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HALIFAX, N. S.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

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8 Oct., 1954.

Dr. C. Vibert Douglas,
Dept. of Geology,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

He was certainly a great man, but here is all I can find at the moment about his contribution to anatomy: "Lord Geddes", obit. by "J.C.B." in Journal of Anatomy, Camb. Univ. Press, vol. 88, pp. 426-8, July 1954:— Lt. H.L. 1., in S. A. War; M.B., Edin. with honours in 1903; demonstrator in anat. and after study abroad assistant to Prof. D. J. Cunningham. His 1903 paper, "Scheme for establishing a corps of voluntary officers", gave Haldane the idea of the C. T. C. and the name Territorial Force.

"In 1909 he was appointed Professor of Anatomy at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, and in 1913 left Dublin for the Chair of Anatomy at McGill University. During these years he was active in anatomical research and published a number of papers, most of them in this Journal between 1909 and 1913. The most notable, perhaps, were his 'Report upon an Acromegalic Skeleton' (J. Anat. 45, 256) based on his M.D. thesis for which he had been awarded a gold medal in 1908, 'The Origin of the Vertebrate Limb' (J. Anat. 46, 350) and 'The Origin of the Osteoblast and the Osteoclast' (J. Anat. 47, 159). He had joined the Anatomical Society at its Summer Meeting in Edinburgh in 1907 and then contributed, with the late Professor David Waterston, some notes on 'The development of the Penguin'. This formed the basis of their later joint paper 'Report on the Anatomy and Embryology of Penguins collected by the Scottish National Antarctic Expedition' (Trans. Roy. Soc. Edinb., 1909)."

We seem to have no record of his anatomical researches here. C. P. Martin, who is just leaving for the Thanksgiving holiday, says he will look up the question next week. I'll also have a further search, and let you know.

We still miss your astrophysical sister.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

6th October 1954.

Dear Dr. Francis, I have been asked by
Dr. Gibbs to write the Obituary
notice of the late Auckland
Campbell Gibbs (Baron Gibbs)
for Sectⁿ V of the Royal Soc.
of Canada. I knew Gibbs for
many years and wrote an
appreciation of him for the
Montreal Gazette last winter.

I saw him in 1951 at his
home in Selsey Sussex. He was
totally blind at that time.

I have his remarkable book - The
forging of a family - (faber & faber).
I told Dr. Gibbs that I was not

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an anatomist & that I thought
Cecil Martin should have done the job
but W. Gibbs insisted that I should do it.

I told him that I'd have to consult
some medical man at McGill
who could let me have a list
of his publications & who could
give me some appraisal of these
papers in the field of anatomy.

I remember Gibbs telling me that
he had started a study of some
bones or tissues with infra red
light. I am a prologist so a
lot of this subject of anatomy
is foreign to me. Might I trouble
you for a list of his publications
with any comments you care to
make which will be of course
carefully credited to you in the
article I endeavour to write.
I shall be most grateful for your

help in the matter.

I had the pleasure of
meeting you some years ago
when my Sister gave the
lecture on Copernicus & you
brought C's Dr Revolutionibus
to the meeting of the
Astron. Soc. at the Physics
Bldg. You also ~~had~~ showed
a copy of Versalins, I remember.

My regards to you.

Yours Sincerely,

H. Went Douglas.

D. Francis,
Osler Library.

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17th November, 1955

Dr. W. W. Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal.
Canada.

Dear Sir,

re: Sir William Osler Coats of Arms

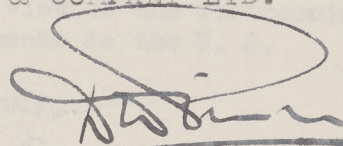
With reference to your letters of the 8th and 14th instant regarding the above, we regret to inform you that, since writing you previously, a decision has been made by the Directors of this Company to transfer the production now being carried out at our Lambeth factory to one of our country Works.

Unfortunately with this re-organisation we are discontinuing the manufacture of all types of plaques and, in the circumstances, we now have no alternative but to ask you to excuse us from meeting your requirements.

