CUS417/57.373 PUBLIC HEALTH IS PURCHASABLE. WITHIN NATURAL LIMITATIONS ANY COMMUNITY CAN DETERMINE ITS OWN DEATH RATE MATTHIAS NICOLL, JR., M. D. HUNTINGTON WILLIAMS, M. D., DR. P. H. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT STATE HEALTH OFFICER PAUL B. BROOKS, M. D. STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ALBANY, N. Y. EDWARD H. MARSH, M. D. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ALBANY August 6th, 1925. Dr. Harvey Cushing, 305 Walnut Street, Brookline, Mass. Dear Doctor Cushing: I have just returned from vacation which I spent most delightfully reading your splendid "Life of Osler". I hated to lay it down when I reached the end of the second volume and I am sending you this note to say that I don't think it could have been better done. Of course one's appetite for more is greatly stimulated and I wonder if you could give me some hint when Biblioteca Osleriana, which you mention as being in print, will be ready for distribution and how it may be secured. I am also curious as to whether or not Osler ever had a bookplate made as suggested on page 456 of the second volume. No doubt there will be some bookplate in his library when it goes to McGill. Has any date been set for that event? It has occurred to me that Osler's connection with many activities in public health work would make an interesting study, from our angle here. I have only gone as far as to make a note of the various references which you give to it. I had to go as far as the Library of Congress for the letters of Gui Patin, but enjoyed them very much during my vacation. Very truly yours, Hunturgton Williams
District State Health Officer. HW: oc.