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27 December 1949

My dear Bill:

I wrote to Lynn Thorndike the other day to tell him that he had shattered my faith in him as a scholar by conferring a knighthood on the Honourable Robert Boyle in his paper on Cornelius à Beughem, and now I am even more shattered to find you knighting Geoffrey Jefferson. It was Hugh Cairns who received the knighthood and it would be quite improper for the Crown to confer such distinction on two neurosurgeons simultaneously. Geoffrey received an F.R.S., which is considerably more important than a knighthood, and if you wish to please him, address him as G.J., Esq., F.R.S.

We stayed with them when I gave my Ludwig Mond Lecture in Manchester last October; but we almost didn't get there because Geoffrey in his vague way had forgotten to tell us that they had moved four years ago and in recent letters he was still using up his old letterhead. The result was that we wandered around Manchester for about three hours before we arrived at "High Bank," Didsbury (telephone: Didsbury 3677). Which reminds me of a gentle reproof which I received the other day from Robert Wartenburg for referring in my William Withering Lectures to Ostertag as "the distinguished Danish neuropathologist." Wartenburg sent me his Tübingen telephone number!

You ask about Men and Books. It has always been one of my favorites and I hope it is reprinted. I haven't any advice beyond this except to warn you that I am a prejudiced consultant.

We are having a Pavlov centenary exhibit and, as with you, Babkin's Pavlov was popped into the exhibit case the day it arrived and I haven't read it yet, but in paging it through I formed the impression that it was excellent even though written with a slightly heavy hand. I can give you a better judgment later when I have had a chance to study it carefully.

You have told me some good W.O. stories but getting there for the afterbirth tops them all! I should think that ^{perhaps} might have caused you to become the most punctual man in Christendom.

2 | By the way, have you ever seen the Riolan catalogue which is mentioned in B.O. no. 3809? I have the French version of 1654 which I suspect is the first medical book auction of which we have record. Was the Martin and Allestyre sale of 1655 conducted by auction or barter--if by auction it would be the first book auction to be held in the British Isles--but I rather believe from what Pollard says in

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Dr. Francis

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27 December 1949

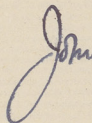
the Introduction to Catalogues of English Book Sales that it was not an auction. I am deep in my Rosenbach Lectures at the moment and I am casting about for ideas. I am happy to record that Elizabeth supplies a good many of them even if she does address letters to Montreal, Connecticut. Thank you for letting me see the letter from Rawlinson. I seem not to have sent him the G.R.O. reprint and I am doing so today and including the other two about W.O.

We have survived Christmas and are now having a visit from Charles O'Malley and his attractive dermatological wife. He is poring over our Vesalius items and comes up late at night and early in the morning with a vast amount of erudite information. We put them to bed last night about midnight and this morning toward seven, when I was having a glass of milk at our new bar (in my pajamas), who should appear but Charles O'Malley, fully clothed! The Californians are a tough race. Mrs. O'Malley appeared for breakfast at seven thirty while I was still in the tub.

We go to Boston this evening for the History of Science meetings Wednesday and Thursday. I have induced Elizabeth and Madeline to come to keep me out of trouble. I only wish that you were going to be there to lend color to the meeting. Pogo writes me this morning that he has accepted an offer to go to Palomar to help with some astronomical project. This means that he is retiring as Secretary-Treasurer which will be a great loss to the Society. However, I am much relieved that he has a post since the Carnegie people abruptly cut off all of Sarton's staff on his retirement October 1st. It was a brutal thing to do to a man like Pogo who has been a Carnegie employee for nearly twenty-five years. They offered him a retiring allowance of \$250 a year. I often wanted to choke Van Bush and if I happened to see him tomorrow, I think I should polish him off.

Happy New Year!

Yours ever devotedly,



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31 October 1949
OSLER LIBRARY,
14 Dec., 1949.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Fulton,
100 Deep Wood Drive,
Hamden, W. Francis
The Osler Library
New Haven,
Conn., University
Montreal, Canada

My dear Lucia;

Many Christmas greetings! We think Marian has sent you a card, but written perhaps before the event although posted after. Some doings last Friday 9th, viz. Charlotte Elizabeth, not expected for ten days or more, woke her imminent mother ominously at 1.30, forty miles out. They gathered up the one-year-old, &c. &c. and raced the stork into town at eighty miles per hour with two broken chains. She narrowly escaped being born an Indian at Caughnawaga, the famous Oslerian reservation on our outskirts, and reached the "Maternity" just in time for her first war-whoop at 3.20! All serene and happy, but Andy swears that future babies shall be born in situ at Grinstown, or not at all! The augmented family will be coming to us next week for a while.

I am delighted to hear that Aunt Sue found my piece on G.R.O. satisfactory. I shall be glad to send you a copy. One's a fine 6 lb. 9 oz. specimen, apparently resembling Rawlinson. We have not yet had reprints of Osler the Humanist although it appeared three months ago.

Yours ever,

My dear John,

I hope you're having a breathing spell. What do I hear about Louvain? And when? I think I owe you a few remarks and comments. Jessie wrote me that your "European diary is thrilling" - any copy coming my way? It would be savoured and, if necessary, even returned. That was a grand bit of birthday Latinity from Waller. I see you questioned COLENDI, which looks right to me - "Equally proficient in the art both of (atque) writing books and of cultivating friends."

Love from the entire tribe to you both and the gals.

Yours ever,

WFF:cd

Bill

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31 October 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
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My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your nice welcome-home letter. The bar flourishes, and I only wish you could be here to help me celebrate la crise de cinquante ans! I have given your message to Madeline. Eric Waller has just sent me a long cable in Latin which runs as follows:

PHYSIOLOGO UNICE PERSPICACI HISTORIAE MEDICINAE SANE
PERITO LIBROS SCRIBENDI ATQUE AMICOS COLENDI ARTE
AEQUE PERFECTO QUINQUAGENARIO PIE SALUTEM. 22

DEDITISSIMUS ERICUS WALLER

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Yours ever,

John

John Fulton

N.B. Read me your European mag is thrilling.

DR. JOHN F. FULTON
333 CEDAR STREET
NEW HAVEN · CONNECTICUT

19 December 1949

My dear Bill:

Your nice letter from the Osler Library of 14 December arrived at Mill Rock several days ago and we were most delighted to hear of Charlotte Elizabeth, Marian's second child. We are, of course, glad that it didn't arrive in the taxi as have the children of some of our friends, and I would urge Andy, if Aesculapius or he himself plans to have further offspring that he acquaint himself with the gentle art of delivery so that the next may not have the jarring psychosomatic experience of a forty-mile trip at eighty miles an hour.

With regard to my European diary, I don't think it is quite up to standard because of the heat in France last summer but I did write it out by hand and I am asking Madeline to send you the top copy, in the firm belief that you will return it because we don't have an extra. Esther Rosencrantz had my sister's copy--Florence, living in Santa Barbara.

We are not doing too much about Christmas; indeed, we shall be glad when the Christmas-New Year's paralysis is over, but we much appreciated your letter.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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

*I have been
reproached for
this lack of
the spirit of
Christmas!*

OSLER LIBRARY,
18 Nov., 1949.

Miss M. Stanton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear *TTT*

I am returning by book post two of the five borrowed books, viz. the unbound Laehr, "Gedenktage" and Kraepelin, with reiterated thanks.

I was thoroughly and delightfully be-lated last Monday with a p.-c. from you, and letters from John and Elizabeth. If Perky had clipped in it would have been complete. Perhaps 't were better to spread the joy over a week or so, but don't let that discourage any of you.

Do you like your friend Crucifixski's successor?
I haven't heard him yet. *I hope to have to see him.*

Love to all,

Bill

WWF:cd

*PS. Much more to come
right y wtf of facsimiles
are. Forthampton too (if
not indisputable) and speaking of
facsimiles - who does one
know?*

OSBORN LIBRARY,
8 Nov., 1943.

Miss M. Stanton,
Historical Library,
83 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear *W*

This is to acknowledge with Franciscan and
Margottian thanks the receipt (out of customs) of the
Lachr, Lit. d. Psych., I & II, 1, 2, (3 vols.); (Lachr,
Codenktago d. Psych. 1893 (unbound); Krappelin, 100
Jahre Psych., 1918 (unbound) on interlibrary loan, for
the use of Dr. Margotts. *etc. 12 Nov.*

I enclose, or shall soon, 56 cents in U. S.
stamps for the postage. Also a note for John about
alleged Oslerian depredations on Sherington's old books.

I hope Elizabeth got back all her MS., which
should have reached her on the 5th.

Entirely

Will

WLF:cd
Encl:-

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Historical Library

25 October 1949.

Dear Dr. Bill:

The two Laehr items and the Kraepelin went off to you today and I trust will reach you without delay and without anyone having to tangle with the Customs. I had the package sent by regular book post (56 cents postage!) in the hope that there would be less difficulty with the mails than with express. I hope this is so.

It was good to see your fist once more, but I was sorry to hear about Mike and his black eye. By this time it should have faded to an interesting lavender and I hope both grannies have survived the ordeal.

Lucia and John returned on the 12th, glad enough to be home again - but what a trip they had had! I have an idea that their own beds felt marvellous to them; some day you must hear the account of the trek to Bordeaux and of their experiences there. It is quite a tale. In their absence, Lucia had had the reception room by the stairs equipped with a bar, I understand as a birthday present for John! In any event, it is a little startling to see it in that Victorian atmosphere, but I gather that it is very popular - and much used.

The harem sends much love to you; you should see how avidly your communications are read by each individual member.

