

29, CHARLBURY ROAD,
OXFORD.
TEL. 5633.

September 12th, 1929.

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

My dear Bill,

I wonder whether you have heard anything from MacNalty? I have just arrived in Oxford and I thought possibly that the Press would have written me here in reply to my letters concerning the short life of W.O. However, there is nothing and I assume that it has probably been sent to America. Have you had any word from the Press?

Lucia has just come back from France, after a very pleasant holiday there and she seems to be in excellent health and spirits. Her mother and father have gone on to Switzerland and return next week. Franc Ingraham is still here, but expects to sail to America on the 21st of this month. Lucia learned last night from Lizzie that No. 13 is now in full swing, with some fourteen students from Lady Margaret Hall housed there in bed-sitting rooms. They dine in what was formerly the kitchen and old Ethel has been kept on with two new servants and they run the entire establishment. The dining-room table is apparently a source of embarrassment to Christ Church, as they do not know just what to do with it, and the students are uneasy for fear that it will meet with some catastrophe. I thought you would like to have these details, melancholy though they be.

Sir Charles is well and has apparently had a very successful summer, alone in his glory. Lady Sherrington is still in South Africa and writes enthusiastically concerning her experiences there. She has been up to the Falls in a canoe, which was all but capsized by hungry crocodiles on several occasions. She sails from Cape Town on October 11th.

It was most delightful of you to have written to Lucia after I was in Montreal. She enjoyed your letter enormously.

My love to Hilda and Maisie,

Yours ever,

John

July 12th,
1929.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Brigham Hospital,
721 Huntington Avenue,
BOSTON 17, Mass.

My dear John:

Bravo! What next? Of course the Yale job could not be refused, but I am glad you are to have another year at Oxford.

I can't count how many letters I owe you, and I have not got them before me. We have an International Nurses' Convention here, and 8000 nurses have been dropping into the Library in the last few days, and this is the first moment I have been able to snatch to write you a line on your arrival.

I (and others) were very much amused at the account of your Como holiday. Hilda and I and Maisie are at a very different Como (P.Q.) It also is "not as grim as it might be". I come in every day. We will be there for July and August. Let me know when you want to come to Montreal. Perhaps you could spend the night with us out there. If not, I could put you up at the University Club and I could spend the night in town. I do not expect to be away from here except for a weekend sometime in Toronto and perhaps another weekend in Boston (at Aunt Sue's suggestion).

We are enjoying the bathing. Maisie can already swim 48 strokes and is very proud of herself.

Thanks for the interesting Bath Oliver clippings. That is an excellent editorial.

I am reading over "Men and Books", ~~because~~ there are a lot of corrections necessary. Most of them were printed before I came on to the Journal. I am trying to think up some ideas for the preface. It is a pious idea to reprint them, though I fancy W.O. himself ~~would~~ considered them rather slight, perhaps, for the honour. He would have been eighty years old today. How I wish he could have brought out the Bibliotheca himself, and perhaps I could have helped him.

Ever yours,

With

enclosures:

Program of 'dead' & Old Order.

copy of speech at latter

clippings of both. for Gazette.

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June 27th, 1929.

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

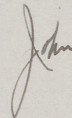
Dear Bill,

I wonder whether you have seen Sir William Hale-White's account of the Withering letters which Sir William bequeathed to the Royal Society of Medicine. It appeared in the R.S.M. Proceedings for June (section on the history of medicine). He quotes you in a footnote as saying that the story in the 'life' about their provenance is probably apocryphal. I am interested in the group of letters because there is said to be one by Charles Darwin the younger. I have just written Powell of the R.S.M. to have it transcribed. Have you any information about C.D. the younger apart from this? The copy of his little posthumous pamphlet is in the Catalogue.

I am enclosing with this some of the cuttings about Bath Olivers.

With best wishes to you,

Yours ever,



I have just been to the meeting of the friends of Bodley. Chapman read a most amusing paper on prehistoric American collections in the hope of raising us from our English indifference. I have been asked me to write a few lines for the B.O. for the B.G.R.

