

OSLER LIBRARY,
13 Oct., 1953.

Dr. G. Eckstein,
Dept. of Physiology,
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine,
Cincinnati,
O., U. S. A.

Dear St. Gustav of Assisi,

Such coals of fire your Everyday Miracle and its magnanimous inscription have heaped on my bald head! Both my wife and I have delighted in the charming book over our long Canadian Thanksgiving (yesterday) week-end. In fact she's daft about it, and prefers it even to her pet Whodunnits, and has fallen in love even with your picture on the back wrapper, though, when I tell you that she wouldn't accept me 33 years ago until she was absolutely assured that Simon Flexner was happily and irretrievably married, you may modestly conclude that she prefers brains to manly beauty.

I got into trouble for not bringing home Noguchi which is now before me. There is a certain obliqueness (not obliquity!) about it, which probably annoyed me 20 years ago, but looking into it again I must confess that I showed even less discrimination than the German tradesman's dog I once read about in a collection of Yiddish jokes. "Where's that nice clerk you used to have?" "Katze? Oh, the dog wouldn't stop biting him" "Your new fellow seems to avoid the dog, too". "Yes, he has an even worse time; his name is Eckstein!"

Sincere apologies for my explosion, and don't tell Joe Evans I treated you so scurvily, but give to him and his family my best and also to Daniel Drake. His ghost probably haunts that canary-housemouse-cockroach-grandpiano lab of yours.

Yours in a white sheet of repentance,

WVF
P.S. The (published) bait on your little
page earns you the enclosed reprint.

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Encl:-

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THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
1900 EAST MONUMENT STREET
BALTIMORE-5, MD.

July 12, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you so much for your kind letter
and your permission to reprint the two letters.

The passage where Osler likens his
philosophy to that of the shepherd in "As You
Like It" is to be found at the beginning of
the lecture on Science and Immortality.

I shall certainly send you a reprint of
my article as soon as it has appeared. I shall
do so with fear and trembling since you know so
infinitely more about Osler than I do.

Yours sincerely,

Ludwig Edelstein

Ludwig Edelstein

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THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
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July 5, 1946

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have finished my article on
Osler's philosophy, and since the relationship
between Osler and James is the central theme of
my discussion I should very much like to reprint
in an appendix the two letters, copies of which
you sent me. Would you kindly give me the per-
mission to do so?

Yours sincerely,

Ludwig Edelstein

Ludwig Edelstein

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THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
1900 EAST MONUMENT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

May 17, 1946

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Dr. Francis:

I hope you will not consider it an imposition that I write to enlist your help in the following matter. In the catalogue of the Bibliotheca Osleriana I note that in numbers 3074 and 3075 there are inserted letters from William James to Osler. I am at present engaged in writing an article on Osler's philosophy, and it would be of great interest to me to know the contents of these two letters.

The letter contained in number 3074 is, I presume, the one that was in part published in Cushing's biography of Osler. Has the letter as a whole been published? And has the other one appeared anywhere in print? If not, may I have photostats of the two letters, and would it be possible to publish them in connection with my paper if they prove of sufficient interest?

I shall be very grateful indeed for any assistance you will be kind enough to give me in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Ludwig Edelstein

Ludwig Edelstein

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Dear Dr. F.

*I am out of hospital but not yet back
at the library. My secretary is sending you the
enclosed copies of the two James letters - not
much philosophy in them! Not much in Osler,
either, according to Major Greenwood, "The Great
Sick Man" (date?).
As far as I know these letters have not been
printed, except the one in Cushing's "Life."
Yours as ever,*

4.) are very care fully prepared
and thoroughly discussed. We
keep to ourselves, not entering
into medical politics as a
club. This is the tenth year
of the club. We have given
a set of Osler's "bedside
library" looks to the library
of the Springfield Academy
of Medicine. If you ever chance
to be in Springfield, please don't
fail to let me know.
With renewed thanks for

EDGELOW
of Springfield, Mass.
50 N. W. Cor. of ND Light House
14 Murray Avenue
W. 2. 1 Murray
Osler
Club
6 August, 1936
Friend, yours
Alvin F. G. Edgelow

My Dear Dr. Francis,

Thank you
for your letter which has just
come. It was very kind of you
to go to such pains to get
me the information about
Hellinell. The Hellinell mentioned
in the note is evidently a
different person, as my grand-
father's name was Hallowell.

He was professor of Materia
Medica at the Medical
School of Trinity College, Toronto,
a contemporary of Dr. Bowell,
but dead before Osler was
a student there. He had
no connexion, as far as I
know, with the school
at Weston.

