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McGill University
Montreal, Canada
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Dr. Jabez H. Elliott,
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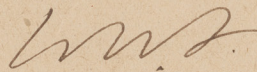
My dear Dr. Elliott:

That is a perfect Christmas present for the
Osler Library, Bevell on the Advent, 1866, with an inscription
by Osler's father. It shall repose over Christmas in the Holy
of Holies with the Ashes, for it is a present that would have
gladdened the living heart of W.O.

I am also glad to have the cutting about the
burning of the old rectory. Norman Gwynn sent me a brick from
the chimney last year.

With grateful thanks from me and also on behalf
of the Curators of the Library, and with best wishes for Christmas
and the New Year,

Sincerely yours,



17 May, 1938

Dr. J. H. Elliott,
11 Spadina Road,
Toronto 4, Ont.

Dear Elliott,

Thanks for the interesting Tempest pamphlet and the reprint of what I have honestly called a masterly survey of your 16th century books. I wrote an account of that golden April issue of the Bulletin for the C. M. A. J. It was too late for May but will appear next month under "Editorial Comment".

16th.

I'm sorry it was not possible to send to the Academy the complete duplicate set of Kühn's Galen, but the 17 triplicate vols. are better than nothing. As they don't include the Index (vol. 20), I must remember to send Miss Poole a note of the contents of the missing vols.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. J.

11 SPADINA ROAD,
TORONTO, 4

April 11, 1938.

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

I thank you for the compliment paid me in your reading of the article I prepared on the Academy's Sixteenth Century books. You have recognized it of course as an attempt of an amateur but nevertheless its preparation gave me a great deal of pleasure. I am sorry if in my attempt to make the paper as short as possible I did not write clearly regarding the HALY ABBAS. Apparently I was misled by Garrison's statement that the ALMALEKI was translated into latin by Constantine the African who published it as his own work. My statement that our copy is the liber totius apparently should read liber regius for it is the 1523 (Lyons) edition of the ~~translation~~ by Stephen of Antioch, a copy which I purchased for the Academy with great joy a few years ago when I had some \$25.00 or \$30.00 available for the purpose.

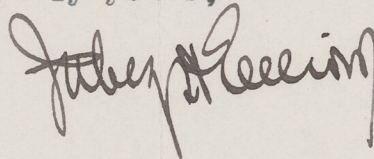
I am really proud of our few volumes which represent the Arabian period in medicine.

I have gone over your list of Osler duplicates with Miss Poole, she is writing you.

We are all very glad to see Norman settled down at last. He did put it over his companions in the Medical Historical Club, attending a meeting some five days after his wedding without telling us - and we read the announcement in the paper next morning.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



ELLIOTT

11 SPADINA ROAD,
TORONTO, 4

October 29, 1941.

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

Thanks for directing my attention to the pamphlet sent you by John Fulton dealing with the Duke University Exhibit. I must ask for a copy for the University and for the library of the Institute.

At our Library and Historical Night in January we had a creditable display of books relating to Military Medicine. Though there are references to the matter in Homer I think the earliest book we had with a chapter on the Hygiene of Camps was that of Vegetius.

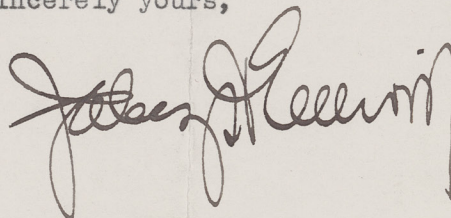
I had a happy evening at Brantford a few weeks ago, the Veterans launching their Poppy Fund Campaign wanted some pointed reference to John McCrae and Flanders Field. The request came to the University and I was detailed to deal with the subject.

I think I should tell you too that at the annual meeting of the American Clinical and Climatological Association two weeks ago at Skytop, Penn, I had the pleasure of presenting them with a gavel and stand made from wood from the rectory in which Sr. William Osler was born, Bond Head, Canada West July 12th 1849. There was a goodly number of men from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Saranac and many others who had been under the influence of Osler. It was very happily received.

I was unable to get through to the Kansas meeting I hesitate to ask for funds and will probably not cross the border until the annual meeting in Atlantic City in May.

