

Xmas Eve. 1910

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.



Dear Jacob

I wish I could look
in at No. 11 this eve. Could you return
the call you would find a festive scene,
a dance! - R. and his young friends.
We have a niece & her children with us
& Palmer Wright from Ottawa. R. has
grown so much - just my height.
He is an awful duffer at his work,
but he is a dear good fellow &
not the slightest trouble. I suppose
Welch has told you that W. C. Man-
ning will make an offer for Payne
Library. I went to New Barnet the
other day to look over the Collection.
I am afraid we cannot get all for
the sum in names, but I will

Cover I hope, the ^{medical} books without the
15th century herbals, which now-a-
days bring fancy prices on account of
the old wood cuts - They could be sold
separately & after all have only a
typographical interest. The choice
assortment - many books of the
greatest rarity - and many not in
the College of Phys. or in the S-S. library
He has also a splendid Milton
collection - the best in England
after the British Museum.
He has been buying with great care
for 45 years

Many thanks for the book - I will C.
so much. - also for the Shelly,
when it comes. I may go to
Egypt for six weeks. My brother
E. B. starts from Cairo with a boat
party, to be on the river a month. 'Tis
too good an opportunity to miss. He
wants Miss Oaker also but she

does not care to go so far from the boy. Miss Lovell may
come over while I am away. By the way Payne left me
the Restitutio Christianismi Servetus, the 1791 reprint, now
almost impossible to get. I have the Calvin - a lovely copy.
It too, is scarce - my copy sold in Paris about ten years ago for
fr 1500. I shall be glad of the Harvard Journal. Miss
Pulman's article on James in the Atlantic Monthly -
most interesting. So glad to hear Mrs Jacobs keeps well.

Happy new year to you both -

Ever yours

Wm Osler