

Letter to Arthur Tidman, [April 1840]

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Dear Sir

As the different courses of lectures delivered at Charing Cross Hospital are soon to terminate for the season, and no clinical lectures being given there during the summer months, it was thought desirable that I should have an opportunity of witnessing the practice & attending the clinical lectures of some other hospital -

St Bartholomew's being the most eligible for that purpose, both on account of its situation and other lectures in addition to the clinical, such as Midwifery & the diseases of women and children, Medical physics, Botany &c Dr J.B. Bennet, through whose influence, admission to the hospital at Charing Cross was gratuitously afforded, endeavoured to procure the same at Bartholomew's but the authorities there having taken his request into consideration resolved that missionary students should not

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now as formerly be admitted gratis, but that admission to at least one department of the hospital should be purchased & if so then all the other advantages of the hospital are to be thrown open to them —

Hoping, that my requesting ~~for~~ the fee for the medical practice, which is the lowest on the list, will not be considered an ~~unnecessary~~ unnecessary demand on the funds of the society

I beg leave
to subscribe myself
yours sincerely
D Livingstone

P.S. The advantages cannot be transferred nor can we pay the fee for a shorter period than 9 months

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