

There are 14 editions in the British Museum. Aldus regrets that Linacre has not sent him his edition of Simplicius on Aristotle's Physics and on Aristotle's *Meteora* that they might have accompanied the shorter work. And then he inserts a letter from Grocyn in which the older scholar thanks the great publisher for his kind treatment of Linacre. This has a special interest as the only known piece of writing (except his well-known snow-ball epigram) of the great scholar whose reputation as a Grecian was unrivalled in England.

Early in the century Linacre became the King's physician, and Erasmus mentions him as one of the special adornments of a court "less a palace than an academy of learning." At that period, indeed for many years later, there was a very close affiliation between the medical and the clerical profession. It was not an uncommon thing for a learned divine to practise physic, and