

to William Simson may strike a chord in the conscience of the citizens of the city he so immortalised in his poetry which has since apparently forgotten him almost entirely:

O Fergusson! thy glorious parts Ill suited law's dry, musty arts!	
My curse upon your whunstone ¹	¹ whinstone
	hearts,
Ye E'nbrugh Gentry!	
The tythe ² o' what ye waste at cartes	² tenth
Wad stow'd ³ his pantry	³ would have filled

Addendum

Readers may be interested in the cassettes produced by Scotsoun of Robert Fergusson's poems. These can be obtained from Dr George Philp, 13 Ashton Road, Glasgow G12 8SP. A readable, critical study of the poems by David Daiches was published by the Scottish Academic Press in 1982.

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A MEDICAL STUDENT AT LEIDEN AND PARIS: WILLIAM SINCLAIR (1736–38): PART II

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Part I (*Proceedings* 1995; 25: 294–304) gave a picture of Sinclair's daily activities as a student at Leiden. These involved a fair amount of lectures, but there was also time for social life and travel. In particular we concentrated on Sinclair's purchases of medical books. This reconstruction was mainly based on Sinclair's financial accounts. Part II presents these in detail, Part III will deal with his journey to Paris and his medical studies there.

The original manuscript is in the Scottish Record Office (GD/136/375). Spelling has been modernized with the exception of the entries concerning book purchases, where author and title are given as they are in the text; they are identified in the notes. The ubiquitous 'it.' [=item] have mostly been omitted. According to Sinclair's calculations a pound sterling was exactly ten guilders. A guilder is made up of twenty stuivers, and a stuiver of eight duiten [Sinclair: dutes].

[1] William Sinclair son to Forss set out from Caithness with ninety six pound, of which he received 45 pounds 13 shilling 10d and a debenter bill [IOU of the Exchequer] of sixteen pound 7d, which after deducing the discount, postage etc. £14:10, and George Dawes' bill £4:4:8d sterling

	£:sh:d ster
Received in all	64:8:6
July 19, 1736 Thurso	
given for a sea-chest	0:7:6
item: to making clothes	0:8:0
to a waistcoat	0:6:0
to drinking	0:6:0
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	[sic] £1:7:0

I set sail with William Brown for Leith the 20th day of July 1736 and arrived the 26 at Leith in good health after seeing all the coast towns such as Fraserburgh, Peterhead, Stonehaven, Aberdeen, Arbroath, Montrose, Crail, Anstruther, Pittenweem etc. I stayed eighteen days at Edinburgh, where spent

	£:sh:d ster
imprimis [firstly]: to drinking	0:16:0
item: to eating	0:10:0
to buying a pair silk stockings	0:14:0
buying four pair shoes	0:18:0
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
	[sic] 2: 8:0

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[...]

[2] all that I spent [at Rotterdam] and coming to Leiden and carrying my chest along and what I gave for my passage and drink money to the sailors; and lodging a night at Leiden ere I took up quarters [...] from Leith to Leiden

Leiden, 5th September, 1736	£:sh:d ster
Carried over	3:15:10
Spent	3:10:00
item: the seventh given Madam La Rue for dining a week	0: 6:00
17 ditto	0: 6:00
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	£7:17:10

Gild:Stivers:Dutes

ditto my half for breakfast and supper for two weeks with Abram Vanden Berge	3:19:6
18 to Mr Viensius ¹ for matriculating	1:08:0
to the Beadle for writing the pact	0:12:0
to paper, pen and ink	0:12:4
to seeing the anatomy curiosities	0:04:4
25 to dining one week	3:00:0
October first to washing four ruffled and 3 plain shirts	0:19:0
to mending four pair stockings	0:10:4
2nd to a weeks dining with Madam La Rue	3:00:0
6 to Le Clerc's ² Histoirc de Medincine	4:16:4
to Friend's ³ Histoire de Medincine	1:19:3
to Dr Borhave's servant	0:11:1
8 to Madam La Rue for dining a week	3:00:0
to Abram Vanden Berge for a week etc.	2:00:0
18 to peats for winter fire	16:19:0
20 to going to Utrecht etc.	3:14:3
25 to the postage of a letter from ditto	0:02:0
from Rotterdam	0:02:0
ditto	0:02:0
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[sic for 47:12:5] G. 53:12:5

[3] Brought over	Gil:stiv:dts
October 27, 1736	53:12:5
to Madam La Rue for dining two weeks	06:00:0
27 to Abram Vandenberg for two weeks	03:11:0
28 to dressing my hair three times	00:11:0
30 to carrying up the wine from Rotterdam	00:13:0
to the fraught	00:07:0
to bringing the wine from the scout	00:14:0
November 1 to dining a week with Madam La Rue	06:00:0
3 to Prosper Alpinus ⁴ de presage	01:16:0
Poteri ⁵ opera	01:12:0
Barincarius ⁶ de fractura cranii	00:17:2
Pitcarni ⁷ Diserationes	00:17:1
Albertus Magnus ⁸ de Secretis mulieris	00:09:0

