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*Did Dr.
Francis answer?*

December 10, 1958

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q.
CANADA

*Yes, I hope, and if not, it is
unanswerable now (July 1959).*

Dear Doctor Francis:

I am pleased to send you a complimentary copy of our new edition of A Way of Life and Other Selected Writings of Sir William Osler. Professor William White of Wayne State University suggested that you might be interested in having a copy, and that you might even care to review it.

Professor White also suggested that you might be able to recommend periodicals who would be interested in reviewing this book. We hope to give this book the widest possible publicity and we would greatly appreciate any advice you can give us along these lines.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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GT:th

17 October, 1935

Messrs. Down Brothers,
21, St. Thomas St.,
The Borough,
LONDON, S.E. 1

Dear Sirs:

It has been said that the late Sir William Osler was responsible for some modification or other in the stethoscope which you used to make and which he always used in Baltimore in the '90's and later.

Can you tell me whether there is any truth in this statement, or give me any particulars? I want the information for Dr. Lawrason Brown of Saranac, N.Y., a pupil of Osler's, who is writing a history of the stethoscope.

Yours truly,

W. W. Francis

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

22 November, 1935

H. Guy Drew, Esq.,
Down Bros. Ltd.,
21 & 23 St. Thomas St.,
London S.E.

Dear Sir:

I am very grateful to you for your letter of the 4th November about modifications of the stethoscope. After I had enquired of you I found the reference to an article by William A. Edwards entitled, "A New Binaural Stethoscope", in the Medical News, Philadelphia, 1885, vol. 47, p. 527, describing a modified binaural stethoscope constructed for Osler by Hawkesley of London, giving two cuts of the instrument as further modified by Yarnall, a Philadelphia instrument maker. The main features of it seem to have been an elastic band holding the ear pieces in place, and joints to allow the rubber tubes to be disarticulated and the instrument to be folded. It is not the model which Osler used in Baltimore in the next decade and which we used to call by your name. *the Down's.*

I have forwarded your letter to Dr. Brown, who I know will be extremely interested in your remarks and the references you give.

With sincere thanks,

Yours truly,

W.A.D.

*En. fr. Mr. Drew
attached to copies
of his to Dr. Brown*

Montreal 8th October 1948

McGill University, Montreal,
To the Dean Faculty of Medicine.

OSLER LIBRARY,
11 Oct., 1948.

Miss Martha Downham,
7418 Quebec Ave.,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Miss Downham,

You find enclosed a medical carnet belonging to your grandfather in the British Imperial Army.

The Dean asks me to thank you for your letter of the 8th and the gift of your grandfather's note-book, which we are glad to re-deposit in the library.

I am doing house cleaning and I forward the book to you as a friend who suggests that

I suppose the name on the label on the 1st page is that of your grandfather, "G. I. Downham, Sur. A. R. Corps" (Army Hospital Corps)? Have I got his initials right, and could you tell me his full name and perhaps where he was born and died? The rest of the writing in the book doesn't seem to resemble that on the label.

Miss Martha Downham I can't find him in the list of surgeons in the British Army Medical Service, but it seems to leave out the officers of the Hospital Corps.

M. Downham

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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

Telephone MA. 9181
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Montreal 8" October 1945

McGill University Montreal.
To the Dean faculty of Medecine.

Dear Sir

You find enclosed a medical carnet belonging to my Grand-Father, who was a surgeon in the Britishh Imperial Army.

This book is a least ninety years old, and it was past on to my Father, and today I was doing house cleaning and I was going to burn it, but on advise from a friend who suggest that I forward the book to you, and should it be worthless please burn the book.

My Dad left Scotland for Mexico, where he past most of his life, I also was born in Mexico.

I remain sincerly yours.

Miss Martha Downham
7418 Querbess Ave.
Montreal P.Q.

M. Downham

I had a very enthusiastic letter p. A. What a wonderful
 letter from him! So glad you both
 are to hear. Love to H.
 The type
 price
 are
 have a
 good
 summer
 but the
 new
 building
 is
 and
 wonderful
 One
 sweet the
 terrible
 barrels ahead
 with care - 1944
 Love - thanks, Ruth

66 EAST 79TH STREET

Scalp. C.

ROSE DRAPER

Dear Bill

Thanks so much

for your nice letter,
 the notice (tho' false!)
 about Arthur. He was be
 very disappointed.

I'm very glad he got that
 even if only just! As a
 matter of fact Dr. Dr.

showed me his report and
 it was nearly all B's.

& looked wonderful to me!
You must have a very high
standard!

I'm terribly glad he's been
accepted for the Med. School.
I should like to write Dr. H.
but have stupidly forgotten
his name! Sent it to me
^{on a post-card?}
~~in the enclosed~~ ^{for} I have a
fatal way of forgetting
names - both how to spell
them & the end half of the name!
He was so kind - I'd like to
keep in touch with him, - also
express my appreciation of his interest

OSLER LIBRARY,
23 May, 1944.

Miss Ruth Draper,
68 East 79th Street,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Ruth,

Arthur at least got through, creditable enough for him, even if the medal and prize in the enclosed cutting were conferred on him only by a careless compositor! I've just confirmed that those honors belong to the man before him, Thomson, in spite of the full ~~Z~~ stop. I've sent Arthur our congratulations.

LANIEL

We had a fine enthusiastic letter from him from the "Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Larriel, P. Q." I can't find the place, or the fine lake (Kippewa? - he spells it two ways) on any map, but it can't be very far from North Bay, Ont., for he says they will take two trips there each month. He should have a happy and useful summer. He likes the man he's working for and he expects three other companions soon. Too bad he can't be here to get his degree in grassentia on the 25th.

