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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Dec 26 1950

Dear Dr Francis:

I have your kind letter of Dec 18th regarding the passing of Esther Rosenkrantz - a noble soul if there ever was one. It is rather tragic that the message from the girls' Oster Society sent five days before her death in all probability could not ^{have been made} known to her because with the exception of two or three extremely short (one hour) lucid periods, Esther did not realize where she was or what was happening and her physicians forbade all contact. She had told me of her, doubtless well deserved, designation of you. I attempted to describe her funeral to John Fulton to whom I am most grateful for transmitting to you the contents of her last illness as I passed them on to John.

Esther was an inspiration and power for good in our school and her last years were on the whole very happy ones. Few words could be more appreciated more than that you & Mrs Francis and her radiant face when she heard from you told worlds.

With kind regards

Herbert M Evans

PS I have kept your letter for 10 - Mrs Helen Gordon 2550 Sutter Street, who knows Esther's personal relations, and will forward it and I trust advise you of this. HME

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See also Despain
+ Yale corresp. of Oct. 1952

OSLER LIBRARY,
18th Dec., 1950.

Her

Dr. Hubert Evans,
5110 Coventry Road,
Berkeley,
Calif., U. S. A.

Dear Evans,

I've been grateful for the bulletins from you which John Fulton has been passing on to me about our Rosie (my "Fioretta" - she took to calling me St. Francis, so she had to be one of his "Little Flowers"!)). John telephoned me Sunday evening and told me that he had heard from you about her death. I gathered that she was improving until a sudden turn for the worse on Thursday or Friday, so I hope she received and appreciated the thoughtful telegram ^{our} ~~one~~ undergrad. Osler Society (unprompted by me) sent her on Tuesday night after a meeting at which the president, Silvio Onesti (of S. F.) spoke of her collection and showed them fine photos he took of it last summer.

Our

This morning I get a telegram from "Mrs. Robert Despain", an unlikely-looking name. Is that the sister Rosie never mentioned? I'll enclose a note to her with this, and ask you please to forward it, correcting the name if necessary.

!!! once
is what I
scribbled.
Every 20-
year recy
has dif-
ficult!

Have I seen you since we crossed together in 1939?

We are going to miss Rosie, even at this distance. I wish I had known her better at J. H. H., but being two years ('02) ahead of her I saw little of her there, and she was gone when I went back in pathology in 1904-5.

With best regards to you and to Mrs. Evans.

Yours sincerely,

WWF:cd
Encl:-

X. P.S. No. 1018 for W.W.F. Geological Dept

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian & Chief
Osler Library, Montreal, Canada

Institute of Experimental Biology
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.
Oct 18 '54
OSLER LIBRARY,
21 Oct., 1954.

Dear Dr. H. M. Evans,
Institute of Experimental Biology,
University of California,
Berkeley 4,
Cal., U. S. A.

I most apologize for causing you

Dear Harby Evans, there is a chance that you are, indeed, the

Perhaps you don't deserve another line from me till you acknowledge (if received?) those "bespoke" Lady-like Limericks I took the trouble to think up and copy out for you; but who am I to throw stones?

Adams left his collection to the Osler Library, but it reposes in the University Library till we get room for the 1,200 or more items. I'm pretty sure that no photos nor the MS. of his book were included. I'll put a good local bookseller-searcher on the track of a copy for you. I suppose that you've enquired of Williams and Wilkins and that it is out of print? Mrs. Adams and his other immediates are dead.

I'll enquire of our geological department about the photo. I see that Sir Victor Warrender, Bt. (the i is evidently wrong) became Lord Bruntisfield in 1942. His address was then Leasam, Rye, Sussex. "The Hon. Lord B." and "Dear Sir" are good enough and would reach his heir, if he is dead. My source is Who's Who of 1946.

× More later, I hope.

Yours sincerely,
Nicky/
(W. W. Francis)

× P.S. No. light from our Geological dept.

WWF:ed

The Adams book has become a really big & valuable one. I think it may contain H. Could you get it on order?

Dr W. W. Francis
Librarian in charge
Oster Library, Montreal, Canada.

