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LETTER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF EDUCATION,
Washington, D. C., October 13, 1877.

SIR: The plan of preparation for the Centennial Exhibition undertaken by this Bureau embraced a special report on the progress of medical education during the century. J. M. Toner, M. D., of this city, had furnished a valuable contribution to the history of medical education prior to the Revolution, which was published by the Bureau in 1874. After consultation with him and others a request to prepare the medical portion of the educational history for the century was addressed to N. S. Davis, A. M., M. D., of Chicago, as one eminently fitted to perform such a task successfully and to the satisfaction of the medical profession. Dr. Davis cheerfully undertook the work, for which his previous labors, educational and historical, specially qualified him.

The report on public libraries was the first portion published of the historical series intended to bring the progress of education in the United States down to the Centennial year. Dr. Davis's work on medical education is the second subject ready for the printer.

There are many indications of the increase of public and professional interest in advancing the standard of medical education, and it is believed that Dr. Davis's monograph will be a valuable contribution to this end, while it will afford this Office the means of replying to many inquiries addressed to it on the subject.

I have the honor hereby to recommend its immediate publication.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN EATON,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Approved, and publication ordered.

C. SCHURZ,
Secretary.