Devotedly,

Wladimir

OSLER LIBRARY,
21 Oct., 1949.

Miss M. Stanton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear Madeline,

Our psychiatric Institute and (particularly) our historian of that ilk, Dr. Margetts, are anxious to have look at the following books. They are not in the "H. C. Collection", but if you have any of them and could lend them, it might save us the expense having them filmed at the A. M. L.

- ✓ Leahr, Heinrich, Gedenktage der Psychiatrie ...
4. ed. Berlin, Reimer, 1895. *Ad 18.xi*
- " " , Die Literatur der Psychiatrie,
Neurologie u. Psychologie von
1459 bis 1799. 3 vols. Berlin,
Reimer, 1900.
- " " for the earlier ed. Berlin, ... in
18. Jahrhundert, 1895,
- ✓ Kraepelin, Emil, Hundert Jahre Psychiatrie, Berlin,
Springer, 1918. *Ad 18.xi*

I enclose the program of our official dinner, Oct. 6th.
Too much grads.; Davy had to cut down his speech (on actual achievements
of W. O. - very good).

When will John be home? Love to all and apologies to
Elizabeth for not yet returning her MS.

W.F.

W.F:ed
Encl:-

*all
Bris/*

Fulton

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
LAWRENCE AND KANSAS CITY

THE CLENDENING
LECTURESHIP
on the
HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY
OF MEDICINE



INITIAL LECTURE, 1949 BY
JOHN FARQUHAR FULTON, M.D., LL.D.
STERLING PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY
and
KEEPER OF MEDICAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS
YALE UNIVERSITY

IN 1949 Mrs. Logan Clendening
presented to the School of Medicine of the
University of Kansas a sum of money to estab-
lish a lectureship on the history and philosophy
of medicine in memory of her husband, the
late Dr. Logan Clendening.

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

announces that the initial series of lectures will be given by Dr. John Farquhar Fulton of Yale University. The first lecture will be given in the auditorium of Strong Hall at Lawrence. The second lecture will be given in the amphitheatre of the Clinic Building of the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City.

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES

Tuesday, November 15, 11 a.m. (Lawrence)

"VESALIUS FOUR CENTURIES LATER"

Tuesday, November 15, 4 p.m. (Kansas City)

"ENGLISH MEDICINE IN THE EIGHTEENTH
CENTURY"

*Physicians and students are
cordially invited to attend*

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12 November 1949.

Dear Bill:

Thanks so much for sending us a copy of L. W. Brockington's "Address on the life of William Osler" - with correction by W.W.F. We are very glad to have it to add to our other centennial memorabilia. Are you, by the way, going to bind up a volume? We have put aside a good many things, but there are many others yet to get. If you have duplicates of notices in the Canadian journals, pray do not forget us - as I am sure you will not.

I have not yet sent you a copy of my note on Lady O., but I have been waiting for the reprints of the paper on Sir William in the Archives of Internal Medicine. The blankety-blank Office of the A.M.A. is slower than cold molasses, for the journal has been out since July.

I'm just finishing off my two Logan Clendening Lectures to be given at Lawrence and Kansas City next Tuesday. I shall give your warm greetings to Dr. Lind if you would like to have me do so.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



John Fulton

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

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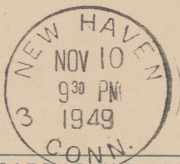
10 November 1949.

Dear Dr. Bill:

Thanks for yours of the 8th, for the postage, and for the Davey note transferred to John. He was a bit mystified by it all; but then, he is in a daze trying to prepare two L. Clendening lectures in much too short a time. He goes out Monday evening, back Friday morning, giving one lecture at Lawrence in the morning and another in K.C. in the afternoon; then on to Topeka to talk about the frontal lobes or whatever it is makes people candidates for luney (meaning looney, I guess) bins. I hope four months in Louvain are going to provide a much calmer, academic, not to say cloistered, existence!

Yours,

MS



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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The Osler Library,

McGill University,

Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

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9 November 1949

Dear Dr. Bill:

What?
 6.12

From a grateful heart in a very tired body I send you my thanks for your last stint of reading for me. The little slip you pasted on the very last batch, I shall frame. The cutting process which is now keeping up until late o' nights is something like Shylock's pound of flesh. The first ten thousand went off regretfully but not too painfully but how the rest is to be accomplished, I am not at all sure at this moment, short of rewriting the whole thing.

But don't let me pass along my depression. Let me tell you of more pleasant things. John had a very nice birthday party last week and Lucia had invited a small group who know each other well, most of them, except a few latecomers like me, having been around since John and Lucia first came here. He got everything from some mechanical teeth to a pop gun--from champagne to a dissecting set of Oliver Wendell Holmes. (Delete Oliver Wendell--I'm cutting things out in my sleep!)

Two days later a select group "crowded" into a small room at the Faculty Club to see him and Dean deVane get decorated and kissed on both cheeks. As I was standing in the doorway afterward waiting for Madeline, a well-dressed grey-haired lady in her late fifties came out looking somewhat bewildered and she said to me "That wasn't the Radcliffe College tea was it?" The director of cultural relations, or something, from the French Embassy in Washington--very charming and very hot--made a very nice affair of it, speaking first in English and then in French. I don't suppose our Radcliffe friend yet knows what she witnessed!

It is after six and Madeline and I must start for home. We are in the process of getting John off for Kansas next week to inaugurate the Clendening Lectureship in the History and Philosophy of Medicine--he has no business to be taking either the time or energy, but in the circumstances it was difficult to refuse this particular invitation. Since Prof. Lind is there, he feels he has to do one of the⁽²⁾lectures on Vesalius.

We hope you won't have to be attached to the diet or the scales for long. And thank you again--more than I can say.

Most affectionately

Yng
Elisabeth

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John & Lucie Fulton

28th wedding
anniversary 1949.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
27 Oct., 1949.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

Welcome home! How I wish I could patronize the new Mill-Rock-Deep-Dive bar at its official uncorking on your and All (other) Saints' Day. Many happy ones!

Thank Madeline for hers of the 25th and for posting the Laehrs and the Kraepelins, which are doubtless resting in our postal customs, whence it is always possible to retrieve them within a few weeks. Not so, from the Express customs which take a month and the Biblical "uttermost farthing." Wise girl to post them, when I had forgotten to warn her. I've noted the postage, which is strictly refundable on inter-library loans.

Sue found your "G R O" very satisfying (I think that was the term) and threatens to send me one of the reprints Madeline sent her. I've read and re-read it in the Bulletin. M. will send me a reprint doubtless, and please send one to Dr. H. E. Rawlinson, Prof. of Anatomy, U. of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta., who, I find, is an ardent G R O fan.

Love to you and Lucia and all the gals.

As ever,

Bill

WWF:cd

OSLER LIBRARY,
26 Sept., 1949.

Miss M. Stanton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear Madeline,

Yes, many thanks. I did receive the Epitome and I woke up in the night last week wondering whether I'd acknowledged ^{it} went to sleep feeling sure I hadn't, and next morning, and since, my nightmare and good resolutions were both forgotten! I haven't read it (having suffered much with the original MS.) except enough to criticize my Hebrew Vesalian Etziony's review of it for the Journal. He's a grateful and satisfactory pupil and has learned to write decent English. If you don't agree on reading the review, you should have seen his first drafts ten years ago!

Thanks for crediting the Osler with the A. M. L. Inc. cat. order. More Lectures (with a cap.)? Remind me to send John a comical memo about K. C. and the great Oxford Dictionary.

My tan? What a summer! My tint would have Jim-Crowed me on any Southern conveyance.

Once more. Your Edward St. address seems to be the same; who chaperones you now? And how have dear old "Grandma" and "Auntie(?)" survived the transplantation?

Love to the seraglio, yourself particularly,

W. D. Fries
1949

WDF:cd

MS. Dan told me that he could have

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24 September 1949.

Dear Dr. Bill:

Thanks for your note to the gang. I'm glad you sent it, for otherwise I think the copy of the Incunabula Catalogue that had been ordered would have put the name of the Medical Library rather than the Osler Library on the list of Subscribers. I have made a note for Henry Schuman's office and hope that the result will be what you wish. I think there must be a minor, second-stage campaign going on, for you are not the only subscriber who has been asked again!

Good news from the travellers. They were at Pura yesterday, in Geneva to-day on their way back to Paris. John sent me a cable from Le Puy-en-Velay which pleased me enormously! In case you don't know, they have been motoring for the past week, and I hope have had a more peaceful time with fewer gastronomic hurdles and less heat to combat than in Paris. All through the Congress it was 94, 95, and 96°, and John found only one air-cooled bar, and that not very early on. I have moments of thinking that they will both need a good rest when they get back to N.H. Small chance for John, however, for he has the Logan Clendening Lectures to give in K.C. early in November, not to mention a good many domestic problems to straighten out.

Did that copy of the so-called Lind Epitome reach you safely? I am sure that I sent it off, as ordered, but you are so apt to have 'border trouble' that I rather wondered if it had actually reached its destination.

How has your tan been this year? Are you knees as brown as they were when Eliz. and I paid our visit?

Affectionately, *Wladimir*

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20 September 1949

Dear Dr. Bill:

First let me tell you that John's paper on Lady Osler was published in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine which I don't think has yet arrived. He spoke of ~~the~~ letter to Mrs. Jason Mixter when she was here at the Harvey Cushing Society meetings with Dr. Mixter and later sent her a carbon of the paper. "Aunt Sue" read that and has written Madeline for reprints which she will send as soon as we receive them.

