

March 10th, 1919

My dear Pollard:

I duly received your favor of February 2nd and I note all you say about your work and the Bibliographical Society. The presence of Mr. Seymour de Ricci in this country has stirred up several new memberships for the Society, one, I am pleased to say, a Life Membership. Mr. Winship, being your official correspondent, should keep you posted concerning these.

When you wish my hand stayed let me know, but meantime, with war conditions more or less prevailing, I will secure all the members possible.

I was much interested in reading the extracts from your Shakespeare paper, and shall be pleased to see the fuller one when issued.

How strange it must seem to have the sword of Damocles unsharpened, and the awful air raids stopped forever!

Your prophecy concerning Bullen's candidates certainly came true, as few of the men really were interested.

I note the election of an assistant treasurer, and feel sure this is a step in the right direction.

I give below a list of the prices fetched by a few of the Shakespeare Quartos sold the other day at Andersons in the Jones sale, and you will see how enormously they have advanced, thanks to the information provided by you and Miss Bartlett.

We are all interested in the Mostyn sale of Early English Plays. I suppose Mr. Huntington will secure all he desires, as he

has a way of buying books he wants at any price; in one way such large prices are good for the book dealer but they discourage the younger buyer, and we all have to depend on these.

I believe I wrote you that Sir Montague Barlow was in this country for a brief period. I think his trip was not as successful as usual.

I opine Winship keeps you posted about Bibliographical matters in this country.

I have no new news to communicate. Seymour de Ricci's talk at the Grolier Club last Thursday night on liturgical books, apropos of the Exhibition, was both interesting and very informing, especially to those who had not read your two books and other treatises on the subject. Beginning with the Fust & Schoeffer Psalter, most of the rarer printed Horae were shown and I sat next to a friend who owns the Gutenberg Bible, purchased at the Ives sale in 1891 for \$14,800.

Mrs. North and I have been in town for the past six weeks, having closed our house in Summit, and expect to remain until April 1st, when the bluebirds and robins will have returned.

One of my neighbors has a son who returned from France yesterday with one British and two American decorations, one of the latter being the Congressional Medal, only forty-one of which have been given, 26 to the living and 15 to the dead. He was a student at Cornell University, volunteering shortly after we declared war, and apparently possessed none of the qualities we thought particularly requisite for a soldier.

With kind regards to Mrs. Pollard, I am,

Yours very truly,