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The Osler Library

9 Jan. 1935

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital,
721 Huntington Ave.,
B O S T O N, Mass.

My dear Harvey:

Did I tell you that we have the biography material all nicely filed in a steel cabinet. I have not been systematically through it all yet but have hit upon several treasures. The material is going to be very useful. There is only one disappointment. In your letter of July 13, 1932, you wrote, "Perhaps the most valuable things for you are the two coloured sketch books of Father Johnson's which Arthur Johnson gave to me." We did not find these in unpacking the boxes and my secretary has been through the material thoroughly without coming across anything of the kind except one separate coloured drawing of the school house and chapel. I hope that they may still come here some day and that you have not sent them by mistake to Toronto!

Miss Poole, of the Toronto Academy, wrote me in July that they have two sketch-books of Johnson's father, "also sketches (drawings and water colours) done by W. A. Johnson about the time Osler was at school. Some of these are on loose sheets others in small books." It hardly looks as if they had possession of the packing-case-full of Johnson's sketch books which you mention having seen.

We are relying on you for the Osler Society Dinner this spring. The boys keep asking me what the prospects are, so you must not fail us. *

Love to you and yours.

Yours ever,

Rill

* P.S.

J. B. has just come in with the dismal news that you are too uncertain about this year to make any promise. The students' service will grow, but the invitation is an annual one, and we ~~see~~ ^{permanents} will get you yet. In persistency...

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January 11, 1933.

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Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter. I am horrified that the coloured sketch books of Father Johnson have not turned up in the material I sent you. They certainly were put in the boxes when they left here, and I trust you may come upon them sometime. They were good octavo-sized books, folded at the end, with some circa thirty sheets of drawing paper in each of them. I think they were put in some manila envelopes of corresponding size.

*They did
turn up*

I am just now agonizing over my Harvey Lecture of next week, else I would send you a more gossipy reply to your letter, for I always rejoice to hear from you.

Always yours,

He

Best regards

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

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McGill University
Montreal, Canada
17 March, 1933

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
721 Huntington Ave.,
Boston 17, Mass.

My dear Harvey;

Here is a good punctilious chap, Dr. Cameron, our new parasitologist, who sent me the accompanying letter to be addressed to you.

A propos of the letter-head, the central part which you find on his letter, not here (I prefer blank), is now official, an economy, and is being imposed upon all departments of the University. Yesterday I sent a protest from E.Y.D., 3rd, to the Dean against these three gallows-birds executed by Trag-uair, our Professor of Architecture, together with the following epigram:

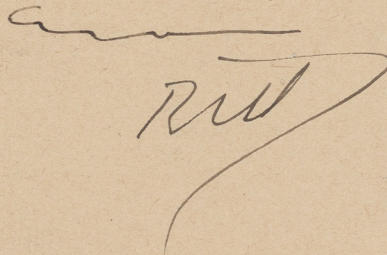
Alas, poor martlets, once so plump and red,
Now like black beetles pendant, shrunk and dead;
Crushed in the TRACK-WHERE slipped a cubist pen!
Oh for fat times (with room for you) again!

Under separate cover I am sending you another indiscretion, a Chaucerian menu for the dinner tomorrow night at which your annual substitute, this time Dr. Corner, is going to talk to us about Chaucer.

We had a nice visit from another of your substitutes, Sigerist, the other day.

Hilda and the Brat threaten to take me to England for July and August. I refrain from enquiring about your plans!

Love to you and yours.

A handwritten signature, likely "R.W.", written in dark ink. The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping horizontal line above the letters and a large, elegant flourish that curves under the letters and extends to the right.

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14 Jan. 1933

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital,
721 Huntington Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Harvey:

Sure enough! Right you are!! And I am very sorry to have given you this unnecessary shock. This morning on the third systematic search the two Johnson sketch books turned up in an envelope that had got underneath the files.

I am not an artist or a botanist but I can see that they are things of beauty and that the whereabouts of the rest of the packingcaseful in Toronto ought to be discovered.