This will introduce you to Miss Adams - Mrs H. H. Booth has gone to find my book. Mrs H. is trying to get some of the D.W.B. The Times etc etc.

29, CHARLBURY ROAD,
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June 25, 1929

Dr. W.W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill Medical School,
Montreal.

My dear Bill,

I have been intending to write to you for some days to tell you how much we enjoyed Hilda's letter describing the ceremonies. We have also now seen Hill, so that we have quite a clear idea of what happened. Everybody is most enthusiastic, and I am ~~very~~ ^{more} eager now to see the library myself. I am sailing July 6th on the "Berengaria", and will be in Boston about the 14th. I shall go to Minnesota some time at the end of July, but I am of course eager to ~~put~~ ^{stop} up to Montreal for a night. If you will write me a line to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 721, Huntington Avenue Boston, it will be there for me when I arrive. What time would be most suitable for me to come. Are you going to be away during August on a holiday?

Aunt 'Sue' may have told you that I have practically decided to go to Yale in a year's time as Professor of Physiology. The offer seemed particularly tempting, and much as I hate to leave Oxford, I felt that it was the thing to do. I will tell you more about it when I see you.

John Beattie has just been here for the week-end. To my surprise I discovered that he had been your near neighbour the whole winter, and had been following every detail of your unpacking of the books. He is a delightful fellow and has a great flair for original work; much more I gather than his esteemed chief who ~~dined~~ ^{dined} in College last night, (and dined very well). He ~~says~~ ^{says} that his first-year students have been invading the library already, and that you have been most long-suffering and helpful with them. I hope you have a MS. of your speech; I have had no real account of it from anyone, except that it was most happy and very impressive.

There has been a lively correspondence going on lately in The Times about Bath Oliver, I am saving the cuttings for you. It was started by Onions who is attempting to find an early usage for the Oxford Dictionary. I told him of Sir William's interest in Dr. Oliver, and a day or two after I did so, Krumbhaar's paper arrived in the 'Annals'. Are any early usages given in the two letters which are inserted in one of Oliver's works that you have there? If you know of any ~~of Bath Oliver~~, send them to Onions at No. 7 Staverton Road. He will be most beholden to you.

With love to Hilda and Maisie, Yours ever,

John

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YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
333 CEDAR STREET - NEW HAVEN - CONNECTICUT 06510

May 3, 1976

Dr. E. H. Bensley
Department of the History of Medicine
McGill University
Montreal, Canada H3G 1Y6

Dear Dr. Bensley:

Enclosed you will find a xerox copy of the letter written by Mrs. Hilda Francis to Dr. and Mrs. Fulton. I was very glad to be able to locate it.

Again I have to enclose our manuscript examination form which in this case is a mere formality; still please send it back at your convenience. I was glad to be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Ferenc Gyorgyey

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Librarian

Medical Historical Library

FG/dk

428 Sherbrooke St. W.
Montreal.

11. 6. 29.

Dear John Lucia,

Aunt Sue will have sent
you the programme, &c. of
the ceremony on the 29th
and the account of it in
the "Montreal Gazette"; but
they left before the "Star"
came out so I am sending
you the cutting from that.

It was a great day and
such a reunion. You both
should have been there and
we all miss you.

You will have seen
"Reggie" by now. He
took some photos of
which I hope he shall
have prints. Dr. Vick's
took some too.

The Binkels gave a little

dinner party at the Mount
Royal Club on the 28th
for Sue, Margaret, Anna,
Annie & Kitty, Bill & me.
Very nice.

On the 29th, Mrs. Martin
had all the ladies of the
party to lunch at her house
while St. Martin (The Dean,
entertained the men at the
Mount Royal Club.

Everybody then went on to
McGill. Then there was the
ceremony & afterwards the
inspection of the library
and Oslo Exhibit in the
 adjoining museum. Your
"No. 13" book was displayed
in the show case, opened
at the library page.

Forgive me if I have
bored you with stale news.
You have probably had
several accounts already
from eyewitnesses. They

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will be like the New
Testament Gospels!

