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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

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MONTREAL
28 January 1936.

Dear Bill:

I want your help about a certain matter. I have been agonizing over a selection of some photographs to go with my War diary, parts of which the Atlantic Monthly people are going to publish more or less in extenso. I have quite a note about Jack McCrae with the well-known picture of him sitting on a bank with that English setter dog at his side which they want to use. I would like very much to have another picture to go with it as a companion piece on the same page, possibly a view of your hospital compound - an airplane view or perhaps an interesting view within the grounds, or of the staff during Elder's days.

Do you think there is such a thing that I could get without too much delay? They are howling for these pictures and I unfortunately am too crippled to go gunning about for them myself. If you could help me out, I would be hugely indebted.

Always yours,

frank

Harvey

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

30 January, 1936

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

Dear Harvey:

I am sending you by mail today a book of photos, "No. 3 Canadian General Hospital in France", which we got together in 1918. I hope one amongst these may serve your purpose. Do not bother to return the book.

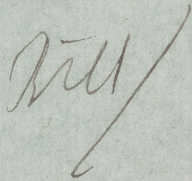
I have inserted in it one loose print of the hospital unit at Camiers, taken by Pirie, the radiologist, with a tin biscuit box. It shows our tent hospital and that of the Harvard unit next door. I should like this print returned to me if convenient.

I had a nice letter from Julia Shepley the other day promising to leave to the Library her copy of the MS. of the great book. So that will settle the question raised by the gradual disintegration of the carbon copy you sent me.

I gather from your letter and from other sources that you are better. So glad.

Love to you and yours.

Yours ever,



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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

6 February 1936.

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Dear Bill:

Thanks hugely for the illustrated History of No. 3 Canadian General Hospital and for the truly remarkable stolen photograph which Pirie managed to take with the aid of a biscuit tin and an X-ray plate. It rather looks to me as though that ought to be the only print of this picture; and if it is, I think I ought to send it back to you. Miss Stanton reminds me, indeed, that you said in your letter that it should be returned, and I accordingly am doing so.

I am a little doubtful whether any of these pictures would be capable of further reproduction to go alongside of the picture I have of Jack, which is the common one taken of him sitting on the wall with Boneau. You mustn't be surprised, therefore, when my books comes out and I send you a copy, as I intend to do, if you don't find one of these pictures used in it in spite of all your trouble. Nevertheless I thank you hugely for the book.

Always affy.,

He
Love to the family

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

F. T. Gates to Dr. Cushing

Copied from "G" correspondence file of Cushing papers (# 8303)
in the Osler Library.

26 Broadway
New York

June 28, 1920

Dear Dr. Cushing:

Another letter from Dr. Osler has turned up in
Mr. Rockefeller's office at No. 26 Broadway, and I enclose it
herewith for what it may be worth to you as illustrating Dr. Osler's
broad and sympathetic nature. Perhaps I may as well enclose with it
the accompanying correspondence.

...

Yours very truly,

"F. T. Gates.
N."

[Endorsed:]

Acknowledged
& returned July 6th.
"J. L. S"

Dear H.

This is copied to show the indication that at least some of
the material from Mr. Gates was returned.

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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

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MONTREAL.
16 March 1936.

Dear Bill:

Here is a letter from John D. Rockefeller, III, which interests me exceedingly. One would suppose that Simon Flexner might have written to ask if I had any letters from the Rockefeller files which I have never returned; but as you see, Simon asks young Mr. Rockefeller to do so.

It is quite evident, moreover, that Simon has reached the point with his story where he must consider what W.O. had to say about full time in relation to McGill, and apparently there are some documents missing from their files which they think must have been sent to me.

You will perhaps remember that Popsy took a fall out of me in his review of the Osler Biography in this particular respect, intimating that I had misquoted W.O.'s actual feeling regarding full time as expressed, I believe, in a letter to Martin. I was always a little aggrieved about this and thought it somewhat unfair of Popsy; but still, he had treated me so handsomely in his review, and even by writing the review, that I never expostulated with him about it. The review, as you doubtless know, was reprinted and widely distributed by the Rockefeller Institute, I always thought for the reason that they wanted to let everyone know what Dr. Welch regarded W.O.'s actual final decision about full time really to be.

