Baltimore

OSLER LIBRARY,
22 December, 1948.

The Secretary,
Medical and Chirurgical Faculty,
1211 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, 1,
Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Yeager,

I am very much touched by the invitation to be present at the public celebration of the sesquicentennial on April 25th next. I wish I could definitely accept, and I presume that I may leave it open until I receive the formal invitation. If my health should then be no better than it has been lately, I should have to refuse.

Has anybody noticed a wrong letter in the famous Greek motto in the impression of the Faculty's seal on the present letter head? The Z between the right foot and bottom of the staff of Aesculapuis should be a Greek Xi (Ξ, ksi), ΑΝΤΑΞΙΟΣ. I notice that in a larger impression, on a 1930 invitation to the Centennial of the Library, the letter is ζ, a sort of compromise, in Greek, between x and z.

I have occasion to remember the form of those letters. At the time of the Centennial, 1898, Osler gave me the job of drafting the whole line in Greek letters a foot-and-a-half high for the florist to reproduce ~~them~~ in red roses. It is line 514 of book xi of the Iliad, "One medical man is worth many other men."

With kind regards to you and to my old friends at the Library, especially to Albert Chatard. Tell him I now have a grandson of my own, but that doesn't prevent me from wanting to see his.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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November twenty-ninth
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Dr. William W. Francis
McGill University
3640 University Street
Montreal 2, Quebec
Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland is planning its Sesquicentennial Celebration during the week of April 25, 1949. A large public meeting is to be held at the Lyric Theater on the opening evening, Monday, April 25, at 8 p.m.

As a descendant of Dr. Osler, the honor of your presence is requested. It is thought by the entire profession of the State that your presence would add great significance to the occasion. I am notifying you well in advance of your receiving a formal invitation in order that you may plan your schedule accordingly.

Needless to say, the expenses incurred as a result of this trip will be borne by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty.

Sincerely yours,

George H. Yeager

George H. Yeager, M. D., Secretary

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D.C. Bain.

December 19th, 1939.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Although I had only a few moments to work through Zainer's "Speculum h.v." there are one or two points of interest which may be worth mentioning.

1. The initial on fol. Ia is similar to, and may be the prototype of, Z's well-known "Maiblumen" set of initial-letters (BM 2a & 2b) which appeared for the first time in 1473.

2. There is a blind impression of type used as "furniture" on 12b. (fig 9...) but I have not been able to identify it as yet.

3. On fol. 58b the final line was added after the preceeding text had been printed, as is shown by the space between it and the line above; it also extends beyond the usual length of line despite its greatly contracted state. This is the second instance I've found of Zainer having printed matter which had been omitted from the page. My copy of the "Postilla" shows seven lines added in this manner.

Other points of interest (taken from my incipient bibliography of Z.) are:

1. It is the first dated book in Z's type 118

2. It is the first edition of the Speculum h.v. printed in Germany

3. It appears as the third item in Zainer's first advt. 1471

The binding is a splendid example and, as you mentioned, was probably done in Zainer's establishment. (It appears to have been treated with some preparation recently).

There can be very few people who have felt quite the same joy as myself in handling the volume and I would greatly appreciate another opportunity, sometime in the near future, when I will be able to give it the careful attention it deserves.

Yours sincerely,
Donald Bain

16th, wrote him re Madan's, # 7.19, descr. of his Ovid, 1632.
Wolf, H. (of Isocrates), b. 1516 horoscope.
W.W.7.

6 June, 1938

Donald Bain, Esq.,
Canadian Import Co.,
300 St. Sacrament St.