We are approaching Messrs. Carter & Co. Ltd., of Poole, Dorset, as we hope they will be able to undertake this type of work and we shall be writing you within the next week or so, stating their decision in this matter.

We must apologise for the disappointment this may be to you and your friends, but feel sure you will understand our position.

Yours faithfully,
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D.W. Pimm

D. W. P. Osler, Inc.
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8 November, 1955.

Re: Sir Wm. Osler coat of arms

Dear Sirs,

I'm sorry to hear from Dr. Franklin writing on the 4th that orders for the above must be place within the next few weeks, this just when a notice is appearing in the Journal of the History of Medicine inviting orders, and before I've had time to receive answers to my second circular, announcing the price as some £6 on this side of the Atlantic.

I have the following orders:

- 2 (two) Mrs. Douglas Fiskens, 47 Woodlawn Ave., Toronto, 7, Ont.
- 7 (seven) Mr. G. S. Osler, 21 Jordan St., Toronto, 1, Ont.
- 4 (four) Mr. Gordon P. Osler, P. O. Box 862, Winnipeg, Man.
- 3 (three) Mr. E. B. Osler, Nanton Building, Winnipeg, Man.
- 7 (seven) for Mrs. Britton Osler, six to be sent to her at 67 Binscarrth Road, Toronto, the other one to her niece, Mrs. W. A. McFarland, Priory Cottage, Ickford, Bucks, England. (gratis) Ickford.
- 6 (six) to be delivered to an address to follow, in England; the bill for 4 to go to B. B. Osler, Esq., Q. C., and for the other two to P. S. Osler, Esq., both Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto, 1, Ont.
- 1 (one) Mrs. F. R. Wilkinson, 4 Cluny Drive, Toronto, Ont.
- 6 (six) Mrs. Wilmot Matthews, 90 Elm Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- 1 (one) Mrs. J. O'Reilly, 267 Inglewood Drive, Toronto, Ont.
- 1 (one) Mrs. A. A. Aitken, 1733 Cedar Ave., Montreal, 25, Canada.
- 2 (two) Dr. W. W. Francis, Osler Library, McGill University, Montreal, 2.
- 1 (one) Mrs. Ruth Worthington, Box 414, Saranac Lake, N. Y., U. S. A.
- 4 (four) Dr. J. F. Fulton, Historical Library, 333 Cedar St., New Haven, Conn., U. S. A.
- 1 (one) Dr. Myron Prinzmetal, 810 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif., U. S. A.

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As you suggested in yours of 20 Sept., I believe it would be best to deal with these orders individually. I am not in a position to make arrangements with custom houses, &c., as Dr. Franklin recommended.

As soon as you decide that no more orders for these tiles can be filled by you, please let me know. In view of the forthcoming announcement there will be some disappointments in the U. S.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Francis

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Osler Librarian.

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Lister House,

11, Wimpole Street,

London, W.1.

21st October, 1955.

Dr. W.W. Francis,
McGill University,
Montreal, 2.
Canada.

Dear Bill,

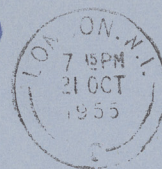
I am sorry about the tiles. I have spoken to the High Commissioner's Office in London and they suggest that you might like to approach The Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs Division, Ottawa 2, to ask him whether he can allow this non-commercial and sentimental enterprise to proceed without duty. The person I spoke to seemed to think that there was a good chance that this would happen. I am writing to Washington making the same request on the advice of the U.S. Embassy here.

With kindest regards,

Yours ever,

Alfred
Ann send love
you both -

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Dr. W.W. Francis,
McGill University,
Montreal 2,
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Sender's name and address: Dr. A.W. Franklin,
Lister House,
11, Wimpole Street,
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20th September, 1955.

Our Ref: 201/LJL/DWP/JW.

Dr. W.L. Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal,
Canada.

Dear Sir, estimate that the final price to buyers after allowing for all charges including import dues will be in the region of £6-0-0d. each.

