

not with any special interest.
I am relieved to be going, as it
has been clear for the last
couple of years that its keepership
needed all - & more than all -
my energies, & every thing else
was slipping from me. Now I
hope to have some time for
Bibliographical work of my
own. As soon as I am back
from Knoxe I shall start
seeing through the press the
Short-Title Catalogue of English
Books 1475-1640, at which a
whole team of people have
been working for some years
under my general direction, I

DEPARTMENT OF PRINTED BOOKS,
BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.1.

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My dear North,

Many thanks for your
kind letter. I have written to
Miss Ridgway that I don't
know any Boarding houses
which comes up to your re-
quirements ("thoroughly reliable,
tested and tried") and that
probably some Birmingham
friends will be in a better
position to help her than a
Londoner, but that if she
has no address on hearing

frankly as to about what she
wants to pay I will make
inquiries, & any how hope to
see her.

The Keepership of Printed
Books will pass on the
evening of August 14th to
our Brit. Soc. Treasurer
R. Farquharson Sharp,
the present holder being at
that time, I hope, holiday
making at Knocke sur mer,
Belgium. I have sent in
my last Reports to the
Trustees this afternoon
and with them the last

Museum book of which I
shall have read the proof.
Part V. of the Catalogue of Books
printed in the XVth century now
in the Brit. Mus. — VENICE.
This has been edited by Victor
Scholderer & is a splendid
piece of work of which I am
as proud as if I had done it
myself, as I got him into the
Museum twenty years on
my personal assurance that
it would be good of this particular
kind of work. though at that
moment I suppose he had never
seen a 15^{cent} book, certainly

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expect to be daily at the Museum
and to hope to get it done by the
end of next January when, if
all goes well, I am planning
to take a 3-months holiday in
~~Switzerland~~ Italy with my wife.

I had heard with great regret
from Miss Bartlett of Mr. Chew's
death. Here we have lost Charles
Sage of the University Library
Cambridge, a very old friend of
mine and a good bibliographer,
whose Catalogue of the English books
at Cambridge (-1640) is a fine book.

His death hit me hard as it came
just on the top of that gone of
my two remaining sisters, who died
at Eastbourne on July 1st. The dinner
to which you allude was to have
come off on July 3rd and on the 5th I
was to have received another D. Litt
at Sheffield. Fortunately I had notes
enough to cancel both engagements.
I am very sorry Mrs North has had
such a painful malady as angina
pectoris, and hope that her recovery,
if slow, may be complete. My own
wife has been ill this week with
one of her attacks of Bronchitis. She
is getting better, but I remain anxious
about her. Ever yours sincerely,

Alfred Pollard