Love to you and yours.

Yours ever,

W. J.

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March 20, 1933.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your entertaining letter with its enclosure, and also for the programme of the dinner. I see your fine Chaucerian hand on the programme, for I don't believe anyone else than you could have done it.

I will write instanter to Thomas Cameron giving him full privilege to quote anything he wishes from the "Life" of W.O. and I only wish for his sake I had said more about parasitology.

*copy here with
W.O.*

Your couplet aimed at the Professor of Architecture is delightful, and I would not have known what the markings on the shield actually were, unless the three bloody hands of Ulster.

But from all I can gather, you are feeling full of mischief and on the top of the wave. And should Hilda and the Brat succeed in taking you to England for two months this summer, there certainly will be no holding you down. Should you go, you can think of me sympathetically, slaving here during those months trying to finish a booklet dealing with the meningiomas which I promise will be my last appearance.

Always affectionately yours,

Franklin

FC

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

*Appointed associate fellow
at - ~~College~~ Hall, Yale
April '33.
J.B.*

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Peter Bent Brigham Hospital,
721, Huntington Ave.,
BOSTON, Mass.

20th March, 1933.

Dear Dr. Cameron.

Dr. Thomas W. M. Cameron,
Institute of Parasitology,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Dr. Cameron:

Dr. Francis has forwarded your note asking the privilege of quoting some passages from my "Life of Osler." You are at perfect liberty to take anything out of it you desire and use it as you please. I only wish that there were more things in it dealing specifically with your own subject, for it was always very close to his heart and he never ceased to take an interest in it.

With regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harvey Cushing.

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C O P Y

YALE UNIVERSITY,

School of Medicine,

New Haven, Con.

25th May, 1934.

Dear Dr. Cameron.

I am simply delighted with your sketch of Osler as a parasitologist. It's really remarkable, with all these facts assembled in such a telling way, to see how close this subject remained to his heart.

After all, as you so well point out, it was his first interest, and with all his multifarious activities, he never lost sight of it.

I am proud that I should have been even of the remotest help in the preparation of such an excellent account of this aspect of his scientific life.

With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harving Cushing.

Prof. Thomas W. M. Cameron,
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Min B.
Please acknowledge
to Prof Cameron
and send it
copies to those lists
- reporting -
WMT

Dear Dr. Cameron.

I am deeply delighted with your sketch of Osher as a parasitologist. It is really remarkable, with all these facts assembled in such a telling way, to see how close this subject remained to his heart.

After all, as you so well point out, it was his first interest, and with all his multifarious activities, he never lost sight of it.

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With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harving Cushing.

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MONTREAL.

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18 July, 1933

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
721 Huntington Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Harvey:

This is a P.S. to yesterday's. I think I misread a letter of Archie's, and that those 5000 copies of Aequanimitas disposed of in a year by Blakiston's must include the ones which the firm of Lily & Co. ordered specially for free distribution to medical students.

Yours ever,

Bill

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August 7, 1933.

Dear Bill:

Do you suppose there is a copy of the
Bibliotheca Osleriana somewhere loose that could be
sent to Dr. Sa'eed? He has an idea that Tanta Grace
intended to send him one. I suppose the easiest way
for him to get it is to have it sent directly from
the Oxford University Press. And as long as I never
had to pay for a copy myself, if you haven't one loose
among your undistributed "gift copies", do ask the
Press to send him one with my compliments and send
me the bill. The safest address is care of the
Imperial Bank of Persia, Teheran, Persia.

Always yours,

W.C.
Love yours also.
Hope you are having a vacation
at Metchumagog or some other O.C.

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17 August, 1933

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
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721 Huntington Ave.,
B o s s t o n, Mass.

My dear Harvey:

I was under the impression that Sa'eed was dead. I think Aunt Grace thought so too, otherwise he certainly would have been on her list for a copy of the Catalogue. Please let me deal with it myself. I shall have a copy sent to him from the Press at my expense. I have just got \$200 and something (as my "share") of royalties on a new printing last year of Aequanimitas by Blakiston's, they having sold in the year more than 5000 copies of it. So the Catalogue will very ~~probably~~ come out of that.

