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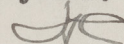
W. W. Francis, Esq., M.D.,
c/o Lady Osler,
13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

I have just got round to the biography, and have found a new reference not in Blogg, viz., "Fracastorius on Contagion in Phthisis," The Outdoor Life, Saranac Lake, New York, Sept. 1904, i, 77.

I shall probably be writing you on a good many matters during the course of the next few weeks. I hope you are well and flourishing. My love to you all.

Affectionately yours,



P.S. I have worked in the "Bath Phenomenon." Do give me some more reminiscences equally good.

Wrote 14 July: - & sent acct of

? 1889 & 90 1888. Trip to 7 vacadine life colony.

1892. L.O. & A.T. with Horaleys, now up the Thames fr. Pangbourne to off.

1919. Reading to him, during his last week.

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August 1, 1923.

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13, Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

Yours of July 14th has just come and I am delighted to have these reminiscences. They are just the sort of thing I want, and will help me hugely. Please do some more. I do wish that I could have you sitting right here as I am writing, to give me some little picturesque bits to enliven the story. But fortunately I am now getting along to the time when there are a good many letters so I can leave a good deal of it in his own words. I have them at last at Marguerite Chapin's apartment in Paris. What I will have to do some day is to sit down with Lady Osler and read her these chapters and get her own comments which will help me to give a background for the letters.

I have barely mentioned the Tracadie episode and can now touch it up effectively - too amusing, your childish recollections!

What a picture of Horsley, - that trip on the river; and your note about the last days will be enormously helpful when I get to it. I am eager to see the end, but I confess that I dread the emotions it will bring.

How curious about the Bantings at Bond Head. I wish that I had known of this when he was here.

Much love to you all.

Harry

P.S. I have been running across new bibliographical references which I have been sending to Archie and La Blogg. I hope he will tip you off about them.

P.P.S. S. W. Gross died April 16, 1889, five years after his father's death. Your trip to Tracadie was, according to my calculations, toward the end of August, 1889. He had intended to go out to the Banff meeting of the C. M. A. but changed his mind.

Banting's father
L.W.O. on
same page
of hospital
register.
W.H.T.

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August 3, 1923.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M.D.,
13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for yours of July 24th. Yes, I am putting in a brief note of the Dismal Swamp episode but I could hardly use the whole screed. I am glad you have looked it over and corrected some omissions and mistakes.

I am having an awful time with some of Miss Smart's copies of letters, etc., made during the summer of 1920. However, I can sympathize with her difficulties for it would take someone as erudite as you, and as familiar with his turns of thought, and chirography, to avoid mistakes in transcription. I shall be glad to see the corrected copy.

I am just starting 1909 this morning. We have ten years to go.

Always affectionately yours,

John B. and B. II

? Copies made
from his short-
hand note-
books years
after?
W.W.F.

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August 27, 1923.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M.D.,
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Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

I find this letter from Ray Lyman Wilbur among my papers. Miss Smart had taken a copy of it and they were both clipped together. I don't know whether you're keeping these things but I send it on the chance. There may be a number of letters of this sort among my files which will get back to you in time.

I am sending Archie from time to time some bibliographical corrections which I presume he will forward to you.

*Memo. J.F.F. Bannister, see Life, ii, 162 &
166. G.R.O. gave H.C. the snuffbox which
Ratti (Pius XI) gave B. & B. ^{W.O.} ^{Sister gave}*

Always yours, *Harvey*

Some trace.

*W.W.F.
1939.*

P. S. Yours of August 15th has just come in the morning's mail - about Bannister and the Countess Andreezzi. Most interesting about Bannister. I do wish I could have you at my right hand instead of so far away. Your little touches are perfect.

My best to Mackall.

Snark.

Where in the world does "It is this, it is this, that impresses my soul" come from? Such a lot of interesting things keep turning up. I would like so much to get your opinion on many of them.

Answered Sept 10th -

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February 5, 1923.

Dr. W. W. Francis,
13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

I have just had yours of January 25th, which I hasten to answer. The "Haller and His Native Town" letters were sent to American Medicine by me when I was working in Berne under Kocher.

Now for your Vesal questions, seriatim.

A. The "great medical folio" was the Fabrica itself, without question, so that in the space A should read: "to the 1543 edition of the Anatomy of Vesalius."

B. I would put "29th" for "28th."

C. I don't quite know about this. The China-root Epistola (1546) has been translated in Dutch within the last two years. I know of no other translation. I think you could get around it safely by saying: "In his works and their translations will be found, etc."

D. & E. I do not know any history of Oporinus. I would write Klebs about this, and also for Calcar. I think he intended to look up these things himself; but I doubt whether there has been anything published in extenso.