The Vesalian blocks, alas, were destroyed by fire in the bombing of Munich. I think I shall put in a footnote to that effect in the book because I hadn't mentioned it. I find that in the chapters I sent you ~~there~~ is considerable smoothing to be done—I hope the blemishes won't hold you up.

*sent p.c. to
Rawlinson
Edwards
22.1x.*

We were much amused at your titles--there were one or two of the serious ones that seemed definite possibilities. Before your letter came I had thought of Militant Samaritan. How does that strike you? Thinking of a good title is almost as difficult as writing the book!

John and Lucia are now on a motor trip through southern France, their ultimate destination Lugano whence they expect to make a day trip to Pura to see the Sigerists. John has probably written you that they have found food extremely dear but up to high standards and taxis hard to find because of short rations of gasoline. During the Congress John attended eight-and-ten-course dinners with the best of wines and then expresses surprise that he has gained a few pounds despite the fact that he has kept away from sugar and starches! But I imagine he counts it all worth while.

It is nearly six so I shall close with a poem from the Saturday Review of Literature:

Galley Proof

No Sho, the author
Always methodical,
Used to make notes of publishing
Schedules.
But he quit when Mrs. No.
Found on his desk
A chit of enigma.

P.T.O.

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How innocent was his memo:
Will have 30 gals next day
But Mrs. No wrote on it:
I think you exaggerate.

30 September 1949

Affey
Your
Elizabeth

Dear Dr. Bill:
First I want to tell you that John's paper on Lady
Galen is in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine
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P.T.C.

125 3 Nov.
57 Ralston Avenue
Hamden 14, Conn.
11 September 1949

Dear Dr. Bill,

My apologies are due you! I did receive the third installment of manuscript with your nice letter. I intended to acknowledge it and send you some more chapters very shortly after I started on my vacation, but I discovered that Mr. Schuman has given up pre-Christmas publication (because I have been so slow) and since that gave me a breathing spell and since the temperature went up again in the nineties, I gave up and did not work at all.

Madeline and I were hard at it until one and two in the morning before we left on 20 August. Because of illness in the Schuman family, we spent our week at the Folly Cove Inn nearby and only drove up to New Hampshire to see Winnepesaukee and came right back. The swimming was wonderful and we had a delightful time, despite the fact that our hostess, being a house mother at Smith, runs the house (there were only about ten or twelve guests) somewhat like a dormitory with meals at definite hours and dark looks from the Irish maid if there is any lateness. You will be amused to know that her name is Mrs. William Shakespeare and she had a hairdo that made her resemble the Mad Hatter.

Proof of the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine (of which our Mr. Kilgour is the new managing editor) faced me immediately on return so only during the last two days have I ~~xx~~ gotten back to my own manuscript and done the typing necessary to get it off to you. This batch has been done by five different typists (in my rush to get it finished), some of them not very good, but I hope you can read it. Again I haven't had time to go over it and here and there are some blanks which must be filled in. I'm including a page with some possible titles on it—we're having a dreadful time trying to think of an appealing title since we don't want to use just Dr. Cushing's name, both because that's what John used and because many of the modern generation don't know the name. Can you think of something—the enclosed aren't very good.

Thank you so much for the reprints and for returning the Mond Lecture. John will be grateful for your commendation since he has been rather uncertain about it. I dislike footnotes, too, and have always wanted to write a piece on "Footnote and Fancy Free." I should like very much to keep the reprints which I have read and enjoyed, but if finding others for John and/or the Library is difficult, I shall reluctantly give these up.

You will be interested to hear that we had a cable from Lucia yesterday saying that ^{it was announced that} the President of the Republic at the banquet of the International Neurological Congress ~~announced that~~ that the President of the Republic had bestowed on John the rank (?) of Officier of the Légion d'Honneur. We are all excited about it.

I must stop now because Mother, Madeline, and I have been invited out to tea and it is time for me to get ready. I am happy indeed to know that you like my book and hope you will think this batch up to the preceding ones.*

Most affectionately,

4 more to come

Elizabeth

Telephone:
Mayfair 7777.
Telegrams:
Mayfairtel, Piccy, London.

The May Fair Hotel,
Berkeley Square,
London, W.1.

~~The~~ Tuesday
14 Aug. 1948

My dear Bill

Temp. +
Humidity both
95 at
midnight
Thursday

Your thoughtful and cheering
letter of 3 Aug. reached us on the
4th, but because as
I was both as collapsed by the heat
as the efforts of getting off that we
followed your advice and wrote no one;
but we are now quite recovered
and are catching up. It was a nice
crossing, even if tropical until the
day before we reached England.

We arrived yesterday at 2:30 PM
(Southampton) and from by car to the
May Fair. My Zuckerman met us

Reginald Miles dinner. Whole

P.B. I had not heard about
making a point of seeing him

P.P.S. I was feeling
a little under the
weather on the
boat (Lucie) as I bid on the
slips the next morning quite
the when I was discovered I
had won \$430 - well
substantially I
cleaned \$200.00
from my
bag.

and Arnold had supper with us. Today
we headed with Dorothy & A at the
Book room, and ^{Mr} Lane just returned
for dinner with the Mellanbys (he
has just retired as Secy. of the M.C.C.)

Have had a good day - Quaritch
had a copy of the Ludwig Mond
Catalogue, 2 vols & the huge portfolios
1910, for \$18 (which I thought was
cheap), and I am sending it to
New Haven. The Mond pictures
represented the largest bequest ever
received by the National Gallery. I
discovered that Sir Edward M. Jarr. the
Mond lecturer five years ago & that he
is giving the Wm Withering lectures in 1950.
He suggests exchanging MSS.
Devoted always J.D.D.

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*I've written a line
to a steamer.
3rd. class.*

1 August 1949

My dear Bill:

The letter was so ingenious that I thought of course you were its author. I didn't appreciate that Trotula's husband had such a sense of humor. I hope you have seen G.J.'s Listerian Oration which appeared in a recent number of the B.M.J. I am sure it is the finest thing he has ever written. If my Ludwig Mond Lecture even approaches it, I shall feel more than satisfied. A little later Elizabeth may send you a carbon for your scrutiny. I should very much like to have your criticism before it is delivered. I have sent one up to Lew Weed to read and he promises to return it promptly.

We sail Thursday night at midnight of the 4th on the Queen Elizabeth and we shall be at the May Fair until September 1st. During September we shall be at the Regina in Paris.

With best wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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25 July 1949

My dear Bill:

I have just had the copy of the letter of 24 May which I assume you have concocted over the signature of Marlene Yorrick Davis with the intent of confounding Sir William Osler and all of his admirers. I have read it with the greatest delight and with many other emotions. I thank you warmly for allowing me to see it, because there are few who had concocted such a document who would allow their friends to see it.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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

*Amid typed - no copy 29th
by green John
Et tu, brute? - concern b.
~ 4 p.m. chance in with me
in the title when you are over
there if you agree.
Enclosed please find 100 of the
new photographs.*

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18 July 1949.

My dear Bill:

How nice of you to send the centenary dinner programme with the signed W.O. lecture card for 1877! They are delightful memorabilia, and we are putting them into our exhibit at once.[†] Thanks also for the card of invitation - Penfield and Feindel must have had great fun.

Have you seen the leader from The Times (London) for July 12th? I am trying to discover who wrote it. Do you happen to know? The Oxford University Press inserted in The New York Times for the 12th an advertisement of the 'Life', calling attention to the centenary.

I am glad to report that my arm continues to behave itself, but I am going to have a whopping scar which will prove for all time that I have been vaccinated.

The gals join me in sending affectionate greetings.

Yours ever,


John Fulton

† We have just had the Oxford ones this morning from

Hugh Cairns

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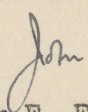
My dear Bill

I am preparing a bibliography of the writings of Michael Servetus (1511-1553) and as his works are all rare I am attempting to compile a census of copies.

Enclosed are two copies of a short-title list, and I should warmly appreciate it if you could indicate on one copy any titles that may be in your library and return it to the above address.

If you have any works of Servetus not indicated, will you kindly list them?

Yours very truly,


John F. Fulton, M.D.

*I think we know what you have - but possibly
you have more dark horses!*

A Short-Title List of the Writings of

MICHAEL SERVETUS

1511 - 1553

known also as MICHAEL VILLANOVANUS

I. DE TRINITATIS ERRORIBUS libri septem

<i>Rel. O. 7765</i> 1. Original edition	(Hagenau)	1531
<i>Rel. O. # 641</i> 2. Spurious reprint	(Regensburg)	1721 ?
3. Dutch translation (Van de Dolinghen inde Drievuldigheyd)	(Amsterdam)	1620
4. English translation (On the Errors of the Trinity)	Cambridge, Mass.	1932

II. DIALOGORUM DE TRINITATE libri duo

5. Original edition	(Hagenau)	1531
6. Spurious reprint	(Regensburg)	1721 ?
7. Dutch translation (Eenige andere kleyne tractaetjens)	(Amsterdam)	1620
8. English translation (Dialogues on the Trinity)	Cambridge, Mass.	1932

III. PTOLEMAEUS, Geographicae Enarrationis libri octo

<i>Rel. O. 2837</i> 9. First edition	Lyon	1535
10. Second edition	(Vienne)	1541

IV. IN LEONARDUM FUCHSIUM APOLOGIA

11. Original edition	Lyon	1536
12. Facsimile reprint	(Oxford)	1909)

V. SYRUPORUM UNIVERSA RATIO

13. Original edition	Paris	1537
<i>Rel. O. # 844</i> 14. Second "	Venice	1545
15. Third "	Lyon	1546
16. Fourth "	Lyon	1547
17. Fifth "	Venice	1548

VI. IN QUENDAM MEDICUM APOLOGETICA DISCEPTATIO PRO ASTROLOGIA

18. Original edition	Paris	1538
<i>Rel. O. 845</i> 19. Tollin reprint	Berlin	1880

VII. BIBLIA SACRA ex Santis Pagnini tralatione

<i>Rel. O. 843</i> 20. Original edition	Lyon	1542
21. Another issue	Lyon ?	?