We are just home from a fascinating holiday in Nova Scotia. All varieties of swimming, fresh water lake near the tennis court, a nice warm cove in front of the hotel, and a superb beach a few minutes away. The only tragedy is that Hilda finds she has put on five pounds.

I hope your job is progressing and that you can soon have a good holiday yourself.

Best love to you and yours.

RM

this is only the Dept. of Physiol.

The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada
22 November, 1933

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Harvey:

Greetings and congratulations. I hear you are settled at Yale, library, family and all, and have arrived back from your well-deserved honours in England and France.

The annual invitation to speak at the Osler Society banquet in March still holds good, and I have been asked by this year's committee to sound you as usual. We all know you want to come, but this year when you might be free I foresee another lion in the path. You will certainly have to be here next October for the opening of the new Institute; otherwise it cannot possibly be "well and truly" inaugurated. It seems rather much to expect you to make a preliminary trip up here in March. There is also an uncertainty this year about raising travelling expenses. However, before making any other arrangements we would like to know what prospects there may be of your coming in March. The exact date cannot yet be fixed.

Beattie's well-deserved appointment is a wonderful thing for him but rather sad for McGill and especially for the Osler Library and Society. He has been the backbone (or rather pituitary body) of the Society throughout his six years here.

Love to you and yours. I hope they make you happy at Yale, and that you will manage to give yourself a little leisure. My girls are flourishing and send their love.

Yours ever,

W. W. F.

P.S. If we must wait till Oct. for you, we shall arrange a meeting of the Osler Soc., if you are here for the evening of, or before, the opening, & if you would drop in, let the boys see you and hear a few informal words from the Osler-typographer-in-chief.

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on W.F.F. p.2

Dear Willie:

Thanks for your note with its congratulations and all that. I had an interesting time in London for a week and then in Paris with A. C. Klebs. In fact, I don't know what I would have done without him for I am rather hobbled and he did most of my gadding about for me.

I am making no plans whatsoever about what I shall do either here or next year, and I am doubtful about March much as I would love to come and eager as I am to do anything you ask me to do. But as things stand, the very thought of being requested to prepare some sort of paper or address gives me the cold shivers, for I am absolutely dessicated, not to say here and there considerably ulcerated. I find myself scheduled for an address here on January 3rd and am just on the point of telling them that I simply can't face it. I don't know how it is with you; but so far as I am concerned, writing becomes increasingly difficult and the process of saturation which leads up to it less and less easy. Possibly after the turn of the year I may feel differently about it, for I may have found (as I hope I shall) that the Fountain of Youth is flowing here in New Haven; but then, I am prepared to be fooled in this matter.

I am so happy about Beattie's appointment, sad as it is for you. But he is just the man to take Arthur Keith's job and we must not be too sad at losing him from over here.

It was interesting how much I happened to hear about W.O. when I was in Paris. So many people remembered his winter visit and spoke about him, not because I happened to have biographized him (which they probably didn't know) but simply because I also came from the same side of the Ocean. It would have quite warmed your heart.

Camac writes me that he is for getting up a society of people to agree to bequeath all their Osleriana to McGill. I am all for it. I suppose he means letters principally. I hope it is an idea that you approve of.

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23 Nov. '33

John here is working like a Trojan, doing most of the entertaining, as far as I can gather, of visiting people. Castiglione has just been here, having made himself very much at home on Mill Rock and patting Lucia on the hand. Tomorrow comes Sigerist, Thomas the publisher, and someone else, all of whom John proposes to take care of. Meanwhile, he is rushing around giving addresses, running an historical club, on most of the literary committees, and continuing with his diary, a marvellous document from the glimpses I am occasionally permitted to have of it. Pepys and Evelyn combined have nothing whatever on him.

Best love to you all.

Always affectionately yours,

W.C.

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