5 to charges at Rotterdam and Hague	06:19:3
13 to Gobius ⁹ servant	00:11:4
to the French master	06:00:0
22 to Madam La Rue	05:05:0
26 to a stick of wax	00:06:0
to Abram Vandenberg for five weeks	06:00:0
December 3 a quarter's room rent discharged	18:15:0
to Madam La Rue for two weeks dinners	06:00:0
to six sheets gilt paper	00:06:0
to washing five shirts and stocks [collars] etc.	01:08:0
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	138:12:7
to washing seven shirts and stocks coarse	00:19:0
to washing five linens	01:06:0
19 to Madam La Rue for 2 weeks	06:00:0
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Gil. 146:17:7

[4] Brought over	Gil:stiv:dts
January first, 1737	146:17:0
given Madam La Rue for two weeks dinners	6:00:0
to Abram vanden Berg for a month's breakfasts etc.	4:15:½
17 item: to Eustachius ¹⁰ tables	3:13:0
Mrs Leslie [sic] for two weeks dining	6:00:6
February 2 ditto	6:00:6
three weeks to Abram for my share	4:19:0
A Bible	1:00:0
to Morisceau's ¹¹ sur La maladies de femmes	5:00:0
March 9th to Mrs Lessie for five weeks dinners	15:15:0
16 to making two night shirts	1:00:0
to mending four other ones	0:12:0
to washing four shirts	0:15:0
21 to Pancirolus ¹² De rebus Perditis	1:05:0
Waperus ¹³ de Cicut. aquatica; Peyers ¹⁴ de Ruminantibus	2:00:0
Diemterbroec ¹⁵ de peste	0:13:0
Mortoni ¹⁶ Coli, ¹⁷ Harris ¹⁸ , Listeri ¹⁹ opera omnia	2:10:0
Celsus ²⁰ De Medicina	1:18:0
Lasel ²¹ de podagra	0:03:0
Knaut ²² Methodus Plantarum	0:02:0
Bibliographia medica per Beughen ²³	0:06:0
Biblioth. Botanic per Lineum ²⁴	0:06:0
Borhave's ²⁵ praxis medica tom. V	6:00:0
28 to Mr Hamiltoun ²⁶ as my share of expense to Rotterdam	4:06:0
to mijn Heer Langrack ²⁷ for Bonetus ²⁸ Sepulchretum	
antomic 3 vol. fol.	13:10:0
Roderiks de Castro ²⁹ de morbis mulierum	1:08:0
Sanctorius ³⁰ medincina statica	1:13:0
Verulam ³¹ opera vi in octavo	2:16:0
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total Gil. 240:18:5

[5] Brought over	Gil:stiv:dts
April 13th, 1737	240:18:5
to cloth for a frock and two pair of breeches	026:05:0
to making	005:00:0
to scarlet shalloon for the coat and linnen	014:00:0
and furniture for it and breeches etc.	018:15:0
to three months room rent	018:15:0
to Celsus ³² de medicina from Portfleet ³³	002:08:0
Robison ³⁴ on the vapours	001:01:0
Friends ³⁵ works 3 vol. oct.	002:19:0
to two volumes Shakspears ³⁶ works	002:04:0
to volumes Drydens ³⁷	002:04:0
one volume Fraquhars ³⁸	001:06:0
Verhyns ³⁹ Anatomy 2 vol.	003:03:0
Piso's ⁴⁰ observations	002:02:0
Douglas's ⁴¹ Hystory of Physick	001:01:0
Borheaves ⁴² Chymie 2 vol. quart.	007:19:0
Verulam ⁴³ one volume	000:11:0
Le Mort's ⁴⁴ Chimie Leyden collections	000:19:0
De Ascaridibus ⁴⁵	000:14:5
Hynsius ⁴⁶ Virgil	000:08:5
Belini ⁴⁷ de Urinis et pulsibus	002:02:0
18 to Abram for sugar, to tea and butter and bread for	016:00:0
two months	
postage of 3 bundles from Rotterdam three letters	
from ditto and Utrecht and one from Britain	002:01:3
25 to Mrs Lessie for five weeks dining	015:15:0
	<u>369:14:2</u>
[...]	
[7] From Utrecht we returned to Leiden, having stayed	Gil:stiv:dts
out six days and nights. My share of the expense	369:14:2
Carried over	024:10:0
29 to my expense to Amsterdam etc. etc.	003:12:0
item: to buying two pair coarse thread stockings	007:00:0
ditto fine	000:11:0
May 23rd Albinus's ⁴⁸ servant	000:15:0
Le Tollet ⁴⁹ de Lithotomie	
to Mr Andrewes ⁵⁰ at Rotterdam for wine, tea, sugar and	154:00:6
dozen shirts	017:07:0
Consulting Dr Borheave for L.R. ⁵¹	001:08:0
Tulpinii ⁵² observationes	000:12:0
Douglassii ⁵³ Lithotomia	000:11:0
Cheselendi ⁵⁴	000:14:0
Vapferi ⁵⁵ Hystoria Appoplexiae	001:00:0
June 7 to seeing the puppet show	000:05:4
the horse playing tricks	000:05:0
the monstrous children	