I hope it won't bother you too much to look up in my old files, if they are accessible, and see whether under Rockefeller or Welch or McGill or Martin you can find copies of letters from the Rockefeller Institute, or possibly the letters themselves.

Always yours,

Harvey Cushing

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

*Popsy was always
for too enthusiastic
a believer in W.O.'s
"conversion" to
clinical
whole-time-ness
when W.O. saw it
was inevitable
he loyally sup-
ported it.
W.W.F.*

26 March, 1936

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

Dear Harvey:

I return herewith the letter of March 14th from John D. Rockefeller 3rd, enquiring about letters of W. O. from their files, particularly ones "written in 1904 in regard to Johns Hopkins University and letters dated 1907 and 1919 concerning McGill University".

We have been going through your material for the last few days without any luck. There is nothing under Rockefeller or Welch or McGill or Martin. The copies of letters seem to be mostly filed according to years, and we have searched all the likely years without success. We are gradually going through all the material and if anything more turns up I will send it on. At present all I have to offer you are the enclosed copies of copies of two letters from W. O. to F. T. Gates, 1907, and one from Gates to you with an endorsement showing that some material he had sent in 1920 was returned to him.

There are a good many letters ^{to you} of that year from Gates Sr. and Jr. concerning Osler correspondence.

I quite agree with you that Popsy was probably wrong in believing that W. O. had got over his prejudice against full-time professorships. Archie Malloch knows a good deal about it and has always been hot on the question, believing that Popsy misconstrued W. O.'s sentiments. My own impression is that when he saw that it was inevitable he loyally did his best to encourage the new scheme at Hopkins and McGill and elsewhere.

I wish to goodness you instead of Simon were writing up Popsy. I have not forgotten the fascinating reminiscences you gave us at New Haven a few years ago.

If I find anything more I will send it along to you. Best love to you and yours and to John and Lucia.

Yours ever,

Rich

Osler to F. T. Gates

Copied 1936 from the copies in the "1907" folder in file of Cushing papers (# 8303) in the Osler Library.

[Typewritten]

R. M. S. "LUCANIA"

April 26th, 1907

Dear Mr. Gates:

You have, of course, noticed the hard whacks which my old alma mater, McGill, has had in these two big fires. No doubt Sir William Macdonald, who built the Engineering Department, will restore it, but I am afraid from what I hear that the medical faculty has been very hard hit by the loss of their fine buildings. Do you think it would be possible to interest Mr. Rockefeller to the extent of a couple of hundred thousand dollars? It would mean everything to them and would really encourage a group of men who have been doing splendid work for the community.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours,

"Wm. Osler"

Fred T. Gates, Esq.,
26 Broadway,
New York

CRAIGLEIGH, ROSEDALE,
Toronto
2nd May 1907,

[Handwritten]

Dear Mr. Gates:

Thanks for your letter, which I received last evening, just before leaving Montreal. I have asked the Dean of the Faculty to prepare a statement of the research work which has been carried on lately at McGill in medicine. I think you will be surprised at its extent and variety. An endowment of \$500,000 would enable them to further extend and carry on this work. To rebuild a thoroughly modern fire-proof building will take all the moneys available & leave them hampered sadly for his advanced work, which they are really prepared to do, so far as the personnel of the faculty is concerned. I am sending you a couple of books which may interest you to look over, and Vol. I of my new system of medicine.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

"Wm. Osler"

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30 March 1936.

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Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter and for all your trouble. I am writing to John D. Rockefeller III telling him of the results of your labours. It is quite probable that Simon and the Rockefellers think I have concealed somewhere letters from W.O. stating that he changed his mind about the full-time matter. I can perfectly well imagine his writing to Martin to say "Take the money at all events, however you may feel about the principle involved," But such a letter is more likely to be in Martin's files than in mine or Mr. Gates'.

With love to the family,

Always affy.,

Harvey Cushing

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

Poor Simon!
W.W.F.

20 April, 1936

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

Dear Harvey:

I have found in your papers a copy of the letter
to Rockefeller, 28 Aug., 1919, which J. D. R., 3rd, has asked me
for and have sent him a copy.

Yours ever,

W.H.

a carbon
is in letter
file
— Rockefeller
Apr. 1936

17 April, 1936

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

Dear Harvey:

Simon and John D. III's secretary have lately been writing to the Dean and to me about letters from W.O. in Jersey in August 1919 about the proposed reorganization of the medical clinic here at McGill.