Re: Sir William Osler Coats of Arms.

We have been in correspondence with Dr. A.W. Franklin of 11 Wimpole Street, London W.1. with regard to the small Osler Coats of Arms, which have aroused a certain amount of interest in Canada and the United States of America. Dr. Franklin has advised us that 38 of these tiles are required by various private buyers in North America and that he would like us to contact yourself to arrange details for the execution of these orders.

You will appreciate that the peculiar circumstances of this business, originating from private as opposed to commercial parties, give rise to problems for our Company not customarily encountered. These are in the main problems of finance and distribution.

With regard to payment for the goods, we cannot, for obvious reasons, check on the credit worthiness of the individual buyers, nor draw commercial drafts on each individual. We therefore suggest that either payment be made before we commence production of the goods, or alternatively that the sale of the full quantity of tiles be made to two import houses, one in America and the other in Canada, to whom we can ship the goods and who will guarantee the business and attend to the import formalities and distribution of the tiles.

If your friends elect to prepay their orders and leave it to us to dispatch the tiles in individual boxes by parcel post, it will then be the responsibility of the buyers themselves to

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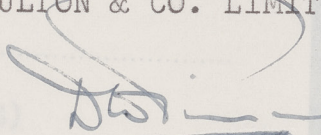
pay the import duties to their postal authorities. We think we should mention at this stage that customs duty into both Canada and the U.S.A. is rather high on this class of merchandise. To the best of our information the U.S. Import Duty is 42% on our sale price, whilst for Canada there is an import duty of 15% plus a total of 20% for sales and excise tax.

Whilst our charge would be slightly higher for individual dispatch than for bulk shipment, we are of the opinion that in the long run it would be cheaper and more convenient after allowing for the handling and distribution charges, which would be involved in an ocean freight dispatch of the goods.

As you may know our ex-works price for these tiles is £3-5-0d. each, to which must be added packing, postage and insurance charges. We estimate that the final price to buyers after allowing for all charges including import dues will be in the region of £6-0-0d. each.

We therefore look forward to receiving your views and the decision of your friends in this matter so that we shall be able to quote a firm price for the orders of your friends according to the method of dispatch and payment selected.

Yours faithfully,
DOULTON & CO. LIMITED


D. W. Pimm.

September, 1955.

The Doulton Potteries are making a 5 inch tile embossed with Osler's Arms properly coloured. One will form part of the plaque designed for 13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

Some who have seen the plaque have asked to buy one. It makes a handsome paper-weight. Should you want one please return the slip (below) with a cheque or postal order for £3. 10. 0. payable to The Treasurer, The Osler Club, 11, Wimpole Street, W.1.

I wish to order one Osler tile for which I enclose a cheque/postal order for £3. 10. 0. payable to Dr. A.W. Franklin, The Treasurer, The Osler Club, 11, Wimpole Street, W.1.

Name

Address

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McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL 2

19 Aug. '35

From the Osler Library,
To the Osler Family.

The Osler Club of London, England, has been authorized by the Historical Sites Commission to affix one of the latter's regulation plaques ("Sir Wm. Osler lived here") to his house, 13 Norham Gardens, Oxford. Let into the plaque is a small tile, 5 x 3 x 3/4 inches, reproducing in the proper colours the coat of arms granted in 1911 to him and to all the descendants of his father, the Rev. F. L. Osler. Three of these tiles have been made with all care and accuracy by the Royal Doulton Potteries, namely, for the site, the Club, and one which I have received for the Library. It does not bear the Osler name, only the arms, crest and motto AEQUANIMITAS. It weighs 12 ounces and, framed or unframed, makes a handsome and practical paper-weight.

The Potteries have offered to make additional copies at £3.5s. (about \$9) each, if we tell them how many will be required. I am sending this enquiry to the great-grandsons of F. L. O. and to some unrelated admirers of W. O. Please let me know as quickly as possible if any are wanted and by whom, but do not send me money. I don't know when they will be manufactured or to whom payment is to be made.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis, M.D.

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