Let me know if
you didn't get the
"Gazette" or if you
want Bill's speech
in full or anything.

Bill says he is
going to write
you a nice letter soon!

live with her -
rather long. Leonard
Morse stopped on
for a week, for
one thing. He
came to do something;
then!

Much love to you
both & Mrs. Whittard.
Hilda

Bill is getting such nice
letters about the catalogue.
An Amsterdam
publisher wrote him
yesterday that ~~he~~
it would be
available to him
in his work.

N.F.

27th April, 1976.

Mr. Ferenc A. Gyorgyey,
Yale Medical Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
NEW HAVEN, Connecticut 16510,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Gyorgyey:

Recently we have come across a letter from Dr. John Fulton to Dr. W.W. Francis dated June 25, 1929, in which Dr. Fulton refers to the receipt from Dr. Francis' wife, Hilda, of a letter describing the ceremony of the official opening of the Osler Library at McGill University on May 29th, 1929. At the time Dr. Fulton was writing from 29 Charlbury Road, Oxford. I suppose it is most unlikely that Hilda Francis' letter has been preserved but I am sending this enquiry in case it has and is somewhere in your files. If a search would be too time consuming, just ignore my enquiry. But I do think that a first-hand account of the opening ceremony by Mrs. Francis might prove very interesting.

Yours sincerely,

E.H. Bensley, M.D.

EHB/ps

*From Dr J.F. Fulton
Oxford.*

June 29, 1929

*Hand in 4/10
carbon made
for you - as it
contains some news*

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
721, Huntington Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Chief,

I had an amusing time yesterday in London. John Beattie of Montreal spoke at the London Hospital at 12: on Cairns invitation. The occasion was most successful, and Beattie made a great impression; he is obviously the man for Harvard; brilliant, modest and an excellent lecturer, with that extraordinary felicity of style which one so often finds among the educated in the North of Ireland. Cairns had us all for lunch, and afterwards we went to Queen's Square and did rounds with Gordon Holmes. One sees the strength of British Neurology on such an occasion as this. Holmes is a shrewd observer, quick, accurate and astonishingly resourceful, and his demonstrations in cerebellar cases proved particularly helpful. There were several favourable surgical results on the wards, but one sees all too frequently angry-looking, badly-healed wounds with cerebrospinal fluid leaks beneath the skin.

I saw Bligh for a moment afterwards, and he had that very rare pamphlet of Charles Darwin the younger son of Erasmus Darwin who died of a dissecting wound at the age of twenty years after having used digitalis, and describing its actions 7 years before Withering's book. It was published posthumously in Litchfield in 1780 with a biographical sketch by his father.

At 4:30 Sir Charles gave the first David Ferrier lecture at the Royal Society. His references to Ferrier were most *happy*, and the lecture itself was interesting and important. The audience was rather mixed, and included the Earl of Crawford, the Lord Bishop of ~~Exeter~~ *Gloucester* and Lawrence Henderson.

I had dinner with Geoffrey Keynes; his wife, as you know, is granddaughter of Charles Darwin the naturalist, and accordingly great-great granddaughter of Charles Darwin the younger. She was most excited last night because she had just discovered among the books that had been left to her by Sir Francis Darwin, the Greek Testament which Darwin had had with him on the voyage of the Beagle.

Keynes and I went afterwards to the Osler Club, and Hill read a most delightful paper on the history of the Osler Library and the catalogue. Mr. Milford and Singer were there, and there was an active discussion with many questions. After the meeting we went to the centenary celebration of the London Zoo - Keynes' small son aged 11 was a fellow of the Zoo, and was entitled to bring three visitors which included his mother, father and myself. It was a remarkable show, and nearly 10,000 attended. They have recently

Dr. Cushing,

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acquired two Kodomo dragons, which were one of the chief objects of interest. I returned to Oxford on the late train.

Franc Ingraham is still in Vienna, but he returns sometime next week. I fancy that he will be considerably disappointed of Meagher's change of plans. I shall be seeing you some time about July 30th, and will probably not write again.