VIII. CHRISTIANISMI RESTITUTIO

22. Original edition	(Vienne)	1553
23. Fragment: De trinitate divina	London	1723
<i>Ca 1140 - 24. Murr reprint (date on final page)</i>	(Nürnberg)	1790
<i>FS9</i> 25. Fragment: De regno Christi, liber primus (&c.)	Alba Julia	1569
26. Polish fragment: Rozdział Starego Testamentu	(Pinczów ?)	1568?)
27. Polish fragment: Okazanie Antychrysta y iego krolestwa	n.p.	n.d.
<i>Rel. O. # 840</i> <i>Wiederherstellung des Christen-</i>	<i>Wiesbaden</i>	<i>1895-1908</i>
<i>FS98</i> <i>Fragment: pp. 170-1 from orig. ed., ed. by W. B. Moore, Oxf. pr</i>		<i>1908</i>

"see attached sheet" - with transcript of Collat cards of handwritten text in 22 Aug 1845

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15 July 1949

Dear Dr. Bill:

It was wonderful to hear your voice the other night and made me wish more than ever to see you again. You are wonderful to be willing to read my ms. for me, but I feel guilty to send it to you when you should be having a holiday.

However, I am mailing ten chapters herewith. I am sorry to say that I haven't even read them and since Perky has been helping me with the typing and sometimes can't read the handwritten insertions, there may be blanks. Certainly you will find that punctuation and smoothing here and there is still needed.

John is much better. Although our library is now closed on Saturdays (all day), Madeline, John, and I have been here since 8:30 and it is now nearly 4:00. Time to leave, I think, and to say goodbye and an eternal thank you to you.

Affectionately,

Elizabeth

*Sent to chs. I - VIII 2 Aug.
Knew said. was to volume.
pens too short. Every spelling of H.C.'s.*

OSLER LIBRARY,
14 July, 1949.

Dr. John Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

My dear John,

It was very good of you to telephone me last night and to telegraph me on the 12th. I read your message at the dinner (program enclosed). Now, this morning, comes your astonishing letter about what you've survived and how! You aren't easy to kill, witness coccidioides, B.M.R.'s, &c., but thanks be for penicillin!

It reads as though you were really celebrating the bicentennial of Jenner (17 May, 1749) with the modern passion for dramatization! Anyway, of all the W. O. celebrations, he would certainly most appreciate yours.

Alfred Franklin, wrote that the Osler Club was dining at the R. C. S., thirty-eight members and seventy in all; Gilbert Frankau to speak on "Are we over-doctored" with "a little Oslerolatry before and after".

How we cursed the penicillium when it got rampant in our media in Popsy's lab. in 1899! I take it all back.

Yours ever,

WWF:ed
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P.S. Andy and Marian will be delighted with your letter.

P. P. S. Also enclosed: one of W. O.'s lecture cards 1877.



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YALE FELTON

Sir Howard Flacey - 2

12 July 1949

had visibly diminished and the arm felt sore as though it belonged to me (it had become numb enroute). At seven-thirty Jack Bumstead
My dear Howard:

I must seize upon Osler's 100th birthday to tell you a tale about penicillin which would have been a very unhappy one for me had the antibiotics not existed! I like to think how thrilled Sir William would have been could he have known about penicillin.

Our Immigration people have become very fussy about vaccination, and American physicians in consequence have become correspondingly conscientious about actually vaccinating people before signing certificates. I have been vaccinated three times within recent years without ever having had it take, so when I went in the other day for my typhoid shot Bumstead said, 'Just let me scratch you lightly so that you can have a proper vaccination certificate'. This he did and I thought nothing more of it until a week later when the spot became very angry-looking. During the next ten days it increased alarmingly to the size of a shilling piece with heavy and painful induration for three inches beyond the periphery in all directions. We were all surprised by the "take" and particularly by its extent, but thought nothing more of it until several days ago when I began to have a little fever and nausea - this as I was leaving for President Conant's Conference at Harvard on the Place of Science in General Education. By Saturday I felt thoroughly uncomfortable but thought I was merely having a G.I. upset, and when I read my paper before the Conference I had that distant feeling of being uncertain whether I was speaking or someone else. After stumbling over several early sentences I got through it all right and was able to answer several questions afterward.

That evening I went out to Manchester to be with Lucia and her mother. Franc Ingraham was there and took a look at my arm saying that this sort of thing often happens to children, and that they may become heated and nauseated with it. The next day, Sunday the 10th, I felt horribly but attended the morning session of the Conference at the end of which my whole left arm was as big as a balloon with what I took to be a rapidly spreading cellulitis extending from the shoulder to the wrist; and it was growing bluer and bluer. I couldn't run a single reputable Boston physician or surgeon to earth on this Sunday afternoon in July, so I bribed a druggist to give me some 50,000 unit penicillin tablets. I chewed them all the way to New Haven (some fourteen of them by which time the stomach wouldn't tolerate anything further). When we drew into New Haven the swelling

Sir Howard Florey - 2

12 July 1949

had visibly diminished and the arm felt more as though it belonged to me (it had become numb enroute). At seven-thirty Jack Bumstead gave me 300,000 units of penicillin intramuscularly and he repeated the same dose the next morning and again today. Although the primary pustule with a good deal of induration about it is still present this morning, the arm has practically returned to normal; I am sure that had I waited another twelve hours it would not have been possible to save it.

You no doubt have letters of this sort from many of your friends. For me penicillin means that I can go on with my work in experimental surgery, and I shall be eternally grateful to you.

Yours ever devotedly,



P.S. At Mr. Conant's Conference that attractive fellow, Thornton Page of Magdalen, turned up behind a red beard that made him look like a minor prophet. When someone started to introduce him to me I hadn't the faintest recollection that I had ever seen him before - and I was a member of the Committee that sent him to Oxford; and I think I also had a hand in getting him into Magdalen!

Sir Howard Florey
16 Parks Road
Oxford, England

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The Osler Library
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Montreal, Canada

My dear Bill:

Centennial greetings to you! I am just recovering,
somewhat miraculously, from an indisposition which you will
find described in the enclosed carbon to Howard Florey.
Everyone tells me that I am extraordinarily lucky.

How profoundly excited W.O. would have been about
penicillin!

Yours ever,



John Fulton

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12 July 1949

LABORATORY OF PHYSIOLOGY

Dr. Andrew Kelen
Ormstown Medical Centre
Ormstown, Quebec

My dear Andrew:

I can think of no more appropriate day on which to write you than Sir William's hundredth birthday. Your gracious letter of 1 July was a little slow in arriving, perhaps because of the reprint enclosed. I am delighted to see the paper in print as I had personally very much wanted it for the Journal of Neurophysiology, but our Board is fighting shy of papers with a largely chemical slant. It has been very well handled by the Canadian Journal of Research, and I hope that when you have something else of a neurophysiological character that you will wish to submit it to our Journal.

I am glad to hear that you are now happily settled at Ormstown, and that Ormstown is on one of the main routes to the States. Sometime before too long I hope we may be able to descend upon you.

With warm greetings to Marian,

Yours very sincerely,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

✓ Copy to Dr. Francis

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Historical Library

7 July 1949

Dear Dr. Bill,

I have been so long finishing off my manuscript that I am wondering whether you are still in Montreal or off on a holiday somewhere. Before sending you the manuscript I thought I had better enquire as to whether you were still of a mind to read it or whether other matters may now prevent.

I trust your papers are now a thing of the past. As I burnt the midnight oil I have thought of you sympathetically--writing is bad enough in itself, but writing about someone who was so close must be terribly difficult.

How is the dieting? John is on another plateau and the next pound seems to be reluctant to leave. Wish I might say I had dropped a few, but while *Life with Farquhar* and *Life with Cushing* have nearly submerged me, I am afraid I look as if I'd thrived on it. I'm aiming now to have the ms. all typed by July 15th but I should like to send you a portion of it as soon as I have word that Barkis is still willing.

I loved your last letter and wish I deserved more of them.

Loudly,

Elizabeth

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OSLER LIBRARY,
5 June, 1949.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

My dear John, Courville is an old friend of ours and
Bingham when I was there as a voluntary assist-
ant manager of neuropathologists. He became
a profound admirer both for W.O. and H.C.

and as an evangelist he has been doing things about it ever
since. I am much surprised that you and he have not earlier
My dear John, fruitful collaboration. His heart is in the

right place. I'm glad to hear about Courville's virtues, but
I was aghast at his co-authoring me and making me put Sargent
far below Seymour Thomas, &c., even if it was in a burst of
gratitude on his part for imparted information.

Wasn't it W. O. (or did he get it from "Klebs" -
father or son?) who gave Billroth "the futility of brains with
no technique" (Bibl. O., end of 1st par. on p. xviii)?

Hilda will be glad that Lucia liked the Farquar
project, but I shan't show her your letter. She took a shine
to Simon Flexner in Geneva and wouldn't take me on till she was
convinced that he was hopelessly and happily married.