Dear Bain,

This is from Proctor's "Index ... ", pt. 2, 1500-20, sect. 1, Germany, Lond., 1903 (# 6937, ii):

p. 62,
xxxi. MARTIN OF WERDEN.
TYPES. Types 1 (text = Guldenschaff 1; double hyphen); 2 (large = Guldenschaff or Quentell 2; double hyphen); ... 4 (small, like Quentell 6, but single hyphen; in Jan. 1501 round and tailed h mixt, afterwards taile only; rather thick, with short stem; 63 mm.); for these see pt. 1.
Type 4, see fig. 46; ...
CUTS ... No. 2 is of the Holy Family; shaded; the child stepping across ... No. 3 is like No. 2, but without shading, and the child is seated, and stretching across. Used in no. 10510-14, ...

p. 63,
(b) Prope domum consulatus in uico Burgensi uulgo die Burgerstraes: with the printer's name.
10513. 1507 Dec. 22. Augustinus: manuale de aspiratione hominis ad deum, etc. 8°. P.VI.361. Types 1, 2, 4; cut.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.7
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29 June, 1956

Donald R. Bain, Esq.,
2086 Northcliffe Ave.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Bain:

I've just got back, and got round to your good letter* of the 18th. Many thanks for clearing up the tangle. It is evident that our Isidore # 7443 lacks a leaf of text and one of woodcuts (n5-6). When my friend, L. L. Mackall, who is a sort of bibliographer in chief to the Grolier Club, gets back to New York, I'll ask him for photostats of those two leaves.

We are off to Nova Scotia on Wednesday. I hope to see you in Como in August.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

* Inserted, with other notes, on back fly-leaf of # 7443.

OSLER LIBRARY,
23 May, 1946.

Rev. Mr. R. H. Bainton,
Yale Divinity School,
409 Prospect St.,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Magister vere contrite,

Misereatur tibi Dominus, amen; but if your opening vocative, "Domine", referred to me (?), the delay hardly calls for the curse of Ernulphus, though we happened to have a search for the typed copy of that would-be antidote to Molière about a week before your letter came. Perhaps telepathy led you to it! Anyway, in slips of this kind, I am unable to join George in casting stones at you.

We have your "Smaller circulation" (Sudhoffs Archiv, 1931) and "Present state of Servetus studies" (1932) which, I think, my good old friend Mackall got from you for me; and I should dearly love to have anything else you may have written about Servetus.

Is there any probability that Servetus may have read Arabic and have got his theory from Ibn an-Nafis, who seems to have known as much about it in the 13th century?

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

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ROLAND H. BAINTON
YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL
409 PROSPECT STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

(1894 -

B.D. Yale

May 11, 1945

Doctor eruditissime:

Domine miserere mihi. George Stewart and I were profoundly chagrined because I mislaid an enclosure which George passed on to me and which I mislaid. I found it today, filed in the wrong place. But in the meantime I had forgotten your name. You signed yourself to George as Bill. The initials are with the stenographers mark. I hope this slight measure of ingenuity may slightly atone for all my remissness.

The list of medical gods &c. from bond of 4371

How odd that I once mislaid the letters of another man whom I associate with the Osler library, Leonard Macfall. I wonder whether the library has the articles I have written on Servetus. I don't know whether I have enough reprints to remedy the defect (I mean the lacuna) if it exists but I can see.

Penitently
Roland H Bainton

Vere contritis dat ecclesia indulgentiam.

Dr. L. F. Barker
1036 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore

24 May, 1931

My dear L. F. B.,

Very many thanks for the 3 vols. of your 'Clinical Diagnosis of Internal Diseases', 1923, received through Appleton's to replace the dedication set of the original edition, which mysteriously disappeared between Oxford and Montreal.

Thanks also for the reprint on hospital interns which I shall add to the Library for its medical-educational interest.

It was good to see you and Miss Humpton last month. Kind regards to you both.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

OSLER LIBRARY,
20 October, 1942.

Mr. James F. Ballard,
Boston Medical Library,
8 The Fenway,
Boston,
Mass., U.S.A.

