

GILBERT H. DOANE
2006 CHADBOURNE AVENUE
MADISON, WISCONSIN

4 December 1940.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you for your note of December 1st. Rules are rules, and I quite understand the situation regarding the Osler bookplates. I'm a librarian and know what restrictions of the sort mean.

I will make even more of an effort to get into Montreal if I'm east again next summer. Generally I have but a few minutes between trains, if I travel that way, or am there in the evening hours on the return trip. But it is only a two-hour drive from my mother's place in Vermont, and I really should be able to do it!

Someday some youngster may drop into my office to talk over his "career" and if medicine comes up, I'll remember your offer of a spare copy of A DOCTOR'S ODYSSEY, if he seems worthy of it. I get my own copy out every now and then to re-read bits of it and have occasionally loaned it to a young man with leanings toward medicine.

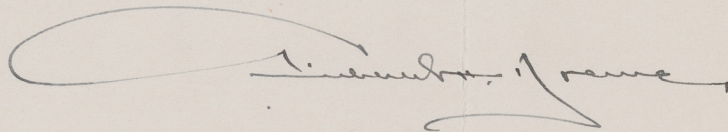
As I write it occurs to me that there may not be a copy in the browsing room of the Medical Library here. I'll ask Dr. Paul Clark, the chairman of the Medical Library Committee, when he comes into the office to-morrow. If not, they might like to have it--should have a copy anyhow, whether they want it or not! I'll add a postscript in the morning about it.

Incidentally, the Regents have just purchased for the Medical Library the collection of Dr. William Snow Miller who died last spring. It is more of a working library than Roy's was, but there are some fine things in it and some rarities--nothing, I suspect, like the 1628 Harvey, to be sure, yet some early Vesalius and Galen.

I'm re-reading Cushing's OSLER this winter. What a magnificent book it is! One of the really great biographies!

But I mustn't run on like this! It's not done!

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Paul Clark says that they will be happy to have
the volume for their browsing library.



Doane

1 December, 1940.

Mr. Gilbert H. Doane,
2006 Cheshbourn Avenue,
Madison,
Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Doane,

After reading your nice friendly, Crummery letter, it is doubly hard to tell you that it is against the rules for me to distribute the Osler and Osler Library bookplates. If it is any consolation, they are not artistic plates, but mere labels.

But do drop in next summer, not necessarily eluding your family. Bring them along. If some of them are small, we could probably amuse them with a horn book.

What an enthusiastic pair, those Crummers. I did enjoy their visits to Oxford. I'm sorry to hear that "Myrtle" is not well. Dear old LeRoy died far too young.

Hoping to see you and with apologies for the absence of enclosures.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

P.S. I have a spare copy of Beaman's Crummers ("A doctor's Odyssey"). If you hear of any one who would like to have it, let me know.

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27 November 1940.

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian,
The Osler Library,
Magill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

My dear Dr. Francis:

You've never heard of the man whose name heads this sheet and who is now begging the favour of specimens of the bookplates used by the late Sir William Osler and in his library as it now stands in Montreal, but your name is very familiar to him!

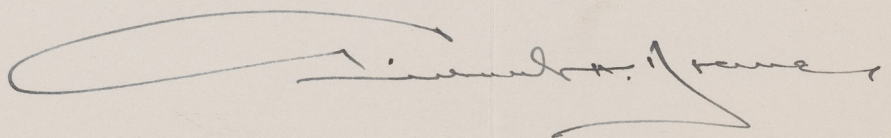
Years ago, it seems only yesterday at times, I used to spend a great many week-ends with LeRoy and Myrtle Crummer in Omaha, when I was librarian of the University of Nebraska and before the Crummers made that last move to Los Angeles and we realized that Roy hadn't long to live. Especially when they came back from their annual trip to Europe and we and others were summoned for the first "book dinner" of the season to hear the saga of the summer's hunting, did accounts of Lady Osler's kindnesses to them and your own hours with them ring across the table. What years those were! I've never known another bookcollector as enthusiastic as Roy was, and as I write his familiar features seem to appear in the smoke about me as he used to look sitting at the head of his table or showing his guests the finds of the year.

Poor Roy, what a shame that he should have gone at such an early age--as did Sir William! I saw him only once after they left Omaha, for I was in Los Angeles in 1930 for a fortnight and spent a week of it with them. I knew when I left him then that I'd never see him again. Myrtle we've seen a few times as she has passed back and forth, but not for five years--and I rarely hear from her now, for she is not well.