In going through your biography material we find frequent notes both in the alphabetical Welch ~~volume~~ and in the chronological folders, such as this, apparently in Miss Shepley's hand:

"Welch letter to H. C. regarding visit to Roosevelt about Panama Canal Commission circa 1904 he has filed π his personal Welch letters."

I thought this might perhaps give some clue to the missing material.

I sent Flexner the other day at the Dean's request a reference to the Chief's letter of 23 August, 1919, which was addressed to the Dean and of which F. had asked a copy. It was printed in Maude Abbott's volume of appreciations and reminiscences, 1926, pp. 521-2, in the classified bibliography, apparently at Popsy's suggestion, and to Archie Malloch's indignation. It advocates the establishment of full-time clinics here. Perhaps you have never seen it.

What John D. III is now enquiring for is a letter from W.O. to John D. Jr., dated the previous day, 28 Aug., which W.O. enclosed in a letter to Popsy and asked him to forward. No doubt it was asking for funds for the McGill scheme, and it may have been on that letter, which I and perhaps you have never seen, that Popsy based his rather too sanguine opinion of the Chief's conversion to the whole-time idea.

With best love,

Yours ever,

Bill

Welch letter to H.C. regarding visit to Roosevelt about Panama

Canal Commission circa 1904 he has filed with his personal

Welch letters

Welch

2 April, 1938

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

Dear Harvey:

All that Dr. Martin has been able to dig from his files so far are some enquiries, 1925, occasioned by footnote 35 on p. 50 of Abraham Flexner's "Medical Education", 1925, in which W.O. was credited with the suggestion of a full-time professor of medicine at McGill. Among the enquirers was T. McCrae, who thought the statement wrong. M. answered by quoting from W.O.'s letter to the then Dean, Birkett, dated 29 August, 1919, in which he outlines the whole scheme and which was obtruded (to Archie Malloch's annoyance and apparently at the suggestion of Popsy) and printed in full in the Classified Bibliography of W.O. on p. 591 of Maude Abbott's "Appreciations and Reminiscences", 1926. Amongst three things "necessary to carry out such a scheme", with which W. O. ends the letter, he puts "a realization on the part of all concerned that we are at the parting of the ways and that a new deal is a necessity". T. McCrae, after reading the quotation from the letter, wrote to Martin, "We had a certain amount of correspondence on the question from time to time and I got the impression that he [W.O.] was pretty strongly opposed to the full-time plan."

I cannot help feeling that you are a bit over-suspicious. I doubt very much whether Simon or Rockefeller would be so crazy as to suspect you of concealing Osler letters.

Ever yours,

Rich.

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20 April 1936.

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Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter. It's a detective story just like "Gaudy Night" and I think you would be a good substitute for Lord Peter Wimsey.

I don't recall that I have ever seen the letter in Maude's book though on ~~re~~reading it, it sounds familiar and it's possible that Martin may have sent me a copy of it. Anyhow, I am much interested to learn that Popsy got Maude Abbott to put it into ^{W.O.'s} bibliography where of course it does not belong. If W.O. sent a letter to Popsy to forward to Mr. Rockefeller asking for funds for the McGill scheme, I certainly have never seen it or heard of it, though it's likely enough he may have written the letter and have said things in it to get money for McGill even though he may have said just the opposite to someone else ^{the next day}.

I am amused that they should still be pursuing these letters.

Simon wrote to me several weeks ago to say that he was going to be in Norfolk with Fred Wolcott on the 20th of May and if I were going to be in town on the next day, he would like to stop and look at my Welch letters.

I had several letters from him ^{ie Popsy} written during the course of the preparation for the Biography which I must have lifted from the Welch envelope and put with some other Welchiana which I was gathering together; for I find they are bound in the volumes between 1921 and 1925. They are all addressed to me, and none deals with the mooted question of full time. Perhaps that's where I made my mistake in not writing him about it; but then, it wasn't a subject on which I could very well consult him for he knew that I was on the other side of the fence. And I think before he died, he had come to feel much less strongly about it than he did in the early days.

Always affy.,

W.C.

My only excuse for this letter is that it was decided what much was going on in my room that needed my frequent participation. I can probably keep the files

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

P.S. In fact the Bulletin can be put in at trade times. I mean could, I enclose it to you.