Institute of Experimental Biology
University of California
Oct 18 '54 Berkeley 7,
Calif

Dear "Billy Francis":

I most apologize for causing you
annoyance but there is a chance that you are, indeed, the
one man who can help me in a dear wish. In 1938, your
colleague & friend Professor Frank D Adams published his
Excellent "Birth & Development of the Geological Sciences," in the
introduction to which he thanks you for advice & assistance.
We here at Berkeley are giving a book show - an exhibition
of "Classics in Science" in our university library to celebrate the
meeting of the AAAS here Dec 27-31 '54. Along with books we
are showing portraits - rather significant & carefully chosen ones.
The frontispiece to the Adams book is an unusual & fine portrait
of James Hutton - "from a portrait in the possession of Sir Victor
Warrender, Bart." We are eager to secure a similar (or identical)
photograph of this ^{painting} portrait. Is Mrs Frank Adams living and
does her husband's effects contain the proofs & pictures of this
book, and perhaps this original photograph. Barring that
how could I contact Sir Victor Warrender? I know I am a
nuisance but if you could help it would be most gratefully
received. Sincerely Herbert M Evans

PS The Adams book has become a rarity here & I am hoping some Montreal
shops may contain it. Could you give me an address?
Dore

OSLER LIBRARY,
15 August, 1954.

Dr. H. M. Evans,
Institute of Experimental Biology,
University of California,
Berkeley 4,
Cal., U. S. A.

Dear Herbert Evans,

Alas, the Bibl. Osl. is to be found only - and only rarely - in old bookshops and their catalogues. I'm glad I held out against Lady O., Tom McGrae, and my fellow-editors for 750 instead of 500 copies. I enclose something I was made to write for its 25th anniversary - two multigraphed sheets from our Staff Bulletin and not for circulation because John Fulton took a fancy to it and I've had to adapt it for his J. Hist. Med.

I've looked up my letter to you to see how it acquired your "perfectly charming" epithet. I hope McClure has survived his 3th coronary. If he and I have a feline expectation, I have used only five of our nine lives, and I hope to sing my 8-years-old convalescent ode three or four times more:

I'm not yet quite ripe for the crem-
-atorium, so it would seem,
Where pi and free thinkers
Are turned into clinkers
To silt up the Stygian stream;

Thereby circumventing old Pent-
-refaction, the nauseous brute;
Your nice cleanly ash
Robs the worm of your hash,
And you'll never hear Gabriel toot.

Yours W.O.-fully,

(W. W. Francis)

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Encl:-

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August 11, 1954

OSLER LIBRARY,
4 August, 1954.

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian in Chief
Osler Lib. H. M. Evans,
McGill 511 Coventry Road,
Montr. Berkeley,
Calif., U. S. A.
Dear Billy Francis:

Dear Herbert Evans, I received your charming letter of August 4,

regarding young Dr. Thomas Sullivan mentioned in the current J. H. Magazine as having received an award for we won't say what besides pituitary studies, reminds me that I promised T. J. Sullivan who took his M.D. here this spring some letters to medical friends in S. F., and now apart from you and Rosie, my senile memory produces no other, and dear Rosie, if anywhere and not with the ecclesiastical saints, is busy expounding W. O. to Father Abraham and the Prophets.

Tom Sullivan, an interne at the S. Pacific Hospital, was our brightest lad, our Osler Society prize-winner, and that rare bird among our present half-educated medical students, a scholar.

I hope the years are treating you and your almost better half gently. I'm still on the pleasant job in spite of decades and coronaries.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Yours sincerely,

Herbert W. Francis
Billy F.

(W. W. Francis).

HME:je

Where, or where, can one buy a copy of The
W. W. Francis's theca Osleriana?

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August 11, 1954

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

Dear Billy Francis:

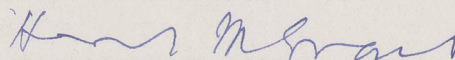
I have your perfectly charming letter of August 4,
regarding young Dr. Thomas Sullivan, who is at the Southern
Pacific Hospital in San Francisco and Dorothy, my wife, and
I will look him up.

Your remarks concerning Esther's current activities
above this earth in converting the saints and prophets to
W. O. is precisely what I would have said.

My former friend, McClure, Head of Surgery at the Ford
in Detroit, had a succession of coronaries and was well and
active until the eighth!

With warm regard,

Sincerely,


Herbert M. Evans

HME:jc

*Where, or where, can one buy a copy of The
Bibliotheca Osleriana?*

Living with the past

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August 23, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian in Chief
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Again I am delighted by your letter. I wish you would assist me in the compilation of limericks suitable for a young lady in her "teens". I find it difficult to convey most of them to my daughter!

but yours is a "honey"!
Seriously, I have realized that the Bibliotheca Osleriana was now approaching the \$75.00 to \$100.00 class. I am so happy that you held out for 750 copies, or we would never have any. *The man who*