the fat woman	000:02:0
the ropedancing etc.	001:02:0
29 Consulting Dr Borhaave, McK. Bighouse ⁵⁶	005:05:0
July 7 to postage of letters	004:18:0
to bread, butter, sugar, tea from April 23	014:00:0
room rent	018:00:0
Lessy Ambraug [=Hambroek] for dining	<u>028:00:0</u>
	653:12:3
18 to Borhave's colleges	063:00:0
to Deventers ⁵⁷ midwifery	003:10:0
to Redi ⁵⁸ De Insectis	003:00:0
to money from Mr Davidson on Lord Reay's ⁵⁹ account	<u>112:00:0</u>
	835:02:3
[8] Brought over	Guild:stiv:d
July 21st, 1737	835:02:3
to Mr Gaubius for the chemistry	031:10:0
to Albinus for the anatomy	031:10:0
to helping my shoes	001:06:0
to washing for three months and half	006:14:0
paid Mr Monro ⁶⁰ for my share of charges for	
going to Utrecht and seeing Ulbster ⁶¹	016:16:0
20 to the girl	001:00:0
to Redi De Insectis	003:00:0
Yeves ⁶² sur les maladies des yeux	000:16:0
to Lesly Hamborough	001:10:0
to Redi	003:00:0
to Abram for month and twenty-one days rent	
to two weeks bill	<u>028:00:0</u>
to thirteen guilders due for six weeks	
	960:04:3
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NOTES

With book titles place and year of the first edition are given; also one or more recent editions that Sinclair may have bought with some prices added from contemporary booksales. Bibliographical information has been collected from catalogues of several large libraries (BL London, BN Paris, Lib. Congr. Washington DC) but more particularly from the catalogues of the National Library of Medicine (Bethesda, Maryland, USA), the Wellcome Historical Medical Library (London) and the Haller collection in the National Library in Milan.

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- ⁵⁸ Francesco Redi (1626–1697), naturalist, physician to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, *Experimenta circa generationem insectorum cum figuris aeneis*, Amsterdam 1671, pp. 230 in 12°; also Amsterdam 1688, pp. 330 (1st ed. in Italian, Florence 1668). The other books by Redi may have been *De animalculis vivis quae in corporibus animalium vivorum reperiuntur observationes*, Amsterdam 1708, pp. 342 in 8° and/or *Opuscula varia physiologica*, Leiden 1729, pp. 216, 312, 342 in 12°.
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- ⁶⁰ Probably Henry Munro (cf. Part I, n. 16), whose Jacobite sympathies are mentioned by Ezeckiel Hamilton (HMC, Eglinton, p. 468).
- ⁶¹ Probably George Sinclair of Ulbster, cf. Part I, n. 26.
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EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS OF THIS AND THAT: PART I

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WAR YEARS

War is terrible but occasionally an unexpected opportunity turns up because of it, and it did so for me in 1916 when I was nine. My father, an ardent territorial, came home on leave bursting with news, Kaiser Bill was about to bomb Leicester from his zeppelins. Though the threat seems to have been highly unlikely, this stimulated great activity and my young sister and I were evacuated to Houghton-on-the-Hill, a small village six miles to the east of our home. There our education continued under a 16-year old governess, Margaret Foster, and it was 'Fossie' who introduced me most skilfully to butterflies and moths, so that I became an obsessive collector until, at fourteen, I was sent away to boarding school. There the butterfly nonsense was soon knocked out of me. I spent most of my early days at Oundle endeavouring to hide from my contemporaries that I had previously attended the local 'grammar' and had not been sent away to a prep school. Contrary to the belief of many that I benefited from the teaching given at Oundle in science, I was usually bottom of my class in that subject and top in classics.

From Oundle I went off to Strasbourg University for three months to learn French and then to Caius College Cambridge, leaving there in 1929 with a 2nd class honours degree in Natural Science and a scholarship to Guy's medical school. I enjoyed various junior staff appointments at Guy's after qualifying and served as house physician to John Ryle, J. J. Conybeare, C. P. Symonds and Denny Brown. I had also brief periods with dermatology and physiology. From 1936–1939 I joined in a life insurance practice in the City.

The advent of World War II entirely altered my career, for it took me back not only to clinical medicine but also to entomology. It happened like this. In June 1939 I was getting bored with insurance work in the City of London (it had only given me one claim to fame, I had examined Winston Churchill in 1938) and as I had obtained an MD and had passed the examination for membership of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP) and war was threatening, I decided to have a shot at joining the RNVSR. This was successful and I was called up on the fateful day, the third of September. My brother-in-law, Colin Ellis, wrote the following poem at this time:

1914–1939

The same old comrades in the same old trench
 The same old Germans and the same old French
 The same old courage and the same old hope
 The same old papers with the same old dope
 The same old knitting by the same old trouts
 The same old stirring of the same old doubts
 The same old answer to the same old guess
 The same old men have made the same old mess.

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