We should have a paper from you, will you not promise me one ?

Sincerely yours,



28 October, 1941.

Dr. J. H. Elliott,
11 Spadina Road,
Toronto.

Dear "J. H.",

Pulton has sent me a finely printed pamphlet which ought to interest you, "Exhibit of books illustrating the history of military medicine ... Duke Univ. Hosp., Durham (N.C.), Oct. 16-18, 1941", (N.Y., Marchbanks Press, 1941), 41 pp.: Homer to Cushing, 106 books, with well written annotations, anonymous. If you haven't received it, write to Duke for it.

I wonder if you got to the St. Louis meeting. The program looks attractive.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

*It doesn't look
as tho' it was
for sale.*

11 SPADINA ROAD,
TORONTO, 4

June 4, 1941.

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

Dear Billy:

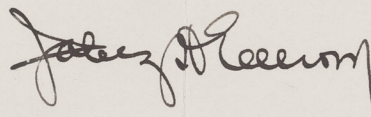
In the Canadian Lancet Vol. 3 (1870-71) p.381
there appears the results of the exams in medicine
University of Trinity College, April 1871.

In the Primary appears the name of William
Osler, Toronto. Apparently he wrote this examination.

I have not the Trinity announcement for 1870-
71 but the Toronto School of Medicine lists as subjects for
the primary examinations (1871) 1. DESCRIPTIVE ANATOMY,
2 PHYSIOLOGY, 3 CHEMISTRY, 4 MATERIA MEDICINE, 5 BOTANY.

These are probably the subjects on which Osler
wrote. My ^{✓m}surprise is, that the physiology paper (II)
which you say is endorsed "Phy. paper Tor Univ" is the
one he wrote in April 1871 at the Trinity Primary
Examination (the exam. at end of 2nd year)

Sincerely yours,



11 SPADINA ROAD,

TORONTO, 4

April 14, 1941.

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

Sorry you cannot make Winnipeg, we will miss you
at the Historical Section.

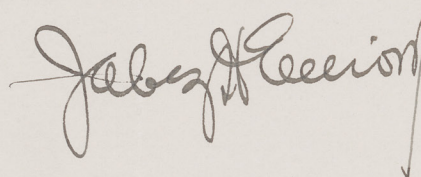
I am talking on Osler's Toronto Class to put on
record a class list with fees paid which has come into the possession
of the Academy of Medicine and of which I shall send you shortly a
photostatt copy. The class list is for 1869-70 and shows Osler's fees
paid for the year.

Thanks for your note regarding the physiology
examination papers. Have any other examination papers been preserved?

I sent in a review of Castiglioni's History of
Medicine for the Journal and hope it meets with the Editor's approval.
I have met him at the International Congress and he was an honoured
guest at the American Association meeting last year.

We appreciate your suggestion that there may be
some duplicates in Maude Abbott's collections. We shall be pleased to
have them.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. B. Keenion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

4 April, 1941.

Dr. J. H. Elliott,
11 Spadina Road,
Toronto.

Dear "J. B.",

Sorry I can't get to Winnipeg, particularly as I see you are going to talk on Osler's Toronto ~~Class~~. We have here two of his physiology exam. papers, the first one endorsed "Physiology/1st year/W. Osler/1/4/68" and, added later, "My paper at the 1st year examination of Univ. of Toronto. W. O." (# 7639, vol. 1, in Bibl. Osl.)

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I show this to any of your Toronto students who drop in here, and one of them recently, I think it was Joseph (of your 4th year), pointed out to me what I had never noticed, a faint pencil endorsement on the back of leaf 4: "Osler/ Very good / paper / J. B.", evidently written by Bovell.

Perhaps that's as far as Bovell got, for I notice that on the next page but one Osler makes the astonishing statement that "The Red blood corpuscle is undoubly white, the offspring of white ... " However, that may have been what he was taught then. *the*

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I thought you might be able to use this.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

24 February, 1941.

Dr. J. H. Elliott,
11 Spadina Road,
Toronto, 4.

