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Catalogue Reference:
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Title:
ST THOMAS'S HOSPITAL: Correspondence relating to cholera

Date(s):
1831, 1835

Level of description:
Sub-fonds of St Thomas's Hospital Medical School records

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):
1 volume containing 8 letters

Context

Name of creator(s):
St Thomas's Hospital

Administrative / Biographical history:
Cholera was endemic in London during the nineteenth century, and epidemics were a regular feature of life. The first outbreak of Asiatic cholera in Britain was at Sunderland on the Durham coast during the Autumn of 1831. From there the disease made its way northward into Scotland and southward toward London, claiming 52,000 lives.

Archival history:
The letters were found in about 1946 after tidying up blitz damage to St Thomas's Hospital.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
Transferred from St Thomas's Hospital Medical School Library in 2002.

Content & structure

Scope and content:
Correspondence between physicians of St Thomas's Hospital and the City of London Board of Health, [Court of Common Council], Guildhall, 1831, concerning the hospital's potential accommodation for patients in the event of an outbreak of cholera in London, with replies to the Secretary of St Thomas's from the physicians Henry Shuckburgh Roots, Robert Williams, Henry Burton and John Elliotson expressing their opinions on how patients should be managed. Also contains letter from Robert Williams concerning cases of 'ring worm', 1835; and printed copies of article 'The Cholera scare of 1831' from St Thomas's Hospital Gazette, Vol 44 No 3, June 1946

System of arrangement:
The letters are arranged chronologically.

Conditions of access & use

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**Language/scripts of material:**
English

**Finding aids:**
Detailed catalogue

**Allied materials**

**Existence and location of originals:**
King's College London College Archives

**Description control**

**Archivist's Note:**
Sources: *Catalogue of the Printed Books and Manuscripts in the Library of St Thomas's Hospital Medical School (1491-1900)* D T Bird (London, 1984); Old Ref. Codes M15, 20, 50, 117, 147, 151The Victorian Web: http://www.victorianweb.org/victorian/health/health10.html. Compiled by Julie Tancell as part of the RSLP AIM25 project.

**Rules or conventions:**

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