F. I think I would merely measure his own copy and let it go at that.

mine is 42 X 28.5 cm.

G. There was a copy on vellum in Louvain. I saw it there myself. It was undoubtedly burned. I think I would add also a footnote calling attention to an excellent article on the Fabrica by W. G. Spencer in the British Journal of Surgery, Jan. 1923, x, 383-402. Also, George S. Huntington is at present writing an important and interesting paper on the pre-Vesalian anatomical sheets in which there is a good deal about the Fabrica, to appear in the next issue of the Annals of Medical History. I think I would also add the quotation from Spielmann's letter.

W.W.F.
S. II 23.

H. I think I would leave in the price with the question-mark after it. I think it was probably near enough. And I would put a foot-note after "Klein of Munich" stating that this facsimile was subsequently published in 1920 by ~~Sudhoff~~ ^{in Leipzig by} Moritz Holf Holf and Karl Sudhoff

J. I never heard of Sir Herbert Maxwell. I think he must mean Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, and I think it would be safe to put "John Stirling" for "Herbert."

K. He is mistaken here. Sir John sent me a copy direct, and it came very near going down with the "Titanic" I remember, but just missed the boat. I am sure this was not W.O.'s original copy for Sir John has inscribed it to me. You can fix this up.

Tell Tanta Grace that we had a party last night for Otilie who was looking blooming as ever. My love to the Billikin.

Always affectionately yours,

Harry C.

Best Wishes.

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March 2, 1923.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M. D.
13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

I have yours of February 10th about the Vesalius matters. I think W. O. must have been mistaken about 1536. I have a translation of the letter and it is evidently written from Padua, where Vesalius was in 1539. I think I would have the note read, as follows:

Something

This letter is dated from Padua the calends of January, 1539, and addressed to Nicholas Florenatus a friend of Vesalius's father, and physician to Charles V. The letter indicates that there had been some previous correspondence, perhaps from Louvain, and Florenatus desired to know something more of Vesalius's opinion on the burning question - from which side to bleed in pleurisy and pneumonia - see on this Nos. [here add other references from the Bibliotheca if there are any] and Meryon's "History of Medicine", p. 238 [better corroborate this].

I find nothing in Roth nor in the Epistula itself to indicate that it had been written in 1536, though the Epistula itself says that there had been a previous letter, which in all likelihood may have been sent from Louvain.

With love to you all, I am

Chas
~~Most sincerely yours,~~

JAC

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July 13, 1923.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M.D.,
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Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

Here's an item for the bibliography which I have just run across.

It apparently escaped M. Blogg, but is well worth including. I may have written you about it, but I have just come across this slip.

Affectionately yours, Hobbs

Hobbs

*Letter to Dr. W. W. Francis, M.D., in his 60 years of practice,
inserted in the 'Scraps Book' under date of 1906. W.W.F.*

P.T.O.

*What became of this??
Not in Hobbs, 1939!!
Ref. in Life, p. 670 W.W.F. 1939.*

Wrote 24th, actualizing
 + told him I'd send the copy,
 and which I have corrected, of
 the Natural Group, as soon
 I've had it better retyped for
 binding.

Yours,
 J. B. B.

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Affectionately yours, J. B. B.

Dear

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures on the right margin]

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MAY 18, 1882.

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Sent with letter

Oxford Aug 15/23

(Chap XXXIX - p. 13)

J.F.F. The only interest in this is a review of mine is in connection with the Pope's snuff-box (see Life, ii, 162 & 662), which Bannister left to W.O., + G.R.O. gave to H.C. W.W.F. 1939.

p About Bannister. W.O. says that Bannister "looked like a man who had seen things with the keys in his hand and was evidently regarded by the officials as unofficially one of them."

ANSWER. with letter Aug 14-15 23

See the enclosed sheet copied from "Who's Who" 1919, also Bodleian Quarterly Record (which Hill says you have) Vol. II, no. 21, p. 212, Apr. 1919. I saw him here twice during the War. He was the only man whose mode of life I thoroughly envied. I wish I could remember the Chief's description of him. He passed his winters in the Vatican and his summers in the Bodleian, and W.O. made some comical remark about his mix being the only genuine amphibian Catholic -- Roman one half the year, Anglican the other. He bequeathed his silver snuff-box to W.O. He was an authority on early liturgy, especially the Gregorian music and the authority on the paleography of music. He was an intimate friend of Ratti, formerly librarian, now Pope, and brought him here to tea when Ratti was working at

P.T.O

Contessa Countess 'Androsi' -

ANSWER.

