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Autopsy records from May 1876

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May 27th 1920.

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498 Autopsies

Professor Harvey Cushing,
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Cushing:-

In reply to yours of May 21st and 25th I have gone over the autopsy records and find that the first page in the ^{first} book which I have will suit for copying. The one in another hand is the second page and not the first, so I will have this photographed for you.

With regard to the autopsy records. There are two volumes here in the Museum of the three which were to my knowledge extant in 1904. Of these the first runs from April 29, 1877, to March 14, 1878, and contains autopsies 101 to 291. This book beginning 101 shows that 100 autopsies were done before May 1st 1877, which would mean his appointment as pathologist dates at least a year back. The second book in my care dates from March 14, 1878, to August 23, 1880, and contains autopsies 292 to 498. From April 29, 1877, to May 28, 1879, there were 209 autopsies done, making an average of 104.5 in each of those years. Both books are fully indexed in his own hand, and the cases are carefully numbered and most of them dated. The majority of the cases in the book 1877 - 78 ~~are~~ are ~~not~~ in his own hand and which is very complete. The second book has many cases pinned in on loose sheets, and more than half are in another hand writing. Both contain an incomplete cross-index on loose sheets. I have sent the article on "A Remarkable case of Worms" to Dr. Shepherd, and will let you know results. He says that the E. Y. Davis articles began about 1885. Dr. Heywood has looked through the M.G.H. records since 1834 and has found no other pathological notes, than the two books which I have here. He says, there is no record in the minutes of his appointment in charge of the small-pox ward, which was an office delegated to a junior ^{appointment of his} by the senior on the staff; Dr. Shepherd thinks this was in 1876, and that he was in charge for at least two and probably three years. A clue is to be had in the editorials and articles in the Can. Med. & Surg. J. on small-pox about this time. The third volume ^{of his records} which I saw was ~~for~~ 1880 and was consecutive with these two, so that as far as I know the first volume has been missing since 1904.

You will find that the letters from Berlin and Vienna of '73 and '74 are included in my Bibliography on page 4 with the letters in the '80's. You must have overlooked them. Many thanks for telling me that Dr. Shepherd was pleased with my bibliography. I would like very much if it could be made the basis of a Memorial Edition of his Canadian ~~periodic~~ publications. If you could do anything to

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help me in forwarding this idea I would be very grateful. I think Canada owes this tribute both to herself and to Sir William's memory.

I have thirteen more pages in my Bibliography under pathological series which you have not seen. As soon as I have them checked for the correction of the proof I will send you a duplicate copy which I have of these pages. Please let me know if there is anything further I can do.

I enclose another letter to Mr. Raphael; would you please return it to ~~Mr~~ Raphael, 30 Durocher Street, by registered mail.

With very kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Maudie. Abbott.

Curator.