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Dear Bill:

I have just had a nice note from Hill saying most pleasant and affectionate things about you and apologizing to me, though I don't know why, for having appeared (!) to push you at the end. He says you were "wonderful in those last weeks". This is a man-to-man compliment which will slide off your back, but I pass it on to Hilda.

Do let me know how things go, how the books are getting straightened out, and what you are doing, and whether you are getting acclimated. The weather must be beastly after an Oxford winter, but it couldn't be worse than it is here.

I hear from John from time to time. He seems to be full of business.

Do keep me posted about your doings by a p.c. occasionally if nothing else, and give my best love to Hilda and Maizie.

Always affectionately yours,

He.

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

H.C. always put
— in a good
word with Lady
O. in defense
of my slowness.
Whether he really
thought it best
for the Catalogue
or out of kind-
ness to me,
or because
he didn't want
the books to leave
Oxford during
Lady O's lifetime
— who knows?
W.W.F.
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Dear Bill;

Sue Chapin has just left with me for a few hours the introductory pages to the Biblioteca. I have read your charming introduction which I think you ought to have been privileged to sign alone; or what I would have preferred would have been for you to write something less formal and more out of your own heart which you could sign alone, and then have perhaps followed it or preceded it if necessary with a formal statement which you and Archie and Hill and Mackall might have signed. Still, that's only just my first reaction. Knowing that you were speaking for others as well as for yourself, it had to be as it is, and as such it is of course quite perfect.

It reminds me of something that I thought you, if writing alone, might possibly have put in. It was something you showed me in the preface of some French bibliography in which the man was making a sort of apologia for being a bibliographer at all and which was altogether delightful. Do you recall what it was; and if so, could you send me a copy of it so that I can preserve it?

Sent.

I understand from a round-about source that the shelves are all too short or too tall or too deep or too skinny or too something or other. Well, if this is so, it will at least give you something to do so that you can prolong the satisfaction of planning to put the books up just where and how you want.

Please drop me a note occasionally to let me know how things are going. I wish you were nearer at hand so that I could put you to bed over a game of tiddledy-winks.

Best love to you all.

Always yours,

Harry

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

=End of P. Deschamps's
Avertissement, p.
xv, vol. 1 of "Supplé-
ment", 1878, to
Roulet (#6940).
L. V. F.
I wonder if H.C.
ever used it?

[re 29.V. 29. Osler Library opening.]

305 WALNUT STREET
BROOKLINE

Monday.

[Postmarked 4 June 1929]

Dear Willie [Francis]

It was a great day for you
and Hilda and Megie. In about
Vicki and I consumed too much of
your time in the morning. Nevertheless?
You made a perfect speech,

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, CANADA

And what Stoyar said was what everyone
felt - that you were the fellow who had turned
the trick. Now do get a good rest.

Always yours
MC.

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H. Cushing. From Hilda's "puff" file.
Re opening of Osler Library on 29 May, 1929. W.W.F.