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28 April, 1943.

Dr. Neil Feeney,
1414 Drummond St.,
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Feeney,

from Botallus, Botallo (or Botalli?), called in France Botal, seems to be a mess. His dates are unknown and 1530 is variously given as that of his birth, when he began his studies, and when he graduated from Pavia! Castiglioni in his recent History of medicine (p. 429) says the duct was named after him because he called the foramen ovale a duct, but I imagine C.'s wrong. Apparently B.'s books made the duct and foramen known, especially in France. The French still call the ~~former~~ *left* trou de Botal, but the ~~former~~ canal artériel. His contemporaries, Vesalius and Aranzio, are said to have described them before him, and so did Galen.

The best account I can find of him (and his works, unfortunately not available) is in Dezeimeris, "Dictionnaire" (#3640). Part of the title of his "Comment arioli duo," Lyons, 1585, is (translated) "A hitherto unknown channel is demonstrated by which the blood is carried into the left ventricle," and this was republished separately in 1640 and in his Works, 1660. In this he is said to have claimed to be the discoverer of both foramen and duct.

He was an important man in his day, an interesting, and not always beneficial innovator, and he is worth looking into.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. F.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
1 August, 1952.

Mr. C. E. Feinberg,
872 W. Boston Boulevard,
Detroit 2,
Michigan,
U. S. A.

Dear Sir, Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

That address on Whitman was not finished, delivered, or published, and consequently may not be copied or circulated, Osler having forbidden the printing of any of his manuscript writings which he had not published in his lifetime!

The gist of it, however, was largely incorporated by Harvey Cushing in his famous Life of Osler, and I would also refer to articles by Joseph Trent, "Walt Whitman, a case history", in Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics, 1948, vol. 87, pp. 113-21, and by your fellow-townsmen, Mr. Wm. White, who now teaches English at Wayne University, "W. W. and Sir Wm. Osler", in American Literature, 1939, vol. 11, pp. 73-7, and "W. W. on Osler", in Bulletin History of Medicine, 1944, vol. 18, pp. 79-90.

Charles E. Feinberg

Yours sincerely,

872 W. Boston Boulevard
Detroit 2, Michigan W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Librarian.

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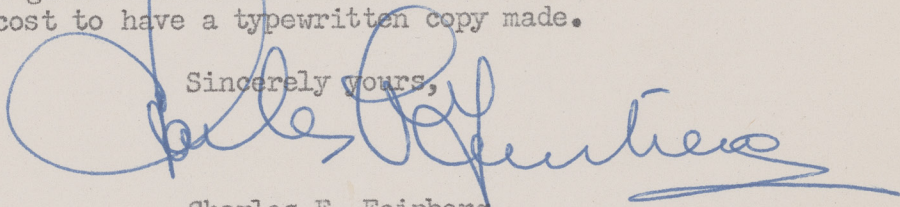
July 30, 1952

Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Gentlemen:

Is there a printed copy or a typescript available of the Anniversary Address given by Sr. William Osler on Walt Whitman? If a copy in either form is available, I would like to buy one. If your copy is available, can you give me an idea as to how much it would cost to have a typewritten copy made.

Sincerely yours,


Charles E. Feinberg

872 W. Boston Boulevard
Detroit 2, Michigan

Miss Daskaluk

I'd like to have you
with you about the Whitman
enthusiasm before he comes

JHB

August 10, 1964

Dr. John M. Dorsey
University Professor
Wayne State University
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Dr. Dorsey:

Knowing my interest in local history, Dr. R.V. Christie has shown me your letter of August 4, 1964 and also Dr. Richard Bing's letter of July 31, 1964. I expect to be in town August 25th to 28th and would be delighted to have a chat with Dr. Feinberg. Perhaps when Dr. Feinberg arrives in Montreal, he could give me a call (844-6311, local 311) and we could have lunch together. He might like to visit our Osler Library, if he is not already familiar with it.

We would not be able to arrange any formal presentation by him at that time - no students would be here and many Faculty members would also be away - but I would like very much to meet him.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. Bensley, M.D.
Vice Dean
Faculty of Medicine

EHB:jf

cc: Dr. Christie



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

DETROIT 2, MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

6.8.64.
August 4, 1964

Dr. Ronald Christie
Professor of Medicine and Dean
Royal Victoria Hospital
Montreal 2, Quebec

Dear Professor Christie:

Heartiest Greetings!

This letter is my follow-up of the letter of July 31st to you from my good friend and medical colleague, Dr. Richard J. Bing.

It is always a great source of pleasure to me to try to be of special service in the following way.

My choice friend, Dr. Charles E. Feinberg of Detroit, will be in Montreal from August 25 thru August 28th. This gentleman is a world renowned Walt Whitman scholar and bibliophile. I have arranged for him to present his original materials on Walt Whitman and his doctors with our own medical students and faculty members here at Wayne, and would like to extend freely the same kind of extraordinary personal and professional satisfaction to you, your faculty and your students. I have asked him if he would allow me to write to you as I do, and he has agreed. If it should happen to fit in with your ongoing activities, his lecture would provide one of your groups with a rare medical treat.

