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Book

MEMORANDUM

June 3, 1940

Remitter: Waverly Press (29742)--Class A.

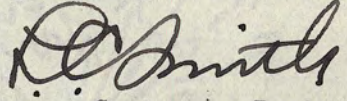
Title: "A Handbook for Dissectors"

Question: Has the work been published prior to the present edition?

The first paragraph of the preface states: "This handbook was written in the dissecting room three years ago and produced in mimeograph form for the guidance of those using A Method of Anatomy. Since then it has undergone many minor changes with a view to combining brevity with clarity, so that this first presentation in book form is virtually a third edition of its mimeographed prototype." The letter dated May 10 from The Williams & Wilkins Company says in part: "A year or more ago, a teacher in the United States contemplated a trial use of the mimeographed form, and the procurement from Dr. Grant of a number of copies for his class. Dr. Grant demurred at this because he desired to protect the work from possible pirating. I advised him therefore to have typed at the heading of the first page of each copy a statement to the effect that the accompanying material was solely for the guidance of those taking a course, and was in the nature of a privileged communication. This was precisely for the purpose of withholding 'publication'."

Mrs. Brady and Mr. Pierce sustain the examiner and are of the opinion that the distribution of mimeographed trial copies to members of a particular class amounted to publication. Mr. Smith, however, is of the opinion that publication did not take place in view of the statements made above until the present edition was placed before the public.

Respectfully submitted,



Acting, Chairman, Revisory Board

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