Fancy Abe! Archie and I have "released" W. O.'s
"whole-time" vols., number 7651, at the request of Chesney who is
using a copy of the Kelly correspondence (therein) for the 2nd
vol. of his J. H. history. Even Popay Welch had an Achilles
heel and did some wishful thinking. Did you see
that Abe is taking a course in philosophy at Columbia? He
should have done it seventy-five years ago.

With best wishes, Love to the gals,

Yours ever,

Yours ever,

John Fulton

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WFF:cd

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31 May 1949.

My dear Bill:

Cyril Courville is an old friend of ours and served at the Brigham when I was there as a voluntary assistant with H.C.'s menagerie of neuropathologists. He became bitten with a profound admiration both for W.O. and H.C. and as an evangelist he has been doing things about it ever since. I am much surprised that you and he have not earlier entered into fruitful collaboration! His heart is in the right place, but I think he perhaps illustrates what Klebs said of Billroth - the futility of brains without technique. But he is a good neuropathologist.

We have incorporated G.R.C.'s fire letter; it is a little long, but Temkin is cooperative and I hope he will accept it. I had wondered about the references to her being a cripple. I seem to recall that she once mentioned a sprained ankle at the time, so I put that in square brackets; or was it housemaid's knee?

Yes, I did see your proposal about a Life with Farquhar, but I thought I was supposed not to see it, so I made no comment. Lucia was convulsed as she was also permitted to share. I am just off to New York to try and keep Aydelotte from doing anything silly to the Rhodes scholarships and the Eastman professorship. We have never quite recovered from his sending Simon Flexner to Oxford without consulting anyone. I thought it the world's worst appointment; but perhaps one shouldn't say unkind things of the departed. Did you see that Abe is taking a course in philosophy at Columbia? He should have done it seventy-five years ago.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



John Fulton

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OSLER LIBRARY,
27 May, 1949.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
535 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

"Prompt", yes, but any excuse to dodge the overdue 1500 words for the B. M. J., over which I sweat much more blood than ink. Yesterday an L. A. "Medical Evangelist" sent me a screed which I had to castigate in a hurry - about W. O. portraits. I had given him a few notes, so he put my name before his as co-thor! "It's your good deeds that get you into trouble", as my late friend Howell always said.

x. Yes, it would be a good idea to incorporate GRO's fire letter. As far as I know it has been printed only in the Transcript in 1936. I suppose it was written to the Spooner cousins when they were still in China.

Glad you liked the "me-owery"; but Hilda is impatient to know your reaction to the projected Life with Farquhar - or didn't Madeline dare pass that squib on to the Boss?

Yours ever,

Bill

WTF:cd

"from cripples" - explain the writing was temporary

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25 May 1949

My dear Bill:

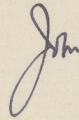
What a prompt man you are! Your comments about my piece on Lady O. are warmly appreciated and most helpful, even though you upset my tale about the Duchess of Marlborough. That letter about the Boston fire is an extraordinary document and really should be preserved. Would you think it appropriate to use it as a brilliant example of her epistolary art? My paper is not particularly long and I think it would be included in toto without exceeding space limitations. Let me know what you think.

Your comments about the Mildred - Eileen "me-owery" put us all in stitches. I am glad that you thought well of the result. I was quite startled myself.

Congratulations on losing fourteen pounds. I have lost twelve and still feel half starved, but I know what you mean about tying your shoes. I can now even sing a song while tying mine, but I am particularly sympathetic with your earlier statement that you preferred a cozy skinful to indecent longevity.

The gals join me in sending thanks for everything and affectionate greetings,

Yours ever,



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LABORATORY OF PHYSIOLOGY

17 May 1949

My dear Bill:

I feel badly not to have written you before this about Mrs. Cushing. As you know, she had been in the hospital for nearly six weeks with a series of difficulties that were variously diagnosed as coronary occlusion and pulmonary embolus. She had rallied from both seizures and was so much improved that they thought she might be going home within a day or two; but on Sunday morning, the 8th, after finishing her breakfast she called for a nurse and she was dead by the time the nurse arrived at her bedside a very few minutes later. Betsy was reading in the next room unaware of what had happened. Her passing was just about as sudden as that of Lady O. The girls were all shocked but happy, I think, that she could have departed with so little discomfort.

I was an usher at the funeral in New York which was simple but impressive with a large Episcopal choir which sang some of Mrs. Cushing's favorite hymns; and then after a beautiful benediction a full organ and the choir blasted forth with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic!" One came away really uplifted.

Yours ever,



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11 May 1949.

Dear Dr. Bill:

I now owe you three letters, which is really phenomenal considering the fact that all three have come within a month. I had thought of telegraphing you Sunday, and then I felt sure that the girls would do so - they were extraordinarily good about letting everyone know about Mrs. Cush's death. She came up for the unveiling and was cheery and outgoing, but I thought she looked rather frail and she slipped away early with Mrs. B.-J. (who had come with her) and motored back to L.I. to be there easily in time for supper. Sometime in early March, I think it was (no, it was late March) she had an episode which in some ways was similar to that of a few years back, except that this time she had pain connected with difficulty in swallowing, and there were other things. She was taken to the New York Hospital and her condition has varied in the intervening weeks, but of late there had been definite improvement and a letter from Barbara that I had Sunday morning just after the news arrived said she felt much better and was calling for her specs and crossword puzzles. The girls had all been living at hospital but they were so much encouraged that Mary and Barbara had gone off for the week-end, so only Betsey was there. She had been all right and died without warning about ten o'clock Sunday morning while the nurse was out of the room for a few minutes.

The service was yesterday morning at 11.30 at the Church of the Holy Trinity, and I went down with Lucia and John, John being an usher along with B.-J., Winter, and Lefty Lewis. The church was attractive of itself, and it was filled with the most gorgeous flowers you could imagine. We were early enough so we could really enjoy them. The family all came in together from a side door beside the altar and then went out the same way, so there was none of that awful parading down the main aisle. The choir girls were dressed in gorgeous red cassocks or whatever you call them with white trimming, the boys had " of white with red facings; and they sang extraordinarily well. At the end everyone sang The Battle Hymn of the Republic, which seemed like a stroke of genius; it made everyone feel part of a great triumphal procession of some sort and not lugubrious or weighed down. Dear, sweet, understanding lady - there are going to be countless people beside her immediate family who will miss her sorely.

The one really bright spot of the day was when John approached a rather fierce-looking dowager to escort her down the aisle, and she said in a very firm voice, "The Astor side, please." (She moved three times after John seated her!)

Another 15th:
1 1/2 with Paragon, Roy, Susan, & D. Perry. With
a crowd by Santa Lucia. Springfield.
Cecilia Thomas, 1790, 3 vols. fol. 2c.
She has been in C. 17

Lucia had just come down from Topsfield on Monday after a week with her mother who has had some kind of upset, not unlike what Mrs. Cush had three or four years ago and which seemed to be a cerebral spasm that quite completely cleared up with no sequelae. Her speech is evidently still a little thick, but she ~~x~~ is vastly improved and I think Lucia is quite encouraged about her condition. But it does not really serve to make one's spirit too easy.

My typing is getting bad and I think I'd better stop. The day started by my going out of my apartment and leaving my purse inside. That involved some doing - and only after I had come to School with John carrying fodder for luncheon for twelve people at 12.30 - the Medical Library Committee. Perky and I managed to polish that off, but then the meeting went on till after three, and we had to get the room all polished up for a tea prior to the meeting of the Board of Permanent Officers. Now I must dash upstairs again and get things under way for a snack for Elizabeth, John, and me prior to his last lecture at seven this evening. He is speaking on Sir Charles Sherrington and has put in a good deal of time on it; there is an exhibit up in the main room, and a screen on which will be shown a movie of Sir Charles which I have never once seen in the past five or six years; I shall tonight! Then there is a meeting of the Yale Medical Society, but I can't imagine that John will have gumption enough left to go; besides he has to go and have a decent supper at Eleanor's after his lecture - very chaste these days, but at least more than the soup and milk we give him beforehand.

I shall be writing you again ere long - I'm much amused by your new Pi-Emma gal - I think she looks like something of a little show-off; and of course, man fashion, you would not tell a word about her. Who is she, and how have you gotten involved????!!

Much love, from us all here,

Madeline

P.S. The names and addresses on the
separate blue slip -

OSLER LIBRARY,
26 April, 1949.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Avenue,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

I hope all goes well with your b.m.r., psyche,
&c. I am still on short commons, but can't get rid of
any more than 13 lbs. and 2" off my girth.

Since sending you that Galdston dialogue, I
have obtained permission to do so, but no further, please,
as it is to be published.

If you collect paralipomena Vesaliana, here is
one I stumbled on recently:

SCHIRMER, Alfred Max, Beitrag zur Geschichte
und Anatomie des Pankreas. Inaug. Diss.,
Basel, 1893 (no. 6431 in Bibl. Osl.).

Pp. 8-9: trl. & criticism of the description
of the pancreas in the Fabrica, 1543, Bk. 5,
ch. 4.

Best to the gals,

Yours ever,

WFF

WFF:cd

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21 May 1949

My dear Bill:

In a weak moment a year ago I told Henry Viets that I would do something about Lady O. for the Osler symposium which he has arranged for the meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine beginning Sunday in Lexington, Kentucky. I didn't think I could survive a trip to Lexington on a thousand-calorie diet so I backed out, but the paper has been written and it went off air mail yesterday morning. We are retaining the top copy until we have had your reactions. Temkin wants final copy not later than June 1st as he is scheduling it for the July number of the Bulletin. I am especially eager to have the facts straight and not to use any anecdotes which might upset Aunt Sue. I am sorry to impose upon you once again, but I should hate to publish anything of this sort without having the benefit of your wise and sympathetic scrutiny.