Dr. Feinberg has been honored with degrees, one of them, Doctor of Humanities, from Wayne State University. He is president of the Detroit Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and holds numerous civic and honorary posts.

If I can be of further service to you in this matter, I would like to be. May I please hear from you.

With finest personal regards.

Sincerely,

John M. Dorsey
John M. Dorsey, M.D.
University Professor

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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

July 31, 1964

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Dr. Ronald Christie
Royal Victoria Hospital
Montreal 2, Quebec
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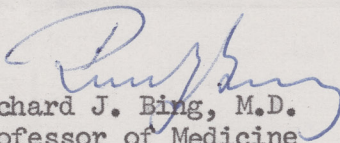
Dear Dr. Christie:

A good friend of mine, Dr. John Dorsey, has just called me about a friend of his, Mr. Charles Feinberg, who owns one of the World's finest collections of Walt Whitman. Of particular interest is the study of Mr. Feinberg on the illness and medical care of Walt Whitman. You may remember that Osler was one of Whitman's physicians.

Dr. Dorsey will write you directly, but I think you and your group may like to have Mr. Feinberg show some of his work at McGill. I understand from Dr. Dorsey that there would be no expense involved to you. Mr. Feinberg is a scholar of international reputation.

With many thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Richard J. Bing, M.D.
Professor of Medicine
Chairman, Department of Medicine

RJB:ctz

cc: Dr. John Dorsey

July 28, 1964

THOMAS WILLIS

Dr. William H. Feindel,
Montreal Neurological Institute.

First Editions

Ly-Anne Funke
Osler Library

Dear Dr. Feindel:

Enclosed is a full-title list of Willis first editions. I should have thought to list them like this in the first place.

Re.: William Sedley OR Henry Sedley.

Unless you have already given up this might be a sequel to your search. The only reference to these in the Dictionary of National Biography, (1897) v.51, p.187 is in the biography for "Sedley, sir Charles (1639?-1701)", and mentions them as follows "... Charles succeeded to the title and estates after his elder brothers William and Henry had both died unmarried (Collins)." "Collins" is short for Collins, Arthur. Baronettage of England (1720), vol. 1, pp.327-329.

Redpath Library does not have this work and the nearest copy, according to Cécile's inquiries at the National Library in Ottawa, is at the Library of Congress. Would you like me to write to the Reference Division at the Library of Congress, or would it be better if you wrote as you know exactly the information you need.

Yours sincerely,

De anima brutorum quae hominis vitalis ac sensitiva est, exercitationes duae; prior physiologica ejusdem naturae, partes, potentias et affectiones tradit; altera pathologica morbos qui ipsam, et sedem ejus primariam, nempe cerebrum et nervosum genus efficiunt, explicat, utrumque therapias instituit. Oxonii, e Theatro Sheldoniano, apud E. Davis, 1672.

Wing, 2825.

THOMAS WILLIS

First Editions

Diatribae duae medico-philosophicae, quarum prior agit de fermentatione sive de motu intestino particularum in quovis corpore, altera de febribus sive de motu earundum in sanguine animalium; his accessit dissertatio epistolica de urinis. Londini, typis Tho. Roycroft; impensis J. Martyn, Ja. Allestry, & Tho. Ducas, 1659.
Wing, 2832.

Cerebri anatome; cui accessit nervorum descriptio et usus. Londini, typis Tho. Roycroft, impensis J. Martyn & Ja. Allestry, 1664. WHF OL
Wing, 2823.

Pathologiae cerebri, et nervosi generis specimen. In quo agitur de morbis convulsivis, et de scorbuto. Oxonii, excudebat Guil. Hall, impensis Ja. Allestry, 1667.
Wing, 2841.

Affectionum quae dicuntur hystericae et hypochondriachae pathologia spasmodica vindicata, contra responsionem epistolarem Nathanael Highmori, cui accesserunt exercitationes medico-physicae duae. 1. De sanguinis accensione. 2. De motu musculari. Londini, apud Jacobum Allestry, 1670.
Wing, 2821.

De anima brutorum quae hominis vitalis ac sensitiva est, exercitationes duae; prior physiologica ejusdem naturam, partes, potentias et affectiones tradit; altera pathologica morbos qui ipsam, et sedem ejus primariam, nempe cerebrum et nervosum genus afficiunt, explicat, eorumque therapeias instituit. Oxonii, e Theatro Sheldoniano, impensis R. Davis, 1672.
Wing, 2825.

Pharmaceutice rationalis: sive diatriba de medicamentorum operationibus in humano corpore. Oxonii, e Theatro Sheldoniano, 1674.
Wing, 2844.

A plain and easie method for preserving [by God's blessing] those that are well from the infection of the plague, or any contagious distemper, in city, camp, fleet, &c. and for curing such as are infected with it. Written in the year 1666 ... Never before printed. London, pr. for W. Crook, 1691.
Wing, 2852.