

40 Murray H<sup>d</sup> Wimbledon.  
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Dear Horst,

It was pleasant to hear from you again. In my 'twenties' I was much more interested in Chaucer & Miracle Plays than in bibliography. In 1938 A Select Bibliography of my writings was printed at the Oxford University Press for subscribers, & seen through the press by my friend ~~Dr. Henry Thomas~~ <sup>Dr. Henry Thomas</sup> ~~of the Bib. Soc.~~ <sup>of the Bib. Soc.</sup> R. B. McKerrow, "printed for the Subscribers", with a prefatory essay by myself entitled "My first fifty" years. There were a dozen or more American supporters, but it was not much pushed as its small amount of cash wanted was easily obtained. I was given a dozen or more copies for myself, but regret I haven't a spare one left to send you. I owed my connection with the Rowfant Catalogue to Frederick Lewis' desire to get it done cheaply. x

like most printed word it is full of errors.  
I have just had my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday and  
wist that there were a better chance of  
ending my days in peace. I can't tell you  
the price at which Mrs. Wrie sold ~~the books~~<sup>her</sup>  
~~books~~<sup>husband's</sup> to the B.M., as it was a very private transaction  
& I am not even sure whether I ~~was~~ told  
it myself. She ~~wished~~ the Museum to have its  
books & accepted the low offer it was able  
to make for payment by instalments. <sup>!!!</sup> The books  
are kept together, but it was difficult to  
make room for them handsomely & I hope that  
some day better provision may be made, later.  
I ~~am~~ not quite sure that this has not already  
been done! See how old and doctored  
I am become!!

All good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Pollard