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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

333 CEDAR STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

November 12, 1930.

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

My dear Bill,

Many thanks for your recent letter. I was much amused by Maisie's entertaining message which you enclosed. I am returning it herewith. She must be piling up experience very rapidly. I envy you the privilege of being able to watch her development from day to day. There is nothing more diverting than this.

It was good of you to go to so much trouble about the Hale^{US} Library. It is rather a pity that we cannot run it down.

Mr. Day of the Yale Press sounds very enthusiastic about the possibility of a facsimile, but he will not, of course, come to a decision until he sees the book and your preface. I hope you are successful in finding the missing link in the provenance of your copy. I remember there was some uncertainty as to where Sieveking had bought it.

The first proofs of the Boyle Bibliography arrived this morning. Some time later I will be sending it to you for your annotations.

Yours ever,

John

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November 4, 1930.

Dear Bill,

Many thanks for forwarding the letter from Helen Streeter. I am glad you are thinking seriously of the Sir Thomas Browne facsimile. You must not disappoint us.

Had you seen the enclosed passage from the last number of Isis? Do you know anything about the destination of Hales' book?

Yours sincerely,

John
inserted in no. 1080.

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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Divisions - leaders or chapters?

28 Sept. 1930

My dear Bill

Arnold has just sent
me a copy of his memoir of
Ladys and he asks that
I submit it to you for suggestions
and emendations. He has also
sent one to 'Aunt Sue' but
I have not yet heard from her.

The last part seems to us
especially happy, & it has even
placated the critical Lucia. His

English needs a little polishing
in spots

It is his plan to issue
it privately if it meets with
your and 'Aunt Sus' approval

Luce sends her love to
all of you. Anna R. is
spending the week-end with us

Yours ever

John

Ms. returned 15-X. 20

with ~~amendations~~
+ a yellow sheet of suggestions
+ additions (servants; Revue
which-is-which). work

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October 15, 1930.

My dear Bill,

I had your wire last night and your nice letter of October 12th this morning. You are much too generour in your comments about the 'Readings'. Of course, I deeply appreciate all that you say, but you rather make me blush!

I felt very wicked to have wired you about the memoir. I did so because Mrs. Chapin wants to know about ways and means and she naturally wishes to have your guidance before she takes and steps. She would like to have it printed privately by the Oxford Press and wants to know whether this would meet with your approval. Of course any suggestions made by those who read it beforehand will be incorporated. I will write you more in detail later.

Yours ever,

John

Doctor W.W.Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal.

5 chimpanzees
10 monkeys
42 Frenchmen
arrived all at
once this afternoon !!!

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September 11, 1930

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

My dear Bill:

Your nice letter of the 5th came several days ago. It was delightful to hear from you. I am so glad you think well of the idea of publishing a facsimile of Sir Thomas Browne's Sale Catalogue. You must not be too apprehensive about the treatment of the book, for I made such a row about my Beaumont that I feel sure it can never happen again, at least at the Harvard Press. It seems that the volume was turned over to the Zincotype Company, and that they were responsible for the vandalism.

I am not sure that the book would pay for itself if done in facsimile at a university press, but it could be very easily made to pay for itself if it were taken on, for example, by the Nonesuch Press. I am sure Geoffrey Keynes would engineer it for you if you would like to do it this way. Nearly every Nonesuch book that has appeared so far has been over-subscribed long before the date of publication. If you write a nice preface copies are sure to go like hot cakes. I am writing to Geoffrey about another matter and I will mention the Sale Catalogue and see what he thinks the best procedure would be. The Yale Press would certainly undertake it with very little persuasion, but I think the Nonesuch would do it much more effectively.

Krumbhaars Elio-Medica. has been a dreadful bête-noir. I have undertaken to do a Primer of the History of Physiology, and I found that the chapter on Circulation turned out to be as long as the total space allotted for the entire book! Now I find I must logically sit down and rewrite the whole thing.

You did not send me the reprint from the Hopkins Bulletin, nor did you send the new postcards. Do be sure to let me have them.

I had a very pleasant week's holiday fishing in Maine, and I am now back trying to get my books properly arranged. Lucia is spending ten days in Topsfield before joining me here.

With love to all of you,

John Dulin

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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

August 16, 1930.

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

Dear Bill:

The Osler Club of London is issuing in November a volume in honor of Sir D'Arcy Power's seventy-fifth birthday, and it has occurred to me that you might be interested in it. I have enclosed a circular and you will see that they propose to re-print his more important papers relating to the history of medicine.

If it would simplify the problem of subscription I will send a check to Gask on my English bank and you can pay me, whenever convenient, an equivalent sum in American money.

Yours very sincerely,

John

Enc. (1)

*P.S. I have sent this letter to about 50 people
to give it publicity. I am going to be
away until Sept 8 - out to St. Paul & then
to the B.M.A. at Winnipeg.*

Enclosure inserted in 2412

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29, CHARLBURY ROAD,
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TEL. 5633.