Yours ever,

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June 10th, 1929.

Dr. W.W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill Medical School,
Montreal.

Dear Bill,

I am eagerly awaiting news of the Dedication on the 29th.
I had a letter from Henry Viets, written that morning, but we
have not had anything further yet.

I am enclosing a communication addressed to Mr. William
Turpin, C/o Sir William Osler. It seems to be something impor-
tant and I have no idea who Turpin may have been, unless by some
chance it was Sir William's butler.[†] Possibly you can direct
it to a more suitable address.

Yours sincerely,

John.
Legie says W.T. was "Wm the Butler"
But he is dead now to his wife

*Power of Attorney a shareholder of New City
Estates, Ltd., 67 Yonge St. Toronto !!*

29, CHARLBURY ROAD,
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April 1st 1929.

Dr. W.W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill Medical School,
Montreal.

My dear Bill,

I wonder how all the arrangements are progressing in the Library. I have not seen Hill lately; probably you have kept him informed.

I am writing now to relieve your mind about the Beaumont. A pile of books came yesterday from Maltby's, in which I recognised a number which I had not seen for a full six months and as I was taking off the papers lo and behold the contents of one turned out to be the Beaumont innocently rebound in grey paper boards. I was so delighted to see it that I immediately forgave Maltby for not knowing that he had it and for not preserving the original boards as I had intended. I had written him twice about it and he had of course never seen or heard of it. Where it had been in the mean time- heaven knows! Now that I have it again I feel about £30 richer than I did before and infinitely relieved. I only wish that my first edition of Sir Thomas Brown would turn up in the same way.

I wrote to the Editor of the Canadian Medical Association Journal on behalf of the Osler Club to obtain permission to republish "Men and Books". They replied immediately that they would be only too pleased to have this done and agreed to co-operate in every way possible. I suppose that the right of permitting such a thing to be done really rests with the executors. I mentioned it casually to Mrs. Chapin this summer when the Club was talking about it and she seemed to think well of it. I am writing her again and I fancy that she will refer the matter to you and Archie, as Sir William's literary executors. What the Club proposes to do is to write a short introduction explaining the provenance and circumstances under which they were written, and then to edit the essays carefully with footnotes giving full bibliographical details of books mentioned in the text and other information which might be of use. I personally feel that it would be well worth while to rescue from oblivion these altogether delightful essays. Though undoubtedly turned out at great speed, there are some passages as delightful as anything that Sir William ever wrote.

Arnold Muirhead is being married On April 4th, after which I am being taken off to Holland by Lucia and Dr. Ingraham under protest, for another ^{blank} holiday. I shall think of you when I go to Bürgersdijk ^{Kniermans} at ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Leiden~~ ^{Leiden}

With best wishes to you & love to the kids

Yours ever
John

29, CHARLBURY ROAD,
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27th February 1929.

Dr. W.W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
Macgill University Medical School,
Montreal.

My dear Bill,

I believe I mentioned to you some time ago that the Osler Club wishes to reprint Sir William's 'Men and Books' from the Canadian Medical Association Journal. They have asked me to write for formal permission and I am doing so by this post. I mentioned in my letter that you could inform the Editor of the Canadian Medical Association Journal ~~about~~ ^{about} the Club in case they had any question about granting the necessary authorisation.

We are very much concerned to hear that you have had such a disagreeable time settling into your new abode, but I feel sure that all the difficulties will soon be straightened out. What changes have you had to make with regard to the shelves? I suppose as usual the carpenters did not make them of sufficient depth. The average cabinetmaker does not seem to imagine that any book is larger than the Philip Oppenheims sold on the station platforms. I am having some shelves made and it is most exasperating to have to reiterate time and again that they must be at least twelve inches deep. What will you do with the big Swammerdam and Vincent de Beauvais?!