A letter from Shryock this morning saying that he has accepted Sigerist's chair at the Hopkins. On the whole I think it is an excellent appointment even though he is not a Sigerist. I don't know how Temkin will take it. I imagine, however, that he will be much relieved because he hates administration.

I have some amusing tales to tell you but it would take too long so I am enclosing the relevant documents arranged in chronological order.

Devotedly yours,

John

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

enclosures

*This is 87th's answer to
Jan 23rd. & pointed
out some of his
"G.R.O.: an effusion", looked
by me & his mother - perhaps
that comes.*

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6 April 1949.

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th. You shame me, for I should have written you sooner about that amusing poem which you perpetrated for Rosie's dinner. I particularly appreciated the line about the Ful-tim. We had an amusing evening, and I like to think that Rosie enjoyed it as much as I did.

Many thanks for sending me Galdston's broadcast on the Osler Biography. I heard it when it was given and thought it contained a good many quaint ideas. Galdston is a good fellow, but I don't think he ever began to understand W.O.

My piece on W.O. as a medical historian has appeared in the Manitoba Medical Journal and I have asked the editor to send you a copy, though I am sure he will already have done so on his own. He is also going to let me have reprints, in case you would like a separate for the Library.

My desacccharating diet makes me feel like a flat pancake, but unfortunately I do not yet look like one. We were much amused by your lucubrations on the subject.

With all good wishes and many thanks again for the poem,

Yours ever,



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

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4 April, 1949.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

My dear John,

I hope you survived Rosie's dinner and the pome she made me contribute! I knew you were made (like little girls) of sugar and spice and all things nice, but I hated to hear that they were floating free in your liq. sang. Tut, it must take more than a week to desaccharate YOUR psyche. You know W. O.'s "Advantages of a trace of albumin"? I'll expect a little masterpiece from you next year on the Ditto of a lump or two of sugar in the blood. My son, shun the cocktails! The only three times I have exceeded 1000 C. in the past three weeks was when I looked on the basal cherry when it was red or slurped the gin-sour when it was white. I'm losing, but not yet prepared to pass through the needle's eye.

Thanks for the Casti warning. I sent him a line. Nice messages and notes from Madeline and Elizabeth.

I enclose a copy of ^a Galdstonian dialogue on H. C.'s Life of W. O. These modern psychologists! Imagine calling W. O. sadistic(p. 11)!!

Nice visit just now from Clay (McGill '32) on the Yale Hospital Administration Staff. Gerry Finch wrote me two weeks ago. He wants to use my explanation of W. O.'s pronunciation of "Religio medici" (which didn't get into the last Journal). He claims to have "the finest collection of common or imperfect copies [of Browne] in all the world." Good fellow!

Yours ever,

WFF

WFF:cd
Encl:-

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29 March 1949

My dear Bill:

I dislike wishing you a happy birthday on the basis of caloric sympathy, but if you are counting calories, I am too, and you have my sympathy in the fullest measure.

I think I told you about my high B.M.R., which seemed to amuse everyone inordinately, but I find my thyroid is quite well behaved as the blood iodine is actually below normal. But the blood sugar, which no one had thought to take, is about ~~360-370~~⁴² mg. (normal is about 65-70), so either I am a glutton for sweets or the pancreas is just a bit tired. Gluttony seems to be the explanation, for on a 1000-calorie diet with a few martinis thrown in on the side to keep me in a good humor, I have become virtually sugar-free in a week. However, the spartan regime has not only removed sugar from my urine but from my psyche as well. Three or four pounds have disappeared in the process, chiefly from my orbital deposits and cheeks; but I am going to California tomorrow to see Rosie and anything may happen. I shall be back Sunday--I hope still sugar-free!

But I shouldn't write a birthday letter to you about my own tribulations, but since misery sometimes enjoys company, I thought it might give you a certain amount of vicarious amusement to hear the state of my pancreatic decrepitude.

Did you know that Castiglioni is having his 75th on the 10th of April in Milan? If you feel up to it, I am sure he would warmly appreciate a message.

Rosie and I will be drinking your health on the 2d and wishing you a few extra calories.

Yours ever,



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15 March 1949

My dear Bill:

You have my warm sympathy from being on a diet. I can't think of anything more distasteful and I am inclined to agree with you that an "early demise with a cosy skinful is better than slow starvation." I had a shock the other day and haven't quite decided what to do about it. I went to St. Paul after my Osler lecture in Chicago and had two dead teeth pulled, and a third dentition inserted in the form of a long bridge. My cautious dentist made me have a physical check before the extraction and they found that I had a basal metabolism of +35 - which everyone roars over and no one takes seriously. The gals seem to think it accounts for many of my primary idiosyncracies.

This reminds me to ask whether I have told you the story of our good friend Morris Fishbein who went into a decline after the rigours of a British diet and took himself to the Mayo Clinic on his return last September. They did everything to him but take his metabolism and he was still in a state of decrepitude when he left the Clinic. Loyal Davis saw him one day on the street and said: "Morris, you had better have a B.M.R., you look like a cretin." Morris did and it was -35. He is now eating thyroid in large quantities and attacking Mr. Ewing!

I am glad to hear of Chesney's speech on the 17th. Alas, I am afraid I cannot come up as we have guests here all week--Ernest Sachs, Sr., who is going to settle in New Haven now that he has retired from St. Louis, John Z. Young from England, and Erick Sjöqvist of Rome and Stockholm. Elizabeth will send you the revised version of my Billings Lecture. Would you be good enough to send it on to Rosie as we had promised it to her. I am sorry that you are not planning to have an Osler jamboree in July and Rosie will of course be crushed. She would jump into an airplane and orate if you gave her the slightest encouragement.

I have two or three good stories for you but I shall save them for my next. One has to do with professional courtesy.

That photograph of Mike with his mother's ecstatic reflection is a real delight. He looks as though he had been well nourished.

Yours ever,



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

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LABORATORY OF PHYSIOLOGY

January 26, 1949

My dear Bill:

Your nice note of 19 January made me feel much easier about the remarks made at the unveiling. I have just been having a visit with Carl Rollins, who has promised to design a nice brochure containing the various features and remarks. I shall certainly add Thayer's name as one of the latchkeyers. He also should have been included in the Biography.

We were all sad that you could not have been here. Aunt Sue, at the age of eighty-four, was most remarkable - indeed, she was the life of the party.

The A.M.A. sent back the manuscript of my paper on Osler, the Humanist, and I was able to take advantage of your helpful suggestions. I think Elizabeth sent you the revised paragraph about your most unfortunate lending restrictions. *She didn't.*

Carl Rollins mentioned that he had approved of the extension of the copyright for the Evolution of Modern Medicine, and I think there will be no further difficulties.

Sigerist's History is entirely in English, and I think it will be a great document.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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

OSLER LIBRARY,
19 January, 1949.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

My dear John,

Nice graceful remarks at the unveiling. I hope they - and Carl R.'s internal sculpture are being printed and that you will add Thayer's name (as first, if not foremost) of the latchkeyers.

I wish I had been there. After all, I'm thirteen years younger than Sue. Perhaps she'll tell me how Harveian the bust really is. You and Eliz. may be shy about looking the gift horse in the features. No one should be busted in the lifetime of admiring friends.

It is good of you to speak of my "nice letter" about the humanist. It struck me afterwards that the "Rats" was rude, and I remembered the remark of my editorial boss, Macphail, to me, "When you get an abusive letter from a friend who has always written politely before, it's usually the first symptom of insanity." Absit omen!

P. T. O.

Pt. Val. pass -
extension of
"Evolution"
copyright.

Glad to hear the Sigerist opus has begun. I suppose he is writing it in English.

Rec.

Mr. John F. Wilson,
Historical Library,
228 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

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p. 8.

My dear John,

Nice graceful remarks at the unveiling. I hope they - and Carl R.'s internal acupunctures are being printed and that you will add Mayer's name (as first, if not foremost) of the Inchokevers.

I wish I had been there. After all, I'm thirteen years younger than you. Perhaps she'll tell me how Hawaiian the past really is. You and Miss may be my about looking the gift horse in the teeth. No one should be praised in the lifetime of admiring friends.

It is good of you to speak of my "nice letter" about the humanist. It struck me afterwards that the "nice" was rude, and I remembered the remark of my editorial boss, Macphail, to me, "When you get an abusive letter from a friend who has always written politely before, it's usually the first symptom of insanity." Abate omni!

10. 11. 1911
Very yours -
W.F. Wilson
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P. T. O.

YALE

17 January 1949

Dear Dr. Bill,

My thoughts wing northward every day and I wish wistfully that my work were done so that I might write to you, but that seems never to happen, so today, in defiance, I am going to write anyway.

Do you remember the Christmas vacation you were here reading the H.C. manuscript? And Madeline came down with something and I on one or two occasions went to Eleanor's with you and John? You probably don't remember that on one of those days he mentioned Henry Schuman's Life of Science series and talked to you about the biography of Osler. He also spoke of a shorter one of H.C. and I raised my eyebrows. On such a careless gesture, made without any special intent, rests the blame for my frantic busyness the past six months. I am supposed to deliver the ms. on March 15th for the first reading, and only the blessed relief that finishing it will bring keeps me steadily at it to the exclusion of all else. Don't ever raise your eyebrows at anything!

