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Dr. W. W. Francis
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Dear Doctor Francis:

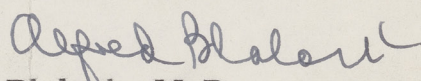
Thank you for your interesting letter of February 7th. I am delighted that you are sending some reprints of your review of Dr. Crowe's book, and I will see that these reach interested persons such as Mrs. Crowe.

I hope very much that you will decide to publish Osler's "secret history." By 1989 I fear that Osler, Halsted, and others will be largely legendary figures and that the most appreciative readers would be those who are alive today. The second volume of Dr. Chesney's book will be published by the Johns Hopkins Press in October. This carries his history up to the time that Sir William left for Oxford. Needless to say, Osler is starred in this history. It would be extremely nice if you would publish Osler's "secret history" at about the same time. I have no idea as to the length of this secret history, but it might be well to have it published as a small book by the Johns Hopkins Press.

At any rate, I hope you will consider having it published in the near future, for I would certainly like to read it before I pass on.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Alfred Blalock, M.D.

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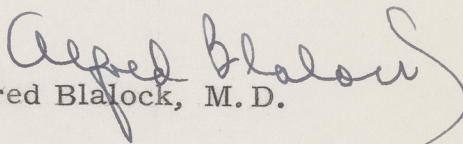
Dear Doctor Francis:

The copies of your review of the book by Dr. Crowe just arrived, and I am distributing them to interested parties including Mrs. Crowe. Your review is excellent, and I have enjoyed it thoroughly.

I do hope you will decide to publish Sir William's manuscript. I agree with your statement that it is "perhaps overdue."

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,


Alfred Blalock, M. D.

13 Feb. 1933

Miss M. W. Blogg,
Welch Medical Library,
1900 East Monument St.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Miss Blogg:

Many thanks for yours of the 4th with the data about Sigerist, which are just what I wanted.

As a reward of virtue, I enclose a note of an addendum which you may not have picked up, to your Osler bibliography. The curious Phonograph Record printed in shorthand apparently was a hobby of Sir William Gowers, and I expect he got the Chief to contribute that article. Mr. Powell, the Librarian of the Royal Society of Medicine, has very kindly sent me a longhand transcription of it. I have not succeeded in identifying the article with any of the Chief's published writings on the subject. Possibly, since this was published in May 1895 he may have dictated it and it may be in Miss Hampton's own shorthand. I wonder if she would remember it?

I constantly bless you for the Bibliography. Its index makes it much more useful than the classified one. Did I hear rumours that you were getting out another edition?

My wife thanks you for your kind remembrances and reciprocates them.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

P.S. Excellent as your index is, it would be much improved by some correlation of the entries. It is an index of titles, not subjects, but even so, there ought to be cross-references between such entries as: Cancer, Carcinoma and Epithelioma; Endocarditis and Heart; Early printed books and Incunabula; etc.