"Whole tissue"
see "Approaches to"
1926, pp 591-2.
W.W.F.

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22 April 1936.

Dear Bill:

Most interesting, that you
should have found this August 28, 1919
letter. Do send me a copy of it also,
so that I may know what it was they
were so anxious to get hold of.

Always yours,

Harry Perry

*W.O. from Jersey
advised Rockefeller
if he would con-
sider helping
to establish up-to-date
med. clinic at
New York.
L.W.F.*

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

29 April, 1936

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University
School of Medicine,
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear Harvey:

Confound your Journal (à la Weir Mitchell).
It kept me up the other night until the birds began to sing.
I usually shun any literature about the war but this is
different, full of interest not only to those who know and
love you, but also for the light it sheds on purely military
developments. It ought to be a great success. I would be
disappointed if anything, even from your pen, could surpass
the Life.

The photographs are all interesting, but I
could wish there were more of your delightful little sketches
scattered through the text.

Many thanks for sending it to the Library.
Thanks also for yours of the 20th with the comical enclosure,
which was enjoyed by the whole Bildakins family.

Yours ever,

Rich

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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

27 May 1936.

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Dear Bill:

Leonard Mackall has been here stirring us all up, and me particularly about completing the list of errata and addenda to the Biography to which you have already contributed so much. I shall be sending you on a carbon of it herewith, hoping that you will look it over again and see if you can add anything.

Mackall seems to think that the book is chiefly an important contribution to bibliography, and it of course might be interesting to cite (in connexion with the mention of book purchases in the letters which I happen to have used) the number ^{under which} ~~where~~ these books occur in the Bibliotheca Osleriana. This would be a chore I couldn't possibly undertake, but it is just possible that you may have noted down these allusions, for I remember your once saying that they were going to be of help to you in running down times and places of certain purchases. Mackall, as usual, left us all panting, with our tongues hanging out.

Always affy.,

HC

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

File.

12 June, 1936

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

Dear Harvey:

I am glad Mackall has been stirring the pool and that he has left you still capable of panting. It is good to see the list of corrigenda. It looks long but there are really very few considering the immensity of the job. I would suggest printing them in small type on thin paper so that they could be inserted at the end of the copies without doing violence to the binding.

I have been over your list, and enclose a list of mine which is in two sections, the first containing some slips in your list, and the second section containing additional corrigenda, many of which are unimportant and may be ignored if you don't approve of them. But there are some that certainly ought to be included, such as the Jap's beautiful word "thankful" at the end of the second footnote on p. 138, vol. ii.

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behind
#7746

I made some notes somewhere of the places where you give valuable hints as to the sources and circumstances of our Osler Library books. I don't know where these notes are but I must have a search for them.

I had a letter this morning from John Fulton and he gives me a good report of you. You are as "secretive" as Tom McCrae about your disabilities. Perhaps you are like dear old Robert Fletcher, Billings's colleague on the Index Catalogue, who told us once that in his young practising days he had only one prescription for any malady in himself or in his patients, "treat it with contempt". No wonder he quit practice for bibliography.

I am swamped with the Special Libraries convention here next week and have to preside the week after at the meeting of the Medical Library Association in St. Paul.

Yours ever,

W. W. F.

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7 August 1936.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for sending me the clipping
from the Canadian Doctor with a review of my
Journal book. I think it is a very excellent
review and am beholden to you for sending it
and I presume for writing it, though you
haven't initialed it.

I didn't!
W.W.F.

Always affy.,

W

P.S. I had a nice visit from Ted
Eberts et ux. and married daughter Adelaide
the other day. We had lunch together and they
gave me much news of my friends on your side
of the line.

P.P.S. The President's visit seems
to have been a very happy one, and I thought
both he and John Buchan made eloquent and
timely speeches.

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

S. de Steenhuyzen
1536-1623.

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the other day. We had lunch together.

gave me much news of my friends on your side

21 August, 1936

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

Dear Harvey:

No, I am sorry to say I did not write that
review in the Canadian Doctor.

Among the plethora of visitors this month
there was a nice second year Yale medical student in the
other day who was very interested and told me with great
appreciation how accessible, affable and helpful you ("the
great man") make yourself to the students.

Yours ever,

RM