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Dear Dr. Cushing

So many thanks for your letter - I was in a "cranky" humour when I last wrote you. *Ora culpe!* "Boys flying kites dawl on their white winged birds. You can't do that way when you're flying words" as Carlton says aptly.

I agree with what you say about the Sun review - also too much of W.O + too little of the book. After all the book's the thing.

Had a wire from Alabiades "Other review must be in land May 15th"
Fausset comment splendid gratitude love.

I had just sent off the review when

your letter came, but there is
nothing to change in it. Curiously
enough as you will see, if he
does not alter it, we think very
much alike. There are many
personal comments that I should
like to make to you, but I do
not care to write them. They are
in the nature of this - Harvey Astor
was put in a mean light. W.O. admired
his brain and spirit immensely and
his Sunday visits were a relief &
inspiration to him. His letter to my
sister Gwen "bill to D.O. & speaking of
a monthly allowance, he would not
have approved. My letter to Grace
I am glad dad not my name. W.O.
would not have liked the "fushing
friend" as applied to me, nor do
I care for the comments that follow.
"Gulched" is not a word to use in

Connection with H.O. These are minor
matters, some day we will talk over
things I consider more serious. I only
wish I could have helped you - you
have done wonders and I appreciate
what you have done - to the full.

It is certainly not Boswellian -
it is amazing how well you were able
to keep yourself on the background.
I fail to see why a surgeon should
be unqualified to write a biography
of a physician - Poets' lives are not
written by poets. The life of Napoleon
is not written by men of war -
Lives of kings & queens are not written
by monarchs. That idea is feeble.
If Joseph allows my review to any
extent, I shall have a copy which
I will send to you - as written -
for my own "identification" as my
young master used to say -
I have been receiving donations

Lately, Vice President and Councillor for
Canada of The Poetry Society of England
and America. Vice President of The
Canadian Poetry Society (only women) President
of The Ottawa Poetry Society and Vice
President of the Authors Assⁿ -
all by acclamation, so I must "ford
up my loins" - W.O. would have been
much more pleased than I am. I
am really overworked mentally and
socially & longing for next month
and Blue Sea Lake. Peace, beauty
and quiet living. Would that you
could join the three generations there,
Pam, Sister, and myself.

I get such knocks from Dr. Gull about
the delay of The Library. Why don't
they bring it out and continue the
cataloguing in Montreal? W.O. always
said it would take him 10 years,
and Bill is so conscientious.

Ever sincerely
Marianne Thorne