May 5, 1930.

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

My dear Bill,

Your most delightful letter of April 23rd has just come. I had realized that the signatures in 'Darwin's Experiments', 1780, were erratic, but I had not gone through them carefully and I am most grateful to you for pointing out how astonishing they really are. I fancy this is of significance, for evidently Erasmus tampered with the text, and I have just discovered that he, and not Charles, described the cases treated with digitalis; I shall bring it to Gibson's attention at my first opportunity. You enquire about the Duncan vault in Edinburgh: Charles Darwin's tomb is still to be seen there, and I have finally succeeded in having a photograph made. Unfortunately, the industrious sacristan who arranged things, scrubbed the tablet up a bit before the photographer arrived and removed the paint from the top letters as you will see on the enclosed print. I have had a photographer friend of mine in Oxford exercise his 'photographic skill', and the black lettering is now quite restored. I hope to write a full account of Charles Darwin, which you will receive in due course. I struck oil a few weeks ago by addressing a letter to a chap named Thomas in the University of Wisconsin who is said to be writing a biography of Erasmus; I enclose his reply. It is not often that a stray letter sent out in the dark evokes so much information. The letter in the R.S.M. is not of great interest and I have had it copied; there is, however, a bit of a botanical note in Charles Darwin's handwriting which I have had photographed; it is the only example of his script that I have been able to find. I have not yet examined the Commonplace Book at Down, but I hope to do this soon. Buckston Browne, whom I mentioned in my last letter, as you probably know, presented Down House to the Nation.

We found Oberammergau very entertaining. The Zwinks, with whom we stayed, had contributed Judas on three successive occasions, but it has now been passed on to another family, and the old Judas, still hale and hearty at 87, is now with the old men in the temple. We were most amused by your Easter sermon on Jude-as and the kick on the final syllable. I have often thought that you have missed your calling and should really have been a reincarnated Rabelais.

Dr. Francis, 2.

^{Miss}~~Mrs.~~ Woolley is staying with us for several days, and she seems to be in excellent spirits. She has been regaling us with reminiscences of No. 13 and the Baltimore days. She describes you very vividly at the age of 6 in a black bow tie, etc., etc.; you really are not so ancient as your letter would imply.

I am sending you a collectoon of obituaries of Bridges for the Library; in return I must ask you to send me the full text of Sir William's suppressed note. I once made a copy of it, but I cannot seem to find it. I want particularly the passage which ran "Bridges is the rudest man I ever met" etc. Dr. Cushing sent me a copy of The Testament of Beauty early in March and asked me to take it up to Boars Hill to have Mr. Bridges write in it. I was a little alarmed by the request and procrastinated only to find to my horror that the good man had passed away while we were off on holiday. I have made a collection of reviews, etc., for H.C. to make up for my sins, and I have kept an extra set for you.

With best wishes to you,

Yours ever,

John

I haven't all the Bridges letters ready yet - but I shall see that you receive them in due season

29, CHARLBURY ROAD,
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April 9, 1930.

My dear Bill,

When I wrote a few days ago I intended to send the photograph of the Oxford Dictionary which Onions returned the other night after identifying the several people. I rather hate to part with it, and if you should ever have a photograph made, I should very much like to have it. The face of old Sir James Murray is very remarkable.

I heard Sir Andrew Balfour's paper on Dr. Welch yesterday at the School of Tropical Medicine. It was a remarkably good description of his life, full of sympathy and appreciation of his great achievements. To my utter astonishment nearly 200 people attended. Unfortunately the broadcasting of President Hoover's speech from Washington consisted chiefly of thunderstorms. The weather conditions were such that it was quite hopeless. We were reassured, however, that the proceedings were being heard perfectly in Sydney!

I had rather a day of Methuselahs, for at dinner I sat beside Dr. George Buckston Brown who presented the Darwin House at Down last year to the nation. I was rather shaken when he told me that he was on the staff of University College Hospital when Lister came to London and that he well remembered the pre-Listerian surgical wards filled with gangrene and all manner of infection. He really is a most delightful old atheist. He was started on his downward path by his chief, Sir Henry ? who published in the Forum about 1870 a paper on the efficacy of prayer in which he divided his hospital into two wards, A and B. The patients in A were ardently prayed for and the patients in B were allowed to suffer without supplication. He was of the opinion that those who were not prayed for did quite as well as those who were! This was duly set forth and set London of the 1870's into a furious uproar. There was a meeting of the Osler Club last night and "Popsy" was elected an honorary member.

Lucia and I are just off on a trip on the Continent. We go to Utrecht, Louvain, Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig, Breslau, and then on to Oberammergau to stay with the family of Judas (Zwinks)! I shall not be able to sign this as we shall have left.