Dear "J. B.",

I hope you are reviewing Castiglioni's "History of Medicine" for the Journal. He and some of his friends have been writing me about it. I didn't grab the book because I already had it (paid for) before it came to the C. H. A.; I don't want to review it myself, but only to put in a good word for it and for him. I've had (and used) the French translation for some years.

He is (or was) a jovial soul, an Italian Jew from Trieste, naturally anti-fascist, and was consequently kicked out of his professorship at Padua. Any Italian jingoism there may have been in the book, e.g. under Harvey, has, I think, been well corrected by Krumbhaar's editing. It is a good book.

I'm glad they appreciate you and the history of medicine enough at Toronto to let you give 18 lectures to 3rd years. I can never nearly get through in my 9 (nominally 10) to the 2nd Medical year. Also I haven't congratulated you on bagging McMurrick's anatomiana for the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

L.W.F.

Ernesting to Norman & Miss Pottle

I'm just been giving me hands about
relics. There may be some hist. dupls.
that you need. I'll keep it in mind and
put a word with the dentos.

I wrote him on reading of death of J. E. Elliott
in case it was a brother. N. L. F.

11 SPADINA ROAD,
TORONTO, 4

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ELLIOTT, J. H.

Dear Billy

It was Ephraim, not Sabez. We were
constantly writing each other about our
Biblical names. No relation. I'm from the
Brownshu Belongs & Yeo's and he from the
Irish.

As Vice Pres. I should be at Cleveland
but my 14th year lectures in Histy Med begin
on that day and I have no one to carry on
for me. at the end of the month our Clinical
& Rheumatological meet at White Sulphur, but for
that too I think I must be excused, as well
as for the American Indian Soc in Phila.
in Nov. as a Director of the Nat. The. Assn I
should go to N.Y. in Feb'y & perhaps May if
clear of lectures. but I bet most of my friends

that I do not feel justified in asking for
foreign exchange until the May meeting of the
History Med Soc in At. City. - even giving
up my usual Amer Coll of Hist. for which I
have been an officer & Governor for 18 years.

Had the pleasure of Norman & his wife at
my summer cottage Port Carling - Lake Rossau
about Aug and had a most enjoyable few
days before taking them to Mrs William Olsen

Did I tell you that we picked up most of
Prof McMunn's old Anatomical works and
atlases, from his estate, for the Academy?
The University was not interested in them.

My lectures in History have been changed this year,
from six to each of the 4. 5-6 year classes.
one course in Oct-Nov, one Jan-Feb. and Mar-Apr.

sincerely regards Jabez H. Nelson

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in pamphlet file.
W.W.F.*

11 SPADINA ROAD,
TORONTO, 4

August 23, 1940.

Dr. W.W. Francis,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Under separate cover I am sending you
Transactions of the Canadian Military Institute containing
John McCrea's lectures which I spoke to you about.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Elliott
L.H.

11 SPADINA ROAD,
TORONTO, 4

July 6, 1940.

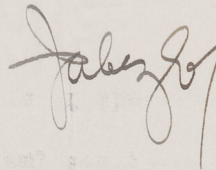
Dr. W.W.Francis,
Osler Library,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Your letter of July 4th with catalogue
of Prof. John Tait's library arrived this morning just as
I am leaving for my summer home at Port Carling.

I have passed it on with a few
pencilled notes to Miss Poole at the Academy and you may
expect a reply quite promptly with a return of the list.

Sincerely yours,



4 July, 1940

Dr. J. H. Elliott,
11 Spadina Road,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Elliott,

Nice to see you and Dr. Porter the other day, and
a shame to bother you with the enclosed.

Our physiologist, John Tait, is unhappily on the
shelf, and marooned in the Orkneys. His wife has to sell his
library. Would you please cast your eye over the list which
contains what remains after we have bought the things we needed
here, and tell me whether you think the Academy would make
offers for any of the books. There are some good old ones among
them.

A New York dealer has offered \$5 for Fallopius; \$3 for
Hales; \$3 for Haller, 1751; \$5 for Malpighi; and \$2.50 for Mande-
ville - very bargain prices!

There's no decent market here. Would Britnell be
interested, think you, in the collection in whole or in part?

Please return me the list when you're finished with it.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. F.