Without recourse to your heretical osteopath my back has recovered sufficiently to let me beat Hilda at tennis again.

I hope you'll soon be rocking on your Maine piazza and will have a good summer. Marian, who gets August off, is torn between a canoe trip (which she organized!) and a seductive invitation to help sail a yacht down the river to Bic.

Love from the three of us,

Yours ever,

Bill

(W. W. Francis)

WWF:CD

RUTH DRAPER
66 EAST 79TH STREET
REGENT 4-1821

Wednesday

Dear Bill —

Thanks so much
for all the trouble & drive
taken. Enclose is last
letter - p.c. which explain
well his understanding
of the situation. (Destroy them)
I am hoping his marks will
be good enough to let him in.

It was the extra year at
College that seemed a
heavy additional expense.
(as well as a delay in these times)
If he gets in to the Med.
Sch. I shall be happy to
put him thro'. I didn't
realize his standing had not
been so good! I hope you told
him that was one of the reasons
Dr. McIntosh thought he could not
be given a chance to enter!
Love to you all - I hope all throats
are well again. What a pest these
fluens are! Ever gratefully Ruth.

re Arthur VINCENT

Witness to
Take the Medical
School Records.
Dr. Vincent
has been so
kind
that always
the price
to Henry!
Reverend!
Do not think
you
more
than
I can
say. To
love to
you all. In
quite
recent
I have
more
news
than for
hours to
be each of
you.
always
affectionately
Yours
D.



ESTABROOKE HALL

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

ORONO, MAINE

From Miss Ruth DRAPER, 66 E. 79th ST. N.Y.
To Dr Francis.

Dear Bill; I am very disappointed,
rather disturbed, by the news you letter brought.
Socially - I agree, Arthur is immature - but I feel
the more advanced studies & contacts with older men,
& the medical, instead of Arts' courses, with the guiding
work in Entails will mature him more rapidly -
of his Exams. prove that he is equal to the work - do you
think there is no chance of Dr. McIntosh reconsidering his
opinion? I know the boy is very serious, high minded & purposeful -
the family he springs from is quite extraordinary in these respects,
mentally & spiritually highly equipped to make good in whatever they
decide to do. I feel that ordinarily, ^{in Peace times} if there were plenty of them,

and money - a year at the girl would be best, - ^{no} considering both these assets are lacking - I feel it is best to get straight to work. I am pretty sure that Arthur will Enlist if he can't get started in Medicine. He too ^{will} feel that he has no right to take another year of Cultural courses for the sake of 'maturing'. He is shy & fogish, but he will probably keep those qualities for a long time, - still be a hard worker, - a dependable character. Don't you really agree with me? The war changes one's feeling about Education. Everything takes on a different value & time becomes a most precious Element. I am entirely supporting A. I do not feel I should spend the money on this extra year (this the above arguments come first, in my attitude about his future!) Could I write him Mudge or Dr. McDloch, or will you take the matter up with him, or let Arthur make his own appeal? For sure the result of his Exams. will be the important evidence of his

OSLER LIBRARY,
10 May, 1943.

Miss Ruth Draper,
66 East 73th Street,
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Ruth,

purpose
Since getting your letter of May 3rd I have been pulling wires with Miss ~~Hodge~~ and Dr. McIntosh and they ~~propose~~ to give Arthur a reprieve, ~~postponing~~ the final decision about his admission to medicine next September until the results of his present year's work are received. That will probably be sometime in June. Apparently the points against him are: his youthful, shy manner and his class standing, never having obtained a first in any subject but always seconds and one third.

I saw him on the eighth for the first time since you left and was astonished to learn that he had not got the same impression from the original interview that I got from them when I talked to them before writing my last letter to you. He was still under the impression that it only depended on the results of this year's work. So I saw McIntosh about it again this morning and got Arthur another interview with him today. He goes off to camp tomorrow for two weeks to Niagara-on-the-lake. He intends to take the summer course on his return until the question is decided.

On the other hand, I am sure that the boy is quite prepared to go into the army if you think he should or if it threatens to become too much of a financial strain to put him through medicine.

We were delighted to hear that you were quite recovered. I hope that you will have a good, restful summer.

All three of us had throats in succession last week. Marian and I each had a day in bed, but when it came to Hilda's turn she had to keep going like you.

With love from us all,

affectionately
~~ever sincerely,~~

WFF:GD

OSLER LIBRARY,
28 April, 1943.

Miss Ruth Draper,
The Ritz Carlton Hotel,
Sherbrooke St., West,
Montreal.

Dear Ruth,

I enclose a snippet from last night's paper about a happy happening to John Rathbone's widow. You American girls seem to get all the parliamentary "firsts".

I saw Miss Mudge this morning about Arthur's application. She tells me that Dr. McIntosh, the secretary, after Arthur's interview with him made an annotation to the effect that he considered Arthur a bit young and immature to begin the study of medicine and advised ~~him~~ that he take $\times$ year at McGill before entering. They apparently don't think a great deal of the value of the summer courses he has been taking. *another*

It has been a great pleasure to see you and I hope you will soon be well again.

Yours sincerely,

Wig
(John F.)

WFF:CD
Incl:-

66 East 79th St.

OSLER LIBRARY,
17 April, 1943.

DRAPER

Dear Ruth,

I've shockingly neglected to acknowledge the receipt of "Icaro," and this note is probably too late to reach you before you get here.

It is a fine, noble poem, an inspiring monument to a hero and his deed of heroism, and your right-hand pages are worthy of his left-hand ones. It is a tragedy that your supreme art must some day perish with you, but a comfort that you have the enduring art of writing and I hope you will give the world more of it.

A bientôt,

Yours sincerely,

Ed. W. F.

WFF:CD