Our unveiling was a very nice party indeed, and Madeline deserves great credit. I have a lame right arm today from serving punch but that is nothing. You will enjoy one incident in connection with it. Madeline discovered in the nick of time that the address given her for the delivery of the chairs (they go to some back door of the School) was 31 instead of 13 Rose Street--13 Rose Street is the Mouse House!

I met Julia Shepley for the first time and liked her so very much, and Aunt Sue is a darling, isn't she? I saw her just for a minute but she was so cordial and warmhearted she made me feel as if I were an old friend of hers.

It was long after you had become a grandfather that I discovered the amazing fact. Neither you nor Mrs. Francis look old enough to be grandparents. But I understand he is quite a lad so that probably makes up for it!

The unveiling reminded me of a story told on Hugh Young, the urologist (?). A bust was unveiled while he was still living and after the ceremony a young Southern gal went up to him and said, "This has been so inspiring, why, I came fifty miles to see your bust unveiled, Dr. Young. Dr. Young bowed gallantly and replied: "Thank you, and I'd be very glad to return the compliment.

My boss has just come in, enquired what I was doing (this is supposed to be my lunch hour) and reminded me that we have thirty galleys of Physiology of the Nervous System staring us in the face. They are apparently staring harder at him than they are at me, but now that they have been forcibly brought to my attention, I fear I cannot ignore them.

Bless you,

Most affec. Elizabeth

Sorry about the
new & messy ribbon

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17 January 1949

Dear Bill:

the sculptures

The unveiling went off very smoothly and I am enclosing a copy of one of the speeches. I do wish you could have been here. Aunt Sue came down from Boston for the week-end, as did Julia Shepley, and Mrs. Cushing came up from New York as did Miss Hoffman. More than two hundred people turned up and judging from their comments afterward, the ceremony was really quite successful. The gals will probably be sending you a few details that missed my attention.

What with a trip to Washington last Friday and plans for the unveiling, I neglected to acknowledge your nice letter about Osler as a humanist. As usual, your suggestions were most helpful and I am glad to be put right about that silly provision which prevents you from making the library as useful as it might be. I had thought it was a codicil, but since it was put down six months before his death, I shall recast the paragraph, so that you will not think me cock-eyed! I cannot imagine a Board of Trustees accepting such a hampering condition, for it seems to me most un-Oslerian. Isn't it nice we have something we can disagree about?

A nice letter from Sigerist this morning says that he has mailed ^{the} first 525 typewritten pages of the first volume of his history to the Oxford Press.

Yours ever devotedly,

Jm

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

ASSOCIATES OF THE YALE MEDICAL LIBRARY



WITH the approval of the Officers of the University, friends of the Yale Medical Library have formed an organization to be known as the *Associates of the Yale Medical Library*. This body has as its objectives:

The maintenance and augmentation of the medical collections, both current and historical, and

The extension of the usefulness of these collections, not only to Yale, but to the community at large.

The history of the Medical Library is a history of support by loyal friends. The medical holdings in the University Library date back to the eighteenth century when Jeremiah Dummer, while serving as Colonial Agent for the Connecticut Colony in London, collected books for the struggling institution. Early in the next century, Benjamin Silliman on behalf of the College bought books and instruments in England and arranged for the Library to receive many periodicals. As the years passed, the scientific and medical collections were further strengthened through the foresight and generosity of such men as Nathan Smith, Willard Gibbs, Russell H. Chittenden, Lafayette B. Mendel, and Ross G. Harrison. But the first independent medical library was not created until 1917 when Dr. Winternitz set aside one room of the new

Brady Memorial Laboratory for this purpose, deposited there his own journal holdings, induced Dr. G. H. Smith to do the same, and rescued from storage an important gift of books from Dr. T. C. Janeway. Under the able direction of Dr. Frank P. Underhill the collections increased through additional gifts and support from the School budget, and by 1941 there had developed a modern working library of some 30,000 volumes.

At this time the urgent need for a new building to accommodate the growing collections and the sizable medical holdings housed in the University Library had become clearly apparent. Through the vision and concerted efforts of Dr. Cushing and the officers of the School of Medicine and of the University, the magnificent building that we enjoy today was planned and became a reality through an appropriation from the estate of John W. Sterling, Yale '64. The University Library thereupon made its first transfer of some 23,000 volumes, comprising all journal holdings in the purely medical field. The deed and gift of the Cushing and Fulton collections at this time, with the addition later of the library of Arnold C. Klebs, Dr. Cushing's devoted friend, resulted in the establishment of the Medical Historical Library. The late Edward Clark Streeter, Yale '98, gave many books and his extensive collections on the history of pharmacy and of ancient weights and measures. Mr. Starling W. Childs, Yale '91, and Miss Alice C. Coffin established the Charles A. Coffin Fund in 1941 to aid in the maintenance of the Library. In the following years there have come gifts of first importance from George Milton Smith, Joseph Marshall Flint, George Blumer, Clements C. Fry, George Parmly Day, Stanhope Bayne-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmarth S. Lewis, and Mrs. John F. Fulton, to mention but a few. Through gifts generously donated by their families the Library holds in remembrance Drs. Samuel W. and Alexander Lambert, J. G. Dusser de Barenne, Walter R. Steiner, and James D. Trask. Most recently,

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Address:

Date:

(Checks should be made payable to Yale University and sent to the Associates of the Yale Medical Library, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.)

Dr. Samuel C. Harvey has generously placed his teaching collection on surgical subjects at the disposal of the Library Committee. Other gifts of books and journals are constantly increasing the usefulness of the Library.

Thus as it is today, with admirable physical facilities and with notable collections now amounting to well over 100,000 volumes, the Library is largely the result of the loyalty and generosity of its friends. If it is to continue to grow and to widen its sphere of usefulness, it must have the lively support of an increasing number of friends. Their organization into the *Associates of the Yale Medical Library*, their contribution of funds, gifts of books, or of other pertinent materials, and their efforts to interest others will help the Library to live up to the ideals envisaged by its founders.

Funds available for existing endowments, regular budgetary allocations, and supplemental income derived from gifts already received are not sufficient to ensure the full use of the facilities and services of the Library. It is therefore hoped that each Associate will make a contribution of five dollars a year. Larger sums of course will be welcome. But whether the contributions are large or small, the Library will be grateful for the evidence of interest they provide.

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DR. CUSHING AND HIS LIBRARY*

John F. Fulton

It has been well said that for a young man the privilege of browsing in a large and varied library is the best introduction to a general education. In the winter of 1868 it happened that William Osler, then a nineteen-year-old, first-year medical student, went to live in the house of his scholarly preceptor, Dr. James Bovell, a Toronto practitioner who collected books. There, for two years, young Osler spent his winter evenings reading in Bovell's well-stocked library. As he wrote later: "The best the human mind has afforded was on his shelves, and in Dr. Bovell all that one could desire in a teacher--a clear head and a loving heart."

It was this contact with Bovell's library that gave Osler his enduring love for books. Many years later, when living at 1 West Franklin Street in Baltimore, he gave keys ^{to his front door} to the young medical residents living next door and encouraged them to browse in his library. These "Latch-keyers," as they styled themselves, were Thomas B. Fitcher, Henry Barton Jacobs, and Harvey Cushing. In his letters home ^{at this time} ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ one can trace Cushing's growing interest in books and the influence which Osler was having on his intellectual development.

It would be wrong, however, to imply that Osler was solely responsible for making a bookcollector of Harvey Cushing, for collectors are generally born, not made. The Cushing family

*Read at the unveiling ceremony of the portrait bust of Dr. Cushing by Malvina Hoffman, Sculptor, on Saturday, 16 January 1949, at four o'clock in the Historical Library, Yale School of Medicine.

had always collected things. David Cushing, who practised medicine at the end of the eighteenth century in the village of South Adams in the Berkshire hills of Massachusetts, brought together a creditable library, and some of his books passed on in the family and have now come to rest here. David was described as a "forehanded man, a thinking and sensible man, and you always knew where to find him." Erastus, his son, who settled in Cleveland in 1835, also had a sizeable collection of books, as did his son, Henry Kirke, the father of Harvey. So it is scarcely surprising that the stimulating company of Osler, Welch, Kelly, and Halsted should have stirred Harvey's innate interest in books.

A few volumes have survived from his student days at the Harvard Medical School, such as Senn on the pathology of tumors, but his active collecting began during October 1897 while he was recuperating from an appendectomy at the Johns Hopkins. For the first time in many months he had opportunity to read, and this evidently whetted his appetite for books and his letters thereafter became filled with references to recent acquisitions, many of them from his father.

Just at this time, also, one finds him at the age of twenty-eight designing his own bookplate. With characteristic thoroughness he began by collecting other medical bookplates and then proceeded to design one of his own around the family crest and the Cushing motto, Virtute et numine--by valor and divine aid. He then sent his sketch to Dodd, Mead and Company where Edwin Davis French, one of the most celebrated of all bookplate de-

signers, made the actual engraving. In the catalogue of French's work, the Cushing bookplate is listed as one of the few designed by an owner.

It can therefore be readily seen that it did not require much persuasion on Osler's part to convert Cushing into one of the most eager and aggressive bookcollectors of his time. Osler spent many of his evenings reading book catalogues and he formed the habit, once he had perused them, of passing them on next door to the latch-keyers who became quickly infected with the disease; and before long the inhabitants of 3 West Franklin Street were surreptitiously sending off almost as many cables for books as emanated from No. 1.

