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Though not a physician, Barbarus was at this time intensely interested in the works of Dioscorides, preparing his well-known edition, and possibly from him Linacre may have received the impulse to study medicine. From him too, most likely, came that accurate and critical knowledge of Aristotle, for which Linacre became famous among his friends. Barbarus has left a charming account of his literary life, ideal in every respect, and one can imagine the zeal with which under the direction of such a man Linacre examined and collated some of the priceless manuscripts of the Vatican. It must have been at this period that he had access to the Greek manuscripts of Galen's works from which he made the translations