With regard to our little
club in Springfield, it may
interest you to know that

(3.)
it is made up of eighteen
members doing various
kinds of medical work -
we meet once a month
except during the summer,
at the house of one of the
members. Each member
writes a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour paper
once in two years, making
a paper each month, and
for the most part these papers

5 August, 1936

Dr. Edgelow,
C/o W. D. Lighthall, Esq.,
14 Murray Avenue,
M o n t r e a l

Dear Dr. Edgelow:

Osler's hatred of slander evidently developed after he was 16. I wish I had thought of the notebook in time to show it to you. Here are the pretty things he has to write about Helliwell and his other good pals, at the end of a notebook (no. 8286) whose title-page is filled up with James Bovells and "W. Osler, Trinity College Grammar School, Weston, 1866. Xenophon Anabasis Verbs":

"Francis Darling

one of the boys of the 3rd Form and he remarkably carries out the old proverb, "Evil communications corrupt good morals" for once he was a decent chap but since he has come to this school and become friends with that Fred Helliwell he has changed so that I should hardly take him for the same mild nice boy he was at Mr McKenzies and though he was a little sweet on Miss Mc it was innocent sweetness But lift up your voice O ye School Boys and mourn all ye inhabitants of the Weston Parsonage for Frank Darling has gone to the dogs and the 3rd and second forms are following his example This is some of the evil that Fred Helliwell has done to the school.

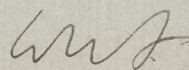
W. Osler and Louis K. Jones are gentlemen, altered in pencil in another hand -- Helliwell's, I hope, to "W. Osler is a jackass but L. K. J. a gentleman", but Johnson Max is a confounded double faced rogue. Wilson has been labouring under a fit of temporary insanity for about 2 weeks We suspect that he has had the blue Devils for he was seen with a gallon of Whisky under his arm and Jones was so tight last night on one thimblefull of beer that I had to carry him upstairs It is lamentable how changed he is. He has become an infernal rogue. I have missed 2 three cents bits and I strongly suspect that he has taken them

Frederick John Helliwell one of the Praefects next in order as regards wickedness after Johnson Max his brother Praefect he is drunk nearly all the time"

Across the whole is the pencilled truth, "Osler you are a perfect goose".

I trust that neither your mother, if shown this, nor your Osler Club, will take it seriously!!

Yours sincerely,



EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
EGYPTIAN EDUCATION BUREAU

TELEPHONE: COLUMBIA 6400
CABLE ADDRESS:
EGYPTEDU, WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 19, 1948

2200 KALORAMA ROAD
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

The Director,
Egyptian Education Bureau,
2200 Kalorama Road,
Washington 8,
D. C., U. S. A.

The Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir,

I regret that, through an oversight, your letter of Oct. 19th has not been answered as far as this division (history of medicine) of the McGill Libraries is concerned. Egyptian Library in Cairo, have requested me to write to you for a list of the Arabic manuscript. We have a number of Arabic manuscripts, all of which are fully described in our printed catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana," Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1929. They are listed there in the index under "Manuscripts (Oriental)" on p. 752. Ministry of Foreign Copies of the catalogue are in the Army Medical and the Congressional libraries at Washington, and also, I believe, at the University through the exchange in Cairo where Prof. Max Meyerhof had access to it some years ago, they would welcome when I sent him a complete photostat copy of our most important (apparently unique) item: #7508, Al-Ghafiki, "Al-adwiya al-mufrada", with colored drawings; written in A. H. 654. Magnitude of the request I am making on behalf of the largest Library in Egypt, but I feel confident that you will spare no effort in sending me the information they are asking for; I assure you my Government would deeply appreciate your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Librarian,
(Director)

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*Dr. Stehle did you get this?
all at OSLER LIBRARY, 21 December, 1948.
"Bibl. O." of which Meyerhof had
access to a copy in Cairo. He
refer this to that. How about
this?*

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*Dr Stehle did you get this?
all the ~~other~~ ones are in it
"Bibl. O." of which ~~Wagner~~ had
access to a copy in Cairo. I'll
refer this to that. How about
this?*

W. W. J.

The Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir:

The authorities of the Royal Egyptian Library in Cairo, have requested me to write to you for a list of the Arabic manuscript material which you possess, with a view to having some microfilmed for them.

In their memorandum received through our Ministry of Foreign Affairs, they also expressed their desire to promote closer relations between them and the leading Libraries in America through the exchange of publications, catalogues, etc., and they added that they would welcome any suggestions you may care to give in this respect.

