incident.

I am much interested in what you say about Pazzini, and the possibility that he may become President of the International Society. I am not at all clear about the structure or procedures in that body. Nor had I heard, until you wrote, of Lavastine's death. It is encouraging that you think the prospects for the Rome Congress so promising. Rheva and I hope to attend, and I have also urged Temkin to do so. Indeed, I have been urging him for several years to renew European contacts, and believe I could probably secure a travel grant for him from the Philosophical Society. But I have had no success to date.

I am sorry you had a somewhat hectic summer. It is certainly difficult to focus on any one major work, in view of the many other pressures brought to bear. The secondary obligations are so often important in themselves that it is difficult to put them aside altogether.

Later in the year I hope to send you a book entitled "The Reverend Cotton Mather: First Significant Figure in American Medicine," which I have prepared in collaboration with a former student. This relates especially to a substantial, unpublished, medical manuscript of 1725, which affords an earlier picture of American medical thought than has hitherto been available.

We are planning to revive the "Graduate Week" idea here in June by calling a three-day conference on the teaching of medical history. The primary purpose is to bring together those who have been involved in the teaching of the subject, and to focus on this theme rather than on medical history as such. I am sure that the conference would highly appreciate any message which you might send them.

With best wishes,

Sincerely

Richard H. Shryock

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"Hopkins influence" (Shryock 1953a), also published separately by E. Munksgaard Ltd. and by Scientific Monthly. Lilley and Pazzini see S. to Sh. of 3 November 1953. "International Society" of the History of Medicine. Laignel-Lavastine see S. to Sh. of 8 November 1947. Cotton Mather (Beall/Shryock 1954). "Graduate Week" see Conference (Shryock 1954).

*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 7 December 1953*

Dear Richard,

Thanks for your letter and for the very beautiful little book on the Johns Hopkins which I shall review for Isis and for some very fascinating papers. I was particularly interested in the one on the academic profession in the United States. I think your analysis is a very excellent one and answers the question why the Professor is not as highly respected in the States as he is in Europe and even more so in Asia. I think tradition plays a very important part. Thus you find in America that among poor Jewish families the boy who wants to become a rabbi or a professor is highly respected and members of the family will pool their resources to see him launched on his career. In China the scholar was for thousands of years on the top of society. He was often very poor, but enjoyed the greatest social prestige. One of my former Chinese students who works with WHO in Geneva was on home leave in Peking recently for half a year, and what he reported was extremely interesting. The present government obviously needs highly trained academic people, but before giving them well paid responsible positions asks them to go to the country and live and work with a farmer for a number of months, so that they may come to know their own people. My student who comes from a very well to do family was very enthusiastic about this plan and admitted that academic people used to have many priveleges [sic] and lived remote from their own people, so that they actually did not know what conditions were in the country.

I was glad to hear that you are revising the idea of the “graduate week“. I always found them very satisfactory, much more so than large meetings where people get lost. Let me know the dates and I will send you a message.

I just spent a very pleasant week in London where I had a lecture and had to attend an academic function. I saw the Edelsteins who seemed to be tired of Oxford and were looking forward to being back in Baltimore soon.

All my best wishes to Rheva and yourself, I am,

Yours as ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

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“book on Johns Hopkins“ (Shryock 1953a). Isis: A journal of the history of science. “academic profession“ (Shryock 1952). WHO: World Health Organization. “graduate week“ see Sh. to S. of 3. December 1953. S.’s lecture in London (Sigerist 1955b). “academic function“: The University of London awarded S. his fourth honorary degree. Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 25 March 1954*

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for forwarding the copy of your review of my little book on Johns Hopkins. This is more kind than I could have hoped for, and I much appreciate it.

I trust everything goes well with your work on the History. I may have written you that I completed, in collaboration with a former student, a study of Cotton Mather’s medicine as it evolved at Boston in the early 1700’s. I shall hope to send you a copy of this when it appears.

Meantime I am immersed in the history of the tuberculosis movement in this country, some aspects of which are rather routine, but others are quite interesting.

Mrs. Shryock and I will probably sail from New York on July 8, landing in France or England and gradually working our way down to Rome for the September meetings. We shall look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Sigerist there.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely

Richard H. Shryock

“book on Johns Hopkins“ (Shryock 1953a); S.’s review (Sigerist 1954). Cotton Mather (Beall/Shryock 1954). Tuberculosis movement (Shryock 1957).

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 2 April 1954*

Dear Richard,

Thanks for your very kind letter of the 25th March. I was very happy to hear that you will come to Europe again this year. We shall certainly meet in Rome, but if on your way to Rome you pass through our region do come and see us. It would be a very great pleasure to welcome you and your wife here. You know where we are so that you will not have trouble finding us.