Franc Ingram is staying with us now that Dr. Magher has left and he is joining hands with me in some experimental work at the lab. We find that by making a very small bi-lateral lesion in the base of the frontal lobe, just in front of the chiasm, the centres of the hypothalamus (the sympathetic system) become released and the animal is reduced to a savage state in which, upon the slightest provocation, there are terrific outbursts of fury and rage. It, I think, will prove a most interesting correlation between the cerebral structure and behaviour. We were put onto it really by an accident that occurred during one of Dr. Cushing's operations: the

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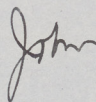
patient moved unexpectedly and the base of the brain was nicked. with one of the instruments; for three weeks the patient was in a state of acute mania, but gradually recovered. As you know, damage to any other part of the nervous system except Broca's convolution produces no change whatsoever in one's personality or memory.

There is a young chap named John Beattie a professor of anatomy in Macgill, who is doing excellent work in a similar field and seems to have real vision. I believe that he is also interested in the history of medicine so that you had better look him out some time.

Lucia is unfortunately in bed with flu, but I fancy that the worst is over. I hope that the epidemic has not visited your establishment.

With best wishes to you,

Yours ever,



29, CHARLBURY ROAD,
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February 4th 1929

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

My dear Bill:

Hill and his wife came to tea with us yesterday and brought the proof sheets of the Preface, which has just come from the Press. I think it looked excellent in print and is a great tribute to your verbal ingenuity. I am sure that you will feel happy about it when you see it in the completed volume. Hill is in an excellent state of health, but his wife says that he already begins to feel that he has not enough work to do now that the Catalogue is almost off his hands. However, he talked glibly about doing a Bibliotheca Prima of bibliographies, which will be a most amusing occupation, - Gesner, Haller, *Brunt* and all the rest.

Your friend d'Irsay has been spending several days in Oxford, and is full of enthusiasm and amusing anecdotes about all manner of things historical. He was very much excited when I showed him the proof sheets of the Catalogue. He has just finished a new Life of Haller which is being published in Leipzig, and I believe I told you about his History of Physiology. He is sailing next week and expects to be at Baltimore on February 20th at the Welch library.

More anon.

With love and best wishes to you,

Yours ever,

John

*any signs of my *Beunrat* ?*

29, CHARLBURY ROAD,

OXFORD.

TEL. 5633.

January 15th 1929

Dr. W.W. Francis,
c/o Miss Ward,
1034 Sherbrooke Street W.,
Montreal.

My dear Bill,

I was delighted to receive your card and alarmed to think that I had not written you since you departed. Do forgive me, for we have missed you in the worst way; in fact Oxford will never seem quite the same to us without your presence.

We had a pleasant time at Christmas and thought of you on the water and drank your health. Lucia and I went off to Paris on the 28th, and 'Aunt Sue' and Margaret followed a day or two later after turning over the keys to Christ Church. They stayed in Paris ^{with us} four days and then went on to Rome. They seemed much cheered by the change, and I think their stay in Rome with Mrs. Wright will do them good.

Lucia and I had a delightful time in Paris. There was a meeting of the Société Internationale de l'Histoire de la Médecine which Spudhoff attended. It was a most amusing gathering and Spudhoff made a speech in atrocious French, suggesting that at the next meeting in Italy a monument be erected to Daresburg, and that he, Spudhoff, had been credibly informed that Mussolini would bear the expense. The Frenchmen greeted the suggestion with acclaim. Spudhoff also spoke at the dinner afterwards, but his French grew worse as the evening progressed. Afterwards d'Irsay and I took him to a café at Mont Parnasse as d'Irsay thought that he had stayed long enough and might make blunders if he stayed longer in the society of Frenchmen.

I had a most successful time in the Paris book-shops and succeeded in finding many things that I had long wanted, especially relating to the history of neurology. I procured also an Eloy. The Laennecs have risen out of sight and there is now a facsimile of the 2nd edition. I have an extra copy which I shall send you if the library does not already possess it. Let me know. We shall be eager to hear how things fare with you and how the unpacking of the library progresses.

Our love to you and Hilda and Maisie,

Yours ever,

John