The Contessa ANDREZZI née Alice Horwitz is G.R.O.'s niece, grand-daughter of S. D. Gross and sister of Mrs. Key. She and her husband spent a winter in Baltimore about 1900 (?), perhaps you remember them. He has just died about a month ago.

1923
Wrote Aug 23rd. answer to his in Aberdeen (Ch XXVI p 47-a, 1906) of Aug 13.

Aberd. dipl. LL.D. 1898 here. Could not have had this again or other degree of later century in 1906. W.O. told me (in 1906) that he did not get the degree then because he had it already from there.

Re Cana work. Now remember that Jameson said, W.O. told me had not between J. & C.D., no anecdote to tell.

Bannister (Cont.)

the Bodleian in (?) 1914. B.'s great work is the History of Musical Notation.

G.R.O. says that W.O. was not working at the Vatican Library "It was too cold" but that Bannister took him about and showed him things with the keys in his hand and was evidently regarded by the officials as unofficially one of them.

Prof. Giuseppe Pastanelli, 107

via Torino, 107
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August 29, 1923.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M.D.,
13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Dr. Cushing has asked me to enclose you this slip
which he has found and thinks you may want, though it may be that
you have a duplicate.

Very truly yours,

Julia H. Shepley
Secretary.

*Letter to H.C. Sept 10th
& asked him re Vesalius
birth, Carden's description
Ball's or Francis's priority, etc.
& Carden's doubtful claims
See E.S. 16. Vesal.*

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August 20, 1923.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M.D.,
13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

Thanks so much for the corrected copy of the Dismal Swamp episode. I am so glad to have it. There were so many mistakes in the transcript that I had, that I did not venture to use much of it but I will go back now and see what I can do with it.

I shall be writing you again shortly about some other things.

Always affectionately yours,

JTC,

*Enclose a slip of paper, my paper, - and handwritten
Dr. Francis, send it a note to show a duplicate and get the Reading Standard.*

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September 19, 1923.

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Oxford, England.

Dear Bill:

Re. Vesalius: - the general consensus of opinion
apparently is that Vesalius was born December, 1514. The
Quater-centenary was to have been held the last week in
December, 1914 [but for the war] - not in January of 1915.
Why don't you leave it 1914, and perhaps put a foot-note
to the effect that he arrived five hours and forty-five min-
utes late, with New Year's bells in his ears.

Affectionately yours, *Due to B's B's*
Harvey.

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September 19, 1923.

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W. W. Francis, Esq., M.D.,
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Oxford, England.

Dear Sir:

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to the effect that he arrived five hours and forty-five min-
utes late, with New Year's bells in his ears.

Affectionately yours, J. B. Cushing
J.B.C.

This was written in 1924,
as that was the ~~of~~ autumn
that Mr. Hill and I were
persuading over the Index
of the Biography -

JMS.

Sept 23rd

1924:

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probably - filed with that year's.

W.W.F.

1939

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[23 Sept 1924]

Dear Willie -

Thanks for yours of Aug 26th with the analysis of the
penicillin serum. You will find 2-3 other things of
this kind in the old journal note books. Just as
well, as you say, to make these communications reach
yourself become still more eligible. Who use
looking too closely into a few episodes of the
past of any one but ~~that~~ you get a distorted idea
of the whole.

Delighted that Steve is launching the index. Tell him so.

Re as part
of Potiphar's
wife's epi-
sode

W.W.F.

Still doing index
to Life

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for me. But also get him to check up with Julia for the time made
a good deal of progress & perhaps has some ideas from me about
the names that should go in and also the names the initials etc of
people of mentioned by last name. Also what we decided about
in our up such as

Schofer, Sir Edw. Sharps (E.A. Schöfer) etc.

Also same one that D.A.P. was reading, proof for us. He said 'Jolly' and
asked if I had seen Owen & Sharps in Chronologia Medica, J. Boyle Sans 18
1923. Its awful. For eg. of see have the burn, look up Benj. Franklin
p. 151.

Some to Bilda. I've had suspect her to 'invade' most of the racquet'.

Finally all O.K. here.

Off

W.C.

Spt. 30.

Probably 1924

Howard Kelly will send me the Am. Brig. vol. I expect the Chevrons
I have not located the Burton ships yet, will look again

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November 28, 1923.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M. D.,
13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Bill;

I am finding a few things that got into my last folder the summer I was in Oxford and which should have been copied. I shall be sending them from time to time. Among them is this manuscript written the day after his return from Jersey.

I am finding the last months pretty difficult to do, what with innumerable distractions. I suppose it is very much the same sort of difficulty you are having with winding up the Catalogue. However, we must do the best we can with the time that we have, so cheerio! and my best love to everybody.

Affectionately yours,

Harvey Cushing