With kind regard,

Sincerely,

*wants one particularly is O'Malley,
the Realms scholar
at Stanford University.*

Herbert M. Evans
Herbert M. Evans

HME:jc

*Larry. W. Limericks.
Cyrus ??
Might
past
kanda
rabbit.
"Tuberculosis"
Barbar
from time out of day
"the even,
just about*

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November 5, 1957

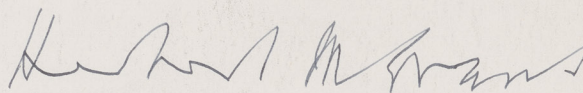
Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal 2, Quebec, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have been asked over many years to give a short address welcoming the entering class in our School of Medicine. I am afraid that this exercise has degenerated into a tradition, but I am now assembling my remarks and condensing them, and hope to print the address. Appended to it I hope to add several lists of books or articles which I have felt had peculiar validity and might mean something permanently or semi-permanently to these young men and women. Besides two lists which I hope to send you later to be entitled "Medicine as a Career" and "Bedside Reading for Medical Students and Physicians", I am sending you now the lists which I have called "Some Notable Monographs" and "Some Notable Biographies".

I would be enormously grateful to you for suggestions as to the omission of items from either of these two lists, but especially for the addition of items to them. Please help me!

Sincerely yours,


(Dr.) Herbert M. Evans

HME:mr

OSLER LIBRARY,
7 March, 1958.

Dr. Herbert M. Evans,
Institute of Experimental Biology,
University of California,
Berkeley 4,
Calif., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Evans,

I'm reminded that I haven't answered yours of 5 Nov., though I see that I made a few pencil notes for the purpose. Your lists seem pretty thorough, and here are the only additions I have thought up so far:

Monographs:

Holden's Landmarks
Hilton's Rest and pain
Duchenne, Physiology of motion ... electrical
stimulation ... French, 1867, or the
excellent translation, Phila., Lippincott,
1949.

Biographies:

I'd be prejudiced enough to delete Fleming's
Welch and would add two of W. O.'s favorites:-

James Jackson, A memoir of J. J. junior, Boston, 1835,
and Letters to a young physician, 1855 or 1861

H. Morley, Jerome Cardan, 1854, and C.'s Book of my
life, Lond., Dent, 1931.

Don't let these meagre results prevent you from sending your
"Career" and "Bedside" lists.

I enclose a Hopkins reprint. I don't think I ever heard whether
the (necessarily) few ladylike limericks I once sent were acceptable.

I hope you keep young. I grow old.

In miney
W. O.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
21 March, 1958.

Dr. Herbert M. Evans,
Institute of Experimental Biology,
University of California,
Berkeley 4,
Calif., U. S. A.

Dear "Herbie" Evans,

Your last paragraph reminds me that I nearly re-opened my letter to you to add what is on my mind about "Dear Rosie", as she still is to my wife and daughter ever since she paid us a visit here.

A Californian (now Bostonian) ex-president of our Osler Society sent me some photos a few years ago of Esther's Osler Collection in the U. of Calif. Med. Library, S. F. He had the impression that it was perhaps being neglected since Mrs. (?) Gardner's departure. Is there anyone who takes an active interest in it now?

*rudely
must*
I understand that she carefully kept my correspondence (mostly typed, I hope) and that it is there, bound in one or more volumes. There is nothing divorce-worthy in it (even for California) and in fact I sometimes unduly berated her when, after the fashion of her irrepressible race, she wouldn't take no for an answer and would insist that we much have a spare copy of some item which we could prove we had searched vainly for several times already.

The question is, what to do with the mass of letters which she wrote to me? They are largely handwritten, so there would not be carbons. I learned to decipher them. They deal with Osler and the collecting. Would they be wanted there? I should gladly send them. Even such letters are of course autobiographical. She was a model of inspired enthusiasm, and, as a French poetess wrote, "Une chère écriture est un portrait vivant."

Let me have your advice some time, please.

Rosie-ly yours,

W. W. Francis

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March 17, 1958

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal 2, Quebec
Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am very grateful for your recent letter regarding references to medical students.

Yes, indeed, my daughter long ago received with enthusiasm your clever, even though innocent, limericks, and I hope you will go on sedulously gathering them. Logan Clendenning gave me as his own triumph the subjoined.

My wife and I feel the void of the going of Dr. Esther Rosencrantz. You were often in our thought and speech on the occasion of happy parties at her home.

Warmly yours,



Herbert M. Evans

HME:mr

A matron sedate from Antigua
Exclaimed to her mate,
"What a pigua!"
He replied: "Oh, my queen,
Is it manners you mean?
Or do you refer to my figuoa?"