Fenway

Dear James Ballard,

I too was a boy of 14 in 1892 and about that time had my first conscious introduction to the beginnings of Osler's Library; but my 50 years of service - 30 of them dilettantish browsing! - were unfortunately broken by long intervals of less congenial interests. Even you must have had time to browse now and then; I don't believe that you absorbed it all by ocular suction through the title-pages! They warned me at the Bodleian that the cataloguer who reads his books is lost. Be that as it may, you, certainly, and I (let me hope) bear out Osler's quoted dictum that for a young man the privilege of browsing in a large and varied library is the best introduction to a general education.

Congratulations, my good friend, enviable colleague, amazing and amassing incunabulist, and worthy disciple of Brigham and Chadwick. How I wish I could come to your jubilee tea-party!

Multos et felices - many more to you of your happy and workful years.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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CABLE ADDRESS, BOSTMED, BOSTON

Boston Medical Library

8 The Fenway, Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

November 25, 1942

Dr. W. W. Francis
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

At last, I have received an insight into your youthful life!

My browsing has been of the dartlike quality, skimming through a book, opening a page here and there, and by some Divine Providence evaluating its contents through these snatches of its nectar. I think the cataloguer at the Bodlein was right when he said that the person who reads a book is lost, meaning that the cataloguer who takes time to read a book can never get any cataloguing done for his library. However, the more profound a book, the more reading the cataloguer will have to do, and therefore it boils down to a matter of discretion, which cannot be expected usually from all cataloguers.

We have had some good parties together in the past and I certainly missed you at my non-alcoholic "pink tea", which was attended by a great many persons.

You will be interested to know that one of our native sculptors put me in a plaster plaque, not a plaster cast, and it is not such a bad piece of work at that, although various of my friends differ as to whether it is a likeness or not. It is a modernist's art conception, and a certain license must be expected in such a work of art.

I certainly was delighted at your very kind words and congratulations, and your expression of many happy days to come.

Yours very sincerely,

James F. Ballard
Director

JFB:LaR

25 September, 1940.

Dr. Harry Ballon,
1414 Drummond St.,
Montreal.

Dear Harry Ballon,

EUREKA! "Rest, rest, perturbed spirit"!

The missing Bartholin (#1321), "Diaphragmatis structura", 1676, has just turned up, in its proper place, even more mysteriously than it dis/appeared. It was not there when I last searched about 6 months ago and Miss Brownlee swears she had all the books in its region out to hunt for it again in July!

Some Poltergeist must have had it. I couldn't look you in the honest countenance and accuse you of having slunk in with it some time when our backs were turned!

Yours relievedly,

G.G.F.

Wrote air mail to Brockbank 26th
re recent book

OSLER LIBRARY,
23 Jan., 1951.

G. Gordon Bancroft, Esq.,
The University Union,
Burlington Street,
Manchester, 13,
England.

Dear Mr. Bancroft,

Many thanks for your nice reprint about Canada, with the Osler Library paragraph which is more than a re~~ll~~ward for the pleasant hour I had with you. wa

Brockbank's book hasn't reached us yet, though it has been on order for some time. We often have difficulty getting books from England these restricted, not to say laboured days!

The letter from him to Osler inserted in no. 4806 is dated 22/9/06 and mostly about the last illness of "Harris". Then comes this about the photo (also inserted) of the Ferriar miniature:

> "Now my 'nice thing'. If you have not guessed who it is by now - it is Ferriar. Taken from a miniature in the possession of the Challinors of Leek to whom it was left by Miss Ferriar. I knew that they had the miniature, but omitted reference to it in my sketch. Recently I thought I would like a copy & wrote for two, one for you & one for myself - Mrs. Challinor has written me some very nice letters asking me up to Leek (Staffs) as they have some of Ferriar's library - '3rd folio Shakespeare, 1st ed. Herberts poems & others of wh~~om~~ I fear we know but little, one is so dreadfully ignorant'. Wouldn't this be a nice afternoon's outing for us? I shd enjoy it with you very much." ... Geo. ich ...