My own home is so close to Montreal--just down over the line near St. Albans, Vt. --that I've promised myself annually that I would get up to see the Osler collection and perhaps have the good luck to meet "Billy" Francis, as Roy used to call you. But each summer I've been there my family have planned so much that it hasn't been possible to get away from them. But I do want to see the books about which I've heard so much and read so much, for Cushing's Life of Sir William is, in my humble estimation one of the really great biographies--my own first edition of it stands within reach of my hand as I sit at my machine. May I come sometime?

To return to the bookplates, I have been making a collection these last three or four years, and I would very much like to add Sir William's to it to keep company with Roy's two plates and that of Dr. Cushing--if it isn't against your rule or practice to give them out.

Sincerely yours,



P.H.D.

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Amid 28.11.29. It is with an end of April.
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

KASR EL 'AINI HOSPITAL,
CAIRO.

TELEPHONE No. 600.

Cairo, Feb. 9th, 1929

In reply please quote No.

ENCLOSURES :

Subject : The Bibliotheca
Osleriana

My dear Dr. Francis,

Your letter of 26-9-1928 followed me here.
 And since I arrived the vicissitudes of life, Congress-
 es, Centenaries, and all that they imply, have pre-
 vented me from answering what I gladly received
 from you.

And I wonder if the Trinitarian Oxford Press
 has even yet published the Bibliotheca
Osleriana. Or, dread thought, whether it
 may be published, sold out, and the present
 writer forgotten in a far-off land.

Intercede with these august folk of the Oxford
 Press for me, should the dread thought be the
 true and only one. You said that you had given

1950 J.F. This is all I can find of Dobbin's. Please return
 it. I am already correspond with him from

W.W.F.

PLEASE RETURN TO OSLER LIBRARY
 Oxford

my name for a copy and that "John Johnson
Printer to the University" would take note of
my desire. Perhaps, not having heard
from me, you may think me defunct.
I am not. And I do look forward to re-
ceiving the Book.

The Book show went off well.
Sir William's books were there. The Incun-
abula Medica, the Alabama Student - all
that I had of his. Harvey Cushing's Life.

They were in the Modern Section.
And in the 14th 15th 16th 17th - century^{section} were
many books to which he refers in his
writings. I hope all's well with you.
And I hope all's well with the Bibliotheca.
Kindest regards to you and believe me.

Yours sincerely.

ROY DOBBIN

Roy Dobbin.

11 February, 1938

Professor R. S. Dobbin,
Khedivial Bldgs.,
Sharia Emad-el-Diu,
Cairo, Egypt.

Dear Professor Dobbin:

I have just written to Professor Mahfouz
thanking him for two copies of his excellent "History of
medical education in Egypt", about which I enquired of
you on October 2nd. I wish to thank you for your part in
this gift and especially for having added to his inscription
a nice one of your own.

I shall pass on the duplicate copy to another
library that may need it.

I enclose a trifle with the grandiose title,
"The President's address", but being about Osler I am sure
it will interest you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

2 October, 1937

Professor R. S. Dobbin,
Khedivial Bldgs.,
Sharia Emad-el-Din,
Cairo, Egypt.

Dear Professor Dobbin:

"The history of medical education in Egypt", by
Naguib Mahfouz Bay, of which evidently pars magna fuisti, was
reviewed in the Jour. Obst. & Gyn., Aug. 1937, p. 746, the Cairo
Govt. Press, Bulaig, 1935, being given as the publishers. In
answer to our enquiry we have just had an official p.c., "Govern-
ment Press, Cairo ... not in stock at the Publication Stores."

Whether this means that they are not its publishers,
or that it is now out of print I don't know. If it is procurable,
would you be so kind as to have a copy sent to this Library, with
invoice.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Librarian.

OSLER LIBRARY,
8 Sept., 1949.

Miss Jessie Dobson, M. Sc.,
Royal College of Surgeons,
Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W. C. 2,
England.

Dear Miss Dobson,

I was interested to see your account of H. J. Shrapnell in the Jour. Hist. Med. Rareties seldom come singly: I noticed recently in "A history of the West Cornwall Hospital" by Dr. E. C. Edwards, Truro, Royal Printeries, [1946?], 47 pp., that in an 1809 pamphlet describing the original Dispensary one of its intentions "is to rescue the poor from the malignity of the Small Pox by introducing Vaccination ... Who will refuse the benefits of a discovery that has immortalised its author and diffused its salutary effects to every quarter of the globe."

I was less surprised at this rather early enlightenment when I notice a "Col. Shrapnell" among the list of subscribers.

I wrote to Dr. Edwards a few months ago about this probable connection, but have not heard from him. I suspect that the Colonel was responsible for the local vaccination, even if he had nothing to do with the less salutary one-l, shrapnel shell.

My regards, please, to Mr. Le Fanu and to Dr. Beattie.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. F. W. H. F.
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