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My dear North,

I was acknowledging various books sent me from American friends this morning, when your Orcutt book arrived and added a very fine one to my debts. I have been staying in to-day, as a cold I caught on my journey to Bath on Dec. 23 has ended in a rather troublesome cough & as the day was damp I thought I was better at home, though it is a horrid symptom of old age. I started Orcutt's book at lunch & finished it at a sitting. He is very clever in the way in which he blends his three main threads, anecdotes of interesting acquaintances, the history of illustration in manuscripts & printed books and contemporary history of printing. It was he who took me round Boston when I was over in 1909, so his personality also interests me, as well as his work. Very many thanks.

// I enclose you a cutting from The Times of last Friday on the Society's Exhibition of Books of

1925 & 1926 at University College, Gower Street.
You might about the same date as you get this to
receive a copy of the Catalogue, which I did
myself (!), and I also arranged the Show. It was
quite interesting work, but coming as it did at
Christmas took too much time. The Bib. Soc.
indeed is becoming rather too heavy a job even with
two Hon. Secretaries, or perhaps I should say that
I have too much work for it, especially since I have
departed from my early rule of never offering anything
more than a paper to its publications. However the
Short Title Catalogue is now at the Binders, & I only
hope that it won't involve me in ceaseless con-
siderence for the rest of my life.

Can you tell me whether The Printing Art
is still being published & if so who is the publisher?
years ago I wrote several articles for it and I
should rather like to reprint some of them in a
volume over here if the proprietors will give me
leave. But I have so many jobs on hand,
which move very slowly, that I dare say I shouldn't
have time to see about it, so don't bother if
you can't give me the answer off hand.

Please remember me to Mrs. North. —

Believe me, ever yours sincerely,

Alfred W. Pollard