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

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

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ORVILLE E. BARBOUR, M. D.
ROBERT D. HART, M. D.
JEFFERSON BUILDING
PEORIA 2, ILLINOIS

September 7, 1948

Dr. W. W. Francis
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I took advantage of the leisure time to enjoy the Osler reprints and your reprints which you so kindly sent me.

I cannot express in words how much I appreciate your sharing the reprints with me. They shall be among my prized possessions.

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

O E Barbour

Orville E. Barbour, M. D.

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E. BARBOUR, M. D.
3 JEFFERSON BUILDING
PEORIA 2, ILLINOIS

April 21,1948

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have forwarded a pamphlet of "The Life of Sir Wm. Osler" to Dr. Rosencratz.

I would indeed appreciate having the later Osler reprints you so kindly offered to me.

Yours sincerely,

O E Barbour

Orville Barbour, M. D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
5 May, 1948.

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Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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His letter of 16.iv.48 & the copy of H.C.'s to him of 15.vi.33 are with the ~~pamphlet~~ booklet

OSLER LIBRARY,
5 May, 1948.

Dr. O. Barbour,
Jefferson Building,
Peoria,
Ill., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

Harvey Cushing was right, as usual. It is "excellent." Many thanks for the abbreviated "Life" and also for sending a copy to Dr. Rosencrantz who tells me she has asked you to send me one, though she suspects me of prompting hers.

There are very few slips. I notice the following: p. 5, line 3, Bovill was far more than the school doctor, he was professor of medicine at Toronto University and of natural theology at Trinity; last line of same page, he left the Toronto University school of medicine in 1870 (he had had a year in Arts at Trinity University, Toronto, 1867-8, before Trinity had a medical school); p. 7, line 10, in 1874 he was appointed lecturer in the Institutes of Medicine (i.e. physiology and pathology) and professor the next year; he was never "professor of medicine" at McGill; p. 9, line 15: he was four not six months in Europe in 1884.

I am posting to you today the 12 reprints still available, together with half a dozen about Osler.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
14 April, 1948.

Osler Library

Dr. O. B. Barbour,
831 Fulton St.,
Peoria, Ill., U. S. A.

April 19th,
1948.

Dear Sir,

Dr. O. Barbour,
Jefferson Building,
Peoria,
Ill., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

I am very interested to know about your pamphlet, "The life of Sir Wm. Osler," and am looking forward to reading it. It has not arrived yet. If you have another copy to spare, would you be so good as to send it to Dr. Esther Rosencrantz, 1656 Taylor St., San Francisco, Calif., who made the enquiry of me. She is a devoted old pupil of Osler's and her collection of Osleriana, which she has given to the University of California, is second only to ours. She is working against time (the grim Reaper) to complete hers. Evidently, from Cushing's letter to you, we both lack a very essential little item!

I still have spare copies of eight or ten of Osler's later reprints, which I should be glad to give you if you want them.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
14 April, 1948.

Dr. O. E. Barbour,
331 Fulton St.,
Peoria, Ill., U. S. A.

Dear Sir,

Someone has sent me this reference, with a query:

Barbour, Orville Everett
The Life of Sir William Osler
Peoria, 1933.

I cannot find such a publication among our Osleriana, nor in any of the reference books. Would you please give me particulars: namely, the nature of the work, its length, the publisher, its source (if a "reprint") and tell me whether it is still procurable.

Yours truly,

W. W. F.

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

WWF:CD

The Osler Library
13 February, 1934

Dr. Wm. H. Barnes,
Chemistry Bldg.,
McGill University

Dear Barnes:

Thanks for the paper on Browne's "Hydriotaphia". It is a great pleasure to read a presentation so perfectly written and one making for the greater glory of the particular hero of this Library.

I hope you may have copies to spare for three friends of mine who are ardent collectors of everything that has to do with Browne, namely, Professor J. F. Fulton, 333 Cedar St., New Haven, Conn.; Dr. Geoffrey Keynes, 11 Arkwright