I am fully aware of the magnitude of the request I am making on behalf of the largest Library in Egypt, but I feel confident that you will spare no effort in sending me the information they are asking for; I assure you my Government would deeply appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A. N. Hashim

A. N. Hashim
(Director)

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YALE UNIVERSITY
THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
AFFILIATED WITH THE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THE
ANTHONY N. BRADY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Cushing Tumor Registry

New Haven, Connecticut

November 10, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am writing to Charles Thomas today to enquire about the possibility of having some reprints of the Chief's address in the Cushing Birthday Volume. I wonder whether you would care to have any of your own address, if it can be arranged?

I am sending a copy of Laboratories: then and now to Dr. Radin, and shall let him know about the Birthday volume. Thomas is planning on putting out a deluxe edition of about 150 copies for members and guests, and a trade edition of about 2000 copies.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Louis Eisenhardt

November 16th

Nice note of thanks from
Dr. Radin today!
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1 November, 1939

Dr. Louise Eisenhardt,
Yale University School of Medicine,
Cushing Tumor Registry, New Haven Hospital,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Dr. Eisenhardt,

Many thanks for H. C.'s "Laboratories: then and now", No. 210, which arrived yesterday; also for your kind appreciation of my insertions.

If you have another copy to spare of No. 210 would you please send it to Dr. Herman T. Radin, 654 E. 165th St., N.Y.C. It was a letter from him enquiring for it that put me on the trail that led to the discovery of the larger pamphlet (which I sent to John). He also asks whether the Birthday Volume is to be purchasable. I hope so. He's an ardent Oslerophile for whom Harvey is a close second to the "Master".

With kind regards to you, and to your mother — she is what W.O. would call a "benign prophecy" for you.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

P.S. I enclose a plagiarized editorial obituary.

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AFFILIATED WITH THE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THE
ANTHONY N. BRADY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Cushing Tumor Registry

New Haven, Connecticut

October 24, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am sending you by separate mail a
reprint of Dr. Cushing's address entitled "Lab-
oratories: then and now." We are so grateful
to you for having sent on the list of corrections
for the Bibliography.

The insertions for the Birthday Volume
are perfect.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Eisenhardt

ELI LILLY AND COMPANY

INDIANAPOLIS, U. S. A.

November 12, 1942

Wm. W. Francis

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Dr. Rice has referred to me his correspondence with you concerning the distribution of Osler's Aequanimitas to McGill graduates who are residents of the United States. We wish to thank you for giving us the names and addresses of these men. Each one of them is receiving a letter from us in accordance with the arrangements Dr. Rice made with you.

Indeed, we shall be glad to receive from you in February a list of the January, 1943, graduates with their addresses.

We have followed your suggestion in approaching the six 1942 graduates who are interning in Canadian hospitals. I believe that the intern address rather than the home address will be the better, since some of them may have changed home addresses in the interim.

Eli Lilly and Company appreciate your suggestion that we supply Aequanimitas to these graduates, and your co-operation in making it possible for us to do so.

Very truly yours,

ELI LILLY AND COMPANY

E. J. Teeter M.D.

E. J. Teeter, M.D.
Medical Department

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OSLER LIBRARY,
24 October, 1942.

The Director,
The Medical Department,
Eli Lilly and Company,
Indianapolis,
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Rice,

In answer to your letter of the 16th inst., for which we are very grateful, I enclose an official list of 23 U. S. students (with their present addresses) who graduated here last June and will not receive copies of "Aequanimitas" from Frosst & Co. Six of these (nos. 402, 427, 435, 437, 475, & 486) are still in Canada, interning in local hospitals. On account of bothersome customs formalities, &c., it might be advisable to defer sending them the book until they return to the U. S., probably next January.

This question arises particularly in connection with next year's batch who will graduate, under the speeded-up plan, in January, 1943. They will all then be obliged, by a new regulation, to intern for 8 months in Canada, except the one or two from the State of Washington which requires its men to intern there. We shall be glad to send you a list of them with their hospital addresses in February. Then the best plan might be for you to send each a letter, a sort of voucher, to the effect that he can obtain the book by applying to you when he returns to the U. S. The six 1942 graduates, *mentioned above,* might be dealt with in the same way.

That, I understand, is what Frosst does with the Canadian students. They do not receive the book until they notify him that they have settled down to practise in Canada.

If the home addresses, which they give on registration, *of four* years before graduating, would be better for your purpose, we could let you have most of them.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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W.W.F.