It was good news to hear that your work on Cotton Mather was completed and I am looking forward to seeing it, and the history of the Tuberculosis movement in America must be very interesting.

My wife is going to the States this summer to visit our daughter Nora and her family and I wish that I could go along, but I cannot leave my study. The work on volume II of the History has been dragging on endlessly as I had to interrupt it repeatedly preparing new editions of old books and writing addresses and prefaces and other matter that I hoped to escape here, but they seem to be unavoidable.

With warm regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Henry E. Sigerist

Cotton Mather (Beall/Shryock 1954). Tuberculosis movement (Shryock 1957). Nora and her family in New York. During his Pura period S. never returned to the United States. During the period 1954 to 1957 there appeared 12 articles, 5 addresses, and 14 book reviews of S.; he also worked on 4 new editions of his old books.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 22 June 1954*

Dear Richard,

I was perfectly overwhelmed when I received the lovely programme of your conference with all the signatures. They were all old friends and seeing their names made me feel quite homesick for America. I was also very pleased to see that Fürst is printing the same kind of attractive programmes that we used to have in the past.

In the meantime I had various reports of the conference and they were all enthusiastic, so I can only congratulate you on a splendid performance. It is most gratifying to hear that there is such widespread interest in the teaching of medical history.

In the past few months I have been taking some far reaching decisions about the future of my History of Medicine. I am getting old, my health is not the best and I think one must be realistic in the matter. So I think that from Volume IV on the book should be made a co-operative undertaking. We have the people in America and abroad to take over certain chapters and I would do all the editorial work and I think that in this way we should be able to bring out the eight volumes within a few years, which I would never be able to do alone. I would also very much like to edit the Sociology of Medicine in four volumes which I had planned for many years and which could be written by myself and my old students.

There is no doubt that we need a detailed History of Medicine. We have several good one or two volume books but we need a comprehensive one as a synthesis and as a starting point for further research. A Sociology of Medicine in the broad sense of the word has never been written and should be very welcome also at this particular moment. Of course I would need your and your department's co-operation for these two books and would love to discuss my plans with you in the autumn. I do not remember what your plans for the autumn are, but if you come to Pura before the Rome meeting you will find John Fulton, Ilza Veith and Genevieve Miller here and probably a few others, which will give us a chance to discuss projects which might have a far reaching influence on the development of medicine.

Thanking you ever so much for your kind remembrance I am with warm wishes to yourself and the members of your staff,

Yours as ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

“your conference“ on Teaching of Medical History (Shryock 1954); papers were given by Ackerknecht, Edelstein, Galdston, Genevieve Miller, Rosen, Shryock, Stevenson, Temkin and others. J. H. Fürst Printing Company in Baltimore. Neither the volumes III-VIII of S.'s *History* nor the *Sociology* ever appeared. Before S.'s planned comprehensive History of Medicine some of the predecessors were: (Garrison 1913), (Castiglioni 1927), (Laignel-Lavastine 1936), (Diepgen 1949). Fulton see Sh. to S. of 2 January 1946. Veith see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 8 July 1954*

Dear Henry:

It was good to receive your letter of 22 June and to know that the inscribed program reached you. Everyone seems to have had a good time at our small Conference and I am glad that we decided to hold it.

I am truly sorry to hear that your health is not too good, but fear that our generation is reaching the point where we have to expect difficulties. I personally have been fortunate so far, but I am already aware of factors which might make trouble in the future. I am sure it is wise to face such things realistically, and should think that you would want assistance in your major work beyond the first two or three volumes. I hope that you can develop the Sociology of Medicine since, as you say, this has really never been done in any comprehensive manner.

I should like to hear more of your plans when I see you early in the fall. Reva [sic] and I expect to arrive in Paris July 13, where you can reach me at the Hotel Montalembert, 3 Rue de

Montalembert, Paris VII<sup>e</sup>, until the morning of the 17th. We then travel to Copenhagen, then south to Innsbrück [sic] via Munich. About August 1 we hope to go to Alpbach in the Tyrol near Innsbrück [sic] for about a month. From September 6 to 11 I expect to be at the Hotel Graben in Vienna and then come down to Rome to the international gathering. We should much like to see you and the others in Pura but I am not yet sure whether we can work this in - in any case we shall hope to see you and Mrs. Sigerist in Rome. I tried to persuade Temkin to come over, but again no luck. I am sending you by ship mail a copy of my book on Cotton Mather: First Significant Figure in American Medicine, on which one of my former students collaborated by collecting some of the materials. I found Mather intriguing, both because of his clerical background and because he antedates the later 18th century American physicians who are better known.