Gradually Dr. Cushing began to focus particular attention on the writings of the early anatomists, and his collecting received a great impetus when on the morning after he had given a paper on Vesalius before the Johns Hospital Hopkins Historical Club, Howard Kelly left on his doorstep as a gift a beautiful copy of the second folio edition of the Fabrica. For the next forty years Dr. Cushing pursued the Vesalian trail all over Europe. This zealous enthusiasm resulted in the most extensive collection of books by and relating to the founder of modern anatomy that will probably ever be brought together, and it also led to the great Bio-bibliography of the Vesalian writings on which Dr. Cushing was engaged at the time of his death.

From the other special collections in the Cushing library I might single out one almost as rich - that of Ambroise Paré, the colorful surgeon of four French kings of the sixteenth

century, who received nearly as much attention as did Vesalius, not only because he followed on in the Vesalian tradition but because he had the courage to write in the vernacular and thus confound the learned intellectuals of his time. A particularly interesting volume is the one on vellum of Paré's La manière de traicter les playes which had been specially printed for presentation to that gorgeous creature, Diane de Poitiers. There is also a notably fine collection of Edward Jenner and the early vaccination literature. It is fitting that the first gathering of the ~~Harvey Cushing Society~~ to the ~~Harvey Cushing Society~~ Dr. Cushing's decision to bequeath his books to Yale University can be laid to the influence, once again, of Osler. Sir William decided to leave his books to McGill University, his second alma mater, in the hope that other students might share the rich opportunity that had been his in Bovell's library. And so, after his death, the books were catalogued by his nephew, Dr. W. W. Francis, and moved to McGill where they are housed in a fine room designed especially for them. Since this year, 1949, is the centenary of Osler's birth, it is highly appropriate that tribute should be paid to him here and at this time, for Harvey Cushing carried forward the Oslerian tradition of medical humanism more effectively than did any of his ^{many} followers. In September, 1934 Dr. Cushing paid a visit to Montreal and when he saw what an influential part the Osler Library was playing in the life of the Medical School, he forthwith decided to leave his own books to Yale--and he also decided that others should do likewise. Lady Osler's sister, who over the

years was so close to the Osler and Cushing households.

The plans for this building were drawn under Dr. Cushing's

Finally, it is my special privilege to welcome Miss supervision by his friend and classmate, Grosvenor Atterbury, who Malvina Hoffman, and on her behalf to present her portrait bust unhappily is prevented by illness from being present today. In of Harvey Cushing to Yale University through you, Mr. Seymour, looking toward the future of the library, Dr. Cushing was as our President. May I ask Mr. Frederick Kilgour, our Librarian, much concerned with the acquisition of modern books as he was to unveil the bust.

with the early and rare, and he therefore stipulated that current medical literature should be equally accessible with the old--this accounts for the Y-shaped plan of the wing.

It seems particularly fitting that the first gathering of the Associates of the Yale Medical Library should do honor to the man who in the first instance was responsible for this Library. We are especially grateful to the Associates for the vote of confidence implied by their membership; we hope that their contacts here will increase and that we can prove of help to them particularly in the direction of modern literature, for Dr. Cushing, although he felt strongly the advantages in daily practice of some knowledge of "our fathers of old," wanted first of all to be "a good doctor."

And so today, surrounded by the "distilled wisdom of the years," our thoughts turn with gratitude first to James Bovell, then to William Osler, and lastly to the man whose bust is now being presented to the University as a gift of the talented artist who fashioned it. It gives us special pleasure to welcome ~~Mr. Cushing~~ on this occasion Mrs. Cushing, who, like Lady Osler, has done everything within her power to see that her husband's plans for his library were realized; and also Mrs. Henry B. Chapin of Boston, Lady Osler's sister, who over the

years was so close to the Osler and Cushing households.

Finally, it is my special privilege to welcome Miss Malvina Hoffman, and on her behalf to present her portrait bust of Harvey Cushing to Yale University through you, Mr. Seymour, our President. May I ask Mr. Frederick Kilgour, our Librarian, to unveil the bust.

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Chairman, Medical Library Committee

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Presiding

CHARLES H. SAWYER

Dean of the School of the Fine Arts

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Dr. John F. Fulton, (not) Led
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Conn., U. S. A.

*You are as obstructive
cock-eyed about that as
about uva, vva, una!
"Cordicil", rats!*

My dear John,

Perfect again, "W. O., the humanist" (returned herewith), perfect, except for the lending paragraph, which would really do him an injustice. *X* "Bibliotheca Osleriana, Memoranda relating to", sent to McGill 25 March, 1919, six months before his last illness began, contains the clause (VII) "Books are not to be lent or removed from the Library." No one suffers more from that than I do, but it is a rule of other respectable collections of antiques, B. M., Bodley, &c., &c., and there are some (not I) who would call your generosity folly. I had a fight to persuade the Curators to let me take books out of the room (in my own hand) for exhibit or photographing! You probably have a copy somewhere of the typed "Memoranda" (or H. C. had), but I'm looking for one and will send it. I meant to do so in connection with your question about the tottering Advisory Committee.

In his lifetime he was perfectly generous about lending anything. The Curse was a joke. Here is a book without W. O.'s name in it anywhere, but scratched in pencil in his own hand, "May the curses of Bp. Erntalphus and of Dr. Singer light on the non-returner", which means that he lent it to S. - and got it back.

Noel des Quersonnières, finally no. 3505, was the culprit. I found that his summary was N., not D. and I couldn't have his "Des" number blank. That was when I was being hurried into print, before Harvey got me permission to loiter. I first got an obscure old physics book by a DES..., which I wasn't happy about. You came to my rescue by bringing me from London a real and pat desideratum, Desgenettes's "Histoire médicale de l'Armée d'Orient", 1802. *leave*

I'm glad you bring in the old boy who may be partly responsible for some of my own vagaries. Did you know (W. O. didn't, unfortunately) that "A. & B." was perhaps the grandfather of my grandmother, Sarah Atkinson, 2nd wife of Edward Osler (1798-1863), W. O.'s aunt by marriage. I always wondered at the likeness of his picture to an elder brother of mine, but there's more evidence than that, though none conclusive. The day I discovered this possibility, I was trying to determine the date of Redi's death, so I let myself go in the footnote

P. T. O.

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4 January 1949

My dear Bill:

Herewith a paper on W.O. as a medical historian which I have just written for a medical student journal at Winnipeg. I don't know if it is up to standard but I should very much appreciate it if you would look it over to see that everything is correct factually.

By the way, what do you know about that miserable little brochure entitled A concise history of medicine reprinted from the Encyclopaedia Americana. Maudie Abbott was doubtful about it and I can't believe that W.O. actually did it unless he turned it out in a great hurry.

I am doing another on W.O., the humanist, as I wrote you previously. It will be the Frank Billings Memorial Lecture which will be given on 25 February in Chicago. This will go into the Osler number of the Archives of Internal Medicine and I shall need your help with it also.

The gals join me in sending affectionate greetings,

Yours ^{ever} ~~very~~ sincerely,

John

PS. Is the B.O. still in print?

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

*Enc. Standard M. Co. B.O. 1909
Encyclop. Americana, 1920.*

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10 January 1949

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for yours of the 7th. As usual, you have been most helpful and I am particularly grateful. It was stupid of me to have confused the Grosses. I am also glad to know your opinion of the Concise History.

The 'Humanist' paper has meanwhile gone off to you. We felt that it had turned out rather more satisfactorily than the one on Osler as an Historian. It was not very bright of me to become involved in two papers with the same subject and the same deadline.

I have conveyed your messages to your admirers.

Yours ever devotedly,



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8 January 1949

My dear Bill:

Herewith the text of my Frank Billings Lecture on William Osler, The Humanist. It is to appear, as I mentioned the other day, in the Archives of Internal Medicine and if you have any emendations, I hope you can let me have them as soon as possible since the paper is scheduled to go to press this month.

When did W.O. add the codicil stating that no book might be loaned from the Library?

Do you recall what the book was by an author whose name began with Ge which you commissioned me to buy for you to replace an entry in the B.O. which had to be dropped?

All send affectionate greetings,

Yours ever devotedly,

Jm

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

enclosure

OSLER LIBRARY,
7 January, 1949.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
535 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

Many thanks for the inscribed copy of "Aviation medicine", a little masterpiece of an historical survey, full of interest even for one who would rather walk or swim.

I've been through the Winnipeg paper on W. O. as historian. Neatly done, as usual. You'll find only a few pencil marks in the margin. I return it herewith.

J. Johnson's successor wrote me last year, to my surprise, that they had no more copies of the Bibl. O. Before the war there were 100 (of the original 650) left. I'm glad I plumped for the extra 150; Hill, Archie and Tom McCrae thought 500 would be more than enough. More than 150, probably 175, were given away.

I believe the "Concise history" was a bare-faced fraud. I was with him nearly all of 1919 and was shown (I am sure) everything he wrote in that year. He had no MS. of it and no printed proofs or copy of it came to Norham Gardens. If I remember, we could get nothing but evasive answers, if any, from the "Medical Standard Book co." or the Encyclop. Amer. You may quote me as believing he had nothing to do with it. There is no copy in the Osler Library, and I wouldn't allow it nearer than across the hall.

I shall look forward to the humanist paper. I ought to have some ideas, but my cribriform plate has leaked nothing but rheum lately. I fancy his interest in Bassett was a symptom of humanism, and who but a humanist could have got so much delight as he did from Mrs. B.'s name "Isaphaena"? I was there at the time, and I'm sure that if Revere had been a girl, it would have taken a Russian veto to prevent ^{so} him being christened, or at least, called after that long-suffering dear.

We had a nice Xmas in the country with the two M.'s, Marian and Mike.

WWF:cd
Encl:-

Happy New Year Gals - all

Will.