With best wishes to you,

Dr. W.W. Francis.

Yours ever,
P.P. John Ingham
JA.

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Inserts in
part of
vol. 1 of
Dictionary
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2 April, 1930.

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

My dear Bill,

I have been intending to write you for a very long time but you somehow have inspired me in the gentle art of procrastination, for I think you have owed me a letter for a rather longer time than I you. Things proceed very much as usual in Oxford. Hill came in for dinner with us the other night and was much exercised about the affairs of the Bodleian. You have probably read that a Bodleian Commission has been formed to consider the future policy and to study other libraries, Continental and American. It came about from an application of the University to the General Education Board. The latter replied that they would be very pleased to consider ways and means if the University would appoint a commission to investigate library economy. Sisam the secretary, Sir Frederick Kenyon, and Sir Henry Miers, and several others are on the commission. They are leaving this week for Paris, Berlin, Vienna etc. and they are going in September to America. You will be relieved to learn that the lights are now on in Bodley and I actually stayed there last night till 7 o'clock, leaving in a blaze of artificial light. However they still will not fetch books after 4 o'clock so that the blaze of light, though useful, is not an unmixed blessing.

Lucia and I are going off to a meeting of the Physiological Society at Louvain on April 12th. We are then going to Berlin for a week and from there to Breslau to see Foerster's Clinic and back again by way of Dresden and Paris arriving Oxford on the 27th. I fancy that there may be a few bookshops en route! Did I tell you that I found a fresh copy of the first issue of Auenbrugger's Thesis, 1761, in Florence? It is a lovely copy and I am naturally rejoicing. I suppose you have seen Ronald Crane's New Essays by Oliver Goldsmith, Chicago University Press, 1927, in which Goldsmith's review of Auenbrugger from the Public Ledger is reprinted (pp. 64-68).

I am much interested at the moment in Charles Darwin, eldest son of Erasmus. I see that you have a copy of his little book and I wonder what state it is in. Is it cut? Is the binding contemporary? My copy is badly cut down and it is rebound. I should very much like to know how it first appeared. Have you any source material concerning this Charles Darwin?

Cowley
has
in Sept.
(Hush, hush,
still) + one
feels that
Hush will
mace. I will
be a colony
with fresh water

The Queen of Belgium
is coming to us at
at Palace; she
says that some
of my old ladies
will be in audience
[sic] they are to
wear morning
dress!!

2.

Have you heard anything from Salusbury MacNalty concerning the Brief Life of W.O.? Is he collaborating with you or you with him? I have heard nothing since the correspondence of last summer.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

John

Love to Hilda & Marjory. Had something else
to ask you but it has escaped me

Oh yes. Malan's library is in Salusbury
basement awaiting sale ^{or use} by private negotiation -
or failing that it will be split up & sold
in lots - I will enclose my letter to MacKall.
Have you any wealthy benefactors in the hill
£2000 or at least £2500 would do it.

Fullton

29, CHARLBURY ROAD,
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February 12, 1930.

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

My dear Bill,

Hilda's nice letter reached Lucia this morning. I am so glad that you enjoyed the prints which we sent from Italy. I have since received several photographs of the Laurentian Avicenna Codex showing the interior of a hospital, presumably of the early middle ages. This reminds me that Gruner has just published his translation of the first book of the Canon of medicine of Avicenna (London: Luzac, 46, Great Russell Street). It seems to be a very scholarly work, but unfortunately it is rather badly printed.

I am writing now to remind you about the copies of letters which you promised me concerning the Catalogue. You will remember that in August you said that you intended to have some of the more important letters copied and I am eagerly looking forward to receiving them, as I want to have a collection of memorabilia bound up. If you have not had them copied as yet, I should be most pleased to meet any expense involved.

Have you heard anything about the 80th birthday celebrations for 'Popsy' Wealch? I understand that Abraham Flexner is master of ceremonies; I hope that there will not be garlic and onions at the feast, for Popsy's palate has not become less fastidious with his years.

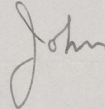
Do you know of any reviews of the Catalogue which I may not have had? I have Garrison's which is one of the best. Dr. Klebs writes me that G. fell down a few weeks ago and broke his arm; I hope it was the left and not the right.

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Dr. Francis. 2.

The Osler Society of Oxford meets here on Thursday of this week, and I am reading them a paper entitled Some early Oxford physiologists. It begins with Burdon Sanderson and works backwards through the 17th Century. The Society is having its 100th meeting at the end of this term, and they are planning a large dinner which Buzzard, Sir Charles and the President of the B.M.A. are attending. I am enclosing with this a reprint of a paper on Edward Selleck Hare. I am sure that you have never heard of him.

Yours ever,



P.S. Don't forget the copies of the letters.