All good wishes to you and Mrs. Sigerist.

Sincerely

Richard H. Shryock

“Conference“ see S. to Sh. of 22 June 1954. Innsbruck: Capital city of Tyrol (Austria). Cotton Mather (Beall/Shryock 1954).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Vienna, 1 September 1954*

Dear Henry,

Having spent several weeks in Germany, we are now staying in Wien awaiting the meetings of the International Association of University Professors here next week. We then leave on 12 September by direct train to Rome, for the Congress on medical history, and are scheduled to stay there - at least at first - at the Grand Hotel.

Originally, we had expected to go from Rome back to Paris, and had hoped to route ourselves through Switzerland so as to stop off briefly at Pura. But we find that it will be so much simpler and less expensive to sail right from Naples, that we shall have to give up the chance of seeing you in the Ticino. But we shall hope to see you and Mrs. Sigerist at the Rome sessions. No copy of the program has yet reached me, but I assume that it is all prepared by this time.

Is the International Society still more or less under French control or will the Italians now take over ? I have not seen Dr. Diepgen, but saw Dr. Martin Müller in München and understand that some Germans are coming. No doubt some of the Americans have already visited you in Pura - I believe Dr. Larkey and Genevieve Miller are already in Europe. But I was again unable to persuade Temkin to come over.

This is our first visit to Wien and we find it most interesting, though it is obviously not the city that it once was. On the other hand, it is surprising that - under the circumstances - so much has survived.

With best wishes,  
Sincerely,  
Richard H. Shryock

Diepgen and Müller see Sh. to S. of 26 March 1940 and 10 August 1933, respectively.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 18 February 1955*

Dear Henry:

I was most happy to receive your circular letter this morning indicating that you are now able to look forward to complete recovery and hope to resume your work very soon. These will indeed be 'glad tidings of great joy', not only to your friends but also to all those who are devoted to medical history.

Temkin had shown me a recent letter which already indicated the fine progress which you are making. I do not suppose that anyone except the person involved can fully understand what such an illness means, but we can at least share the encouragement which recovery must bring to you and to your family.

There is nothing especially new to report here - the Annual Report for the Institute, which includes a summary of our Conference of last June, appears in the current issue of the Bulletin.

Last week I served as Chairman of a Conference on the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science which was called jointly by the American Philosophical Society and by the National Science Foundation. The indications are that the Foundation, a Federal agency with relatively large funds, will make its resources, fellowships, grants, etc. available to the three fields noted - a promising development in view of the drying up of support for most humanistic fields in this country. The Foundation will set up a consulting panel for these three areas.

With all good wishes.  
Sincerely,  
Richard H. Shryock

In September at the Rome congress S. was in good shape and performed as usual; then back at Pura he had a stroke on 18 October which resulted in partial paralysis and aphasia and in prolonged hospitalization. The "circular letter" reads: "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"

Sh.'s Annual Report (Shryock 1954). "Conference" see S. to Sh. of 22 June 1954 and (Shryock 1954).

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Baltimore, 22 June 1956*

Dear Henry:

First, my belated thanks for the reprints you kindly forwarded during the winter. I read these with great interest like always - especially [sic] those on "Science and History" and on "What Medicine has Contributed to ... Civilization." I also enjoyed the paper on "Medical History in Medical Education," which I shall keep at hand for reference.

Several of us over here published papers on this same theme last year and you may have seen those by Ilza Veith and by Genevieve Miller. Mine was solicited by the U of P Medical Bulletin and I probably sent you a copy of this. Under separate cover, I am also sending one or two other reprints.

There are some signs, I believe, that medical history is slowly securing a little more serious attention in the U.S.A. Ackerknecht has edited a series of papers on the subject for the Journal of Medical Education. And it is encouraging that here at Hopkins in connection with plans for reorganization of the medical program, the Advisory Board has committed itself to requiring work in medical history - and in cultural anthropology - of all medical students.

You have doubtless heard from Temkin, who I believe hopes to visit you this summer. Rheva and I hope to come abroad in August but I am not sure whether we will be able to get to Switzerland.

The Institute has had a good though quiet year; and it is nice to have Edelstein back with us. The Rockefeller grants finally terminated two years ago, but we have succeeded in raising considerable additional funds for the endowment.

We are also having some success in interesting general historians in medical history - I shall have an article on this, re American history, in the October issue of the American Historical Review.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

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"Science and History" (Sigerist 1955b). "What Medicine has Contributed...." (Sigerist 1955a). "Medical History in Medical Education" (Sigerist 1953). Veith and Ackerknecht see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948. "U.of P. Medical Bulletin" (Shryock 1955). "Advisory Board" of the Faculty of Medicine. Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 25 April 1938. "American Historical Review" (Shryock 1956).

