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August 11, 1958

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

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15 August, 1958.

Dear Dr. Francis,
Dr. William Feindel,
Dept. of Neurosurgery,
University of Saskatchewan,
University Hospital,
Saskatoon,
Sask., Canada.

We came to Saskatoon with the frantic five on our way home from a holiday at Bic. Our stop-over between the Ocean Limited and the Supercontinentals was spent at Ottawa. Roland Michener gave us tickets to the Speaker's Gallery and the three eldest children looked with some interest at the legislators sitting at double desks -- like an adult version of the progressive country school!

Dear Bill,

Bic was as usual. I enclose a sheaf of notes (please return) copied from the mass of material bound up with the "Whole-Time" letter, 1911, which I shall try to have typed for you. It is only 12 printed pp. Photostats require me (meaning my deputy)

I have been taking the volume downtown and wait while it is done. Tell me if you are in haste for it. The reprint you mentioned in the public schools, written in 1916 by W.O. It is really quite "prescient" and even before we got bitten by the bug of satellitosis!

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must not be allowed to fall behind. But he never approved of the idea. Now, going back to page 115, dated 1911, a letter to Professor Rensen. This is in the collected reprints, 1907-1920, number 295. Do you think it would be possible to get a photostat or a typewritten copy of this letter?

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Love to you all, (including the forks)

I had a delightful visit to England this spring and saw Professor Cole's library at Reading -- what a prize!

We all send best wishes.

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Sincerely,

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Bill F.

William Feindel, M.D.



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Bic was as usual, quite lovely. Zib was in the Scrimger homestead, we had The Reefs (it is quite above the high water level), and the Johnsons and Lymans were down at the big house.

I have been writing up a note on undergraduate teaching in Neurosurgery and enjoying the reprint you gave me some years ago on science in the public schools, written in 1916 by W.O. It is really quite "prescient" and even before we got bitten by the bug of satellitosis!

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Love from all

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Will

William Feindel, M.D.

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copy letter dated April 11/12-113 in C.S.F. Hallie.



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Monday.
April 29/57

Dear W.W.F.

How very nice of you to
send along the list of Willisian—
annotated— Congratulations on the
£5000 from the wellcome—trust
them! (sorry!).

(from 4245) I am delighted to know the
Willis English edition can be loaned
and will arrange for it through
our library. I see the inserted
plate of Wren's etching of the brain
is also loanable and would love to
have a good copy of it made for
here if you think it would be
permissible to send it here for that.

(in 4245) Do you think Miss J. could
copy out the note on W's use
in the Bodleian if it is not too long.
I have managed to inject some "extract
of Willis of Hill" into our Associate
Professor of Classics here. Desmond Conacher
who is getting a sabbatical at Oxford.

Francis (2)

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beginning this way - the lucky dog! -
At any rate the drug is working - he
is supposed to spend a year on
Euripides - who didn't know the brain
from a bowl of porridge & better -
but I hope he will be interested
enough to look up any Willis
material in Oxford. While he is there.
Some of the individual works sound
as if they need re-translation - if your
example of "sinuses" is any indication!
Conacher is an excellent scholar and
might be induced to look over the
Willis from that point of view. Willis
seems rather neglected and if not
neglected, somewhat maligned - especially
by Michael Foster (but what can you
expect of a Cambridge man commenting
about an Oxonian?)

I expect you will have heard
about Robin Dale's death - son of Sir Henry
- very sad - most likeable and able person.

Home is (3)

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and dearly loved by the children. She
was a natural entertainer and
impersonator. — we were so shocked.

Joe & Punclic are taking in
the Fellows' Reunion — (I don't know
when they had a "union" but this
is anyway the "H-") at the M.V.I.
— sorry you were crossed and hope
the discoid is behaving more & more
like a disc. should behave.

Love to Mrs. F. and Andy
& Popsie from all of us. Many
thanks to Miss D. for the copying.

Yours.

Bill Feindel



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May 24th, 1956.

