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(From Mr. Leonard Mackall to Mr. L. C. Wroth)

420 Riverside Drive, N.Y.C.
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Mr. L. C. Wroth,
Enoch Pratt Library,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Yots:

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At the opening of the Phipps Psychiatric Clinic at the J. H. Hospital on April 16, 1913, Dr Osler stated i.a. (J.H.H. Bull, June 1913, p. 171): "Still in the thaumaturgic state of mental development, ninety-nine per cent of our fellow creatures when in trouble, sorrow or sickness, trust to charms, incantations and to the saints. Many a shrine has more followers than Pasteur; many a saint more believers than Lister. Less than twenty years have passed since the last witch was burned in the British Isles!"

One of the Balto. newspapers promptly published an account of the Cardinal's having strongly objected to this statement, and the dear old man at once rushed around to Dr. Futcher's to see Dr. Osler and assure him that the whole thing was a journalistic fabrication, and that he liked the address very much. Dr. Osler told me this himself, though he was out when the Cardinal called. I saw the newspaper account myself, and now want one of those damned PHOTOSTATS of it. Can you get it for me, taking just as much trouble as you possibly can (beyond what is at all necessary)? I hope so!

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Very cordially yours,

Leonard L. Mackall.