*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 29 August 1956*

Dear Richard,

This is to extend to you and your wife a most cordial invitation to visit us in Pura in the interval between the two International Congresses.

I am sorry I never answered your very kind letter of June 22nd, but I have an enormous correspondence which is hard for me to tackle, especially now that my working capacity is reduced. I hope you will forgive me and come with Rheva to visit me in Pura.

With warm wishes to you both, I am,  
Yours devotedly,  
Henry E. Sigerist

Two international congresses: In Florence and Milan. The letter was sent to Florence.

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*Shryock to Sigerist, Amsterdam, 13 September 1956*

Dear Henry,

Genevieve Miller gave me your kind note in Milano just the day before the end of the Congress there. We much appreciated your thought of us and truly wished we could have stopped off to see you in Pura. But we already had our reservations booked through to Amsterdam the next day, and had a tight schedule here until our sailing date tomorrow from Rotterdam to New York. Hence, to my sincere regret, it did not seem feasible to change our plans. We shall hope for better luck if we visit Europe again next summer.

A relatively large group attended the Milano meetings. We saw among the Americans there, besides Genevieve, Ilza Veith, John Fulton, and several others. Social events, such as dinners and trips, were well handled; but little effort was made to provide translations for the sessions themselves. No doubt you have already heard something of all this from American visitors at Pura. I think the History of Science group, (which included a medical section) is on the whole more serious than is the personnel which attends the International Society of the History of Medicine. But much could be done to improve the former's procedures.

There is much that I would have liked to have talked over with you, had it been possible to stop in Pura; for example, the plans which the Hopkins School of Medicine now has to require lectures in medical history. And I may have written you before that, after the Rockefeller grants to the Institute finally ceased, we were able to raise fairly substantial funds to add to the modest endowment. Perhaps Dr. Temkin also gave you some of the Hopkins news when he saw you last June. (Later, in early August, we ourselves encountered Temkin in Paris.) You doubtless know that Dr. Edelstein now lectures again at the Institute and that Mrs. Koudelka acts as Assistant Editor for the Bulletin, so that most of the Institute personnel continues to be the same as it was under your directorship.

I know that a large correspondence imposes burdens on you, but hope that you may when convenient find opportunity to send me a line in Baltimore. With all good wishes and our best regards to Mrs. Sigerist,

Sincerely,

Richard H. Shryock

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“Milano”: International Congress of the History of Science. “next summer“ S. would no longer be alive. Veith and Koudelka see S. to Sh. of 10 March 1948 and 23 April 1952, respectively. Fulton and Edelstein see Sh. to S. of 2 January 1946 and 25 April 1938, respectively.

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*Sigerist to Shryock, Pura, 18 September 1956*

Dear Richard,

I was disappointed not to have your visit, but I fully understand that you could not change your scheduled tour. You must plan for a visit in Pura when you come next summer.

I was delighted to hear that the Florence meeting was successful, of which the high spot seems to have been a visit to Vinci, but I agree with you that there is place for improvement in these International gatherings that are apt to degenerate into vanity fairs. I also agree with you that the History of Science group is much better than the History of Medicine Group.

That the Hopkins School of Medicine plans to require lectures in Medical History has my full approval. I did not have my lectures required and 80 per cent of the entering class attended them, but it is better to have 100 per cent attending these lectures. I didn't know that Rockefeller grants to the Institute had ceased, but I am glad that you succeeded in raising funds to the truly modest endowment. Yes, I heard through Dr. Temkin that Edelstein was giving lectures at the Institute, and Mrs. Koudelka was acting as Assistant Editor for the Bulletin.

As far as my own work is concerned, I can only report that my Heath Clark Lectures just came out, of which I am sending you a copy under separate cover. The third edition of my *Grosse Aerzte* was sold in 5,000 copies within three years, which necessitates a fourth edition which will include an additional biography of Dr. Welch and that of the surgeons August Bier and René Leriche. An American edition which will include additional biographies of the third and fourth editions will be published by the Beechhurst Press.

I wrote the lecture which I gave some years ago at Somerville College in Oxford about the Latin Medical Literature of the early middle ages, which will be published by the Oxford University Press. I wrote and corrected the German translation of the first volume of my *History of Medicine* which took me quite some time last summer, as it was quite complicated in that when German texts were available I had to quote these rather than English translations, as a result the German translation amounts to a second revised edition. The Italian translation of this volume is due to come out any moment. I have made little progress on the second volume, as my working capacity is seriously reduced, but I hope to deliver the manuscript next spring.

Well this brings you up-to-date. I apologise for my long silence and remain,

Yours very cordially,

[Henry E. Sigerist]

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