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

Dear Dr. Francis,

This is just a brief note. First of all, I must thank you for the kind letters that you sent Faith and myself after your anniversary dinner. We have had wonderful reports of the dinner from Joe Stratford and I am sure it must have been a very delightful time. I enjoyed also reading the collection of letters which was published in your Billiana.

Joe Stratford and I are just going over an index of neurosurgical operations and we would like to have your advice on the term "discoidectomy" which I believe you introduced. Could it be just as well "discectomy"? Or did you imply that we take out material that only looks like a disc and we are actually just fooling ourselves? We would like to use the shorter term if that does not seem to disturb your classical sense.

We all send our very best wishes from the West to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Bill Feindel

William Feindel, M.D.

WF/emc

to make
you see
of 7 mm
prophylactic
abbreviating
predecessors
see it
light!
So, in
plain of
my-dis-
blame
don't you
don't
drop
beast
the O.D
- leave that

to the classically sloping
Amneracians. Be
thankful I didn't needle
you with DISCOIDO-
CHONDRICETOMY, as I
should have, were I the
purist you think me!

With much love and affection,
anything is the foreword to the
Colony, notwithstanding
As ever
W. W. Francis



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June 1st, 1956.

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

Dear Dr. Francis,

Many thanks for your note of May 30th and all this erudite information from the East.

There surely is something called an intervertebral disc and I still think you are implying that Joe Stratford and I have been taking out only something that looks like a disc and really is not a disc all these years (all these three years). One of the general surgeons here, Joe tells me, has made the criticism that we are actually carrying out surgery on an adjective -- this is only for your own comment.

Don't you think that the full operation should really be called annulo-fibro-nucleo-pulposectomy? Of course, there are some vessels that come out, too, and we should really add a vascoideotomy, and Joe also suggests that some of the bone occasionally comes out (by mistake, of course!) so we should add osteo-oidectomy. What a horrible operation this is turning out to be! Do you really think it is worth it? It will take us longer to dictate our operation report and diagnosis than to do the actual operation. This is the trouble when scholars start doing surgery, of course.

We were delighted with your letter and we are only tossing back a few of these points to make sure we are actually using the correct term. Please let us know what your present views are, as of June 1st, 1956.

We and our families send best wishes and affection to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Bill & Joe

WF/emc

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"annulering back": when
prof. Ophoratos; with
study in neurophysiology
and adaptation college
faculty. How the reality
that the idea of Bill Lane
"freely upon" anything is
to introduce; I would not
seem to be thinking this
neurophysiology Saskatchewan
propose it and a the way.
has discarded

W. W. Francis

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Postmarked 7 Oct.
rec'd 9th.

901 University Drive
Saskatoon, Sask.

St. Francis Socy.
1956.

Dear St. Francis,

Greetings from the west.
We thought of you much last week
because of Sir S. Keynes' visit and
if your ears were not hyperthermic
they should have been - at least
a bit porrothetic. Joe and I had
a most pleasant & stimulating talk
with him about 17th century medicine
and he left behind a trail of
interest in medical history.

How we miss The O.L. ! and
has the migration from the ~~to~~
lateral to the IV ventricle taken
place yet? What a task.

We are all happy and well
with a 5th Feindel on the way - We
acquired a white pony - called
"demi-torse" (half-pint seemed too
derogatory) and the children are all
taking private French lessons - but
Broca is having a laborious time!

Best to Mrs. F. and yourself.

P.S.
Sincerely, Bill Feindel
Are any copies of The Bib. ex. on the
workset?

William B. Fendel, M.D.

Merton College

Oxford University

Sumner Place.

Sumner

Oxford.

December, 15. 1947.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Many thanks for your delightful reprint and the tip about the Bodleian. I thought you might be interested in the fine exhibition given this summer in the new extension of the Bodleian. No doubt you may have already received a copy of the catalogue but I am enclosing one in case you didn't.

You have no doubt heard of our new son - Alexander by now - who was born on the 21st of October at the good old Neurosurgical (a skeleton) house of 3:45 a.m. (!) in the Radcliffe Infirmary and is now pursuing his studies Medico-Legal at Sumner Place. His 1st is well and rather busy - 2 "boys" to care for. We shall probably be staying on here for an additional year. I am doing a D.Phil. This Trinity Term and will be carrying on with some work on a new method for staining the nervous system which is based upon Farber's original studies.

FENDL

No. bother now about sectioning or
then staining the sections individually.
We inject the animal with blue dye,
usually methylene blue, take out the
brain and the sections are already nicely
stained! I suppose you would call
it the "Oxford blue" technique since
it does happen to be a dark blue.
At the end of my year I hope to
get in a few months at Queen
Square brushing up on the
philosophy of the knee jerk.

- Hope you and yours are well and
that the Oster Soc. is thriving. The
Oxford one seems defunct although
a few of us thought it might be
worth an attempt to revive it. However,
as you know, there are more clubs and
societies in Oxford than books in the
Bodleian and it would be a useful
measure to form a Society to suppress
societies - although there is perhaps
already one! Could you let me know
what works of Tom Willis have been
translated into English? A friend of mine
is a classical scholar & son of Hogben and
I thought it might be useful to make
some of Tom's writings available to
medical students. Do you think it would
be too dilettantish or do you feel it could
be worth while? Love from the four Jennies
Sincerely, Bill.

may remember the home from
Kenilworth. It is only a
new one to Oxford and a
beautiful spot up on the hill,
quite near Robb's House and
the upper Thames. Christopher
Michael Scrimger is taking well
to English food and air and
maintains marked malar flushes!
I received my copy of Feltov's
Cushing (corrections by W.W.F.!)
and am enjoying it thoroughly.
So far it has been perfect except
for the portrait of H.C. cum
infanto on the jacket - it somehow
smacks of the Sunday Photogram
section - however a small
detail for such a tremendous
effort - a most reasonable price

First fold here

Do remember us to your
old wife and to Marion. We
are seen Marion Savage who
working very hard in Florey's bug
department here. I hope the O.
club flourishes - save me a
seat from the dinner - one
hoping to get Wilbur Dorison
Duke as speaker - He was a
possibility - Best wishes from
Bill Feindel

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DR. W. W. FRANCIS.

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Sender's name and address:-

Dr. W. H. FEINDEL.

MERTON COLLEGE.

OXFORD.

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Belated Xmas greetings! We are spending a few weeks here in an attempt to get some mild weather — Seems only a short time since I last saw you at your desk in the Bodleian. I often wish you were here to give a conducted lecture on Oxford's bibliophilic treasures. — One has almost to carry a 1st edition of Horney's "De Motu" to gain entrance to the Bodleian's stores. I hope to dig a bit into the Royalist period at Oxford — out of two interests. — The first aroused by the fact that Wm Harvey among other accomplishments was sometime Warden of Merton — and the second by my interest in anemones of the circle of Willis — Oxford is still quite as wonderful as ever — very crowded however, the High grounds at rush hours under hundreds of bikes & vehicles of diverse shapes, sizes and weight. There are over 5000 underground seats. Many of the North Oxford houses are veritable rabbit-warrens. Some of the Wotton Garden houses are being converted into apartments. — I and one usually let much before completion. — I am working in Professor Le Gros Clark in the History of the Nervous System and all that — The Physiology has fallen off rather badly I am afraid since Sherrington left. — The Radcliffe Infirmary flourishes and many of the Rhodes scholars are being permitted to do straight clinical work there. We were living separately during Michaelmas term — Faith staying out at Kingston Bagnin on the Faringdon road and I living in Merton new buildings on Rose Lane, next the Botanical Gardens. Very pleased now with a lease for the remainder of our stay in England, of Cumnor Place a manor house in Cumnor village — very fine old house — central part is Elizabethan with a generous garden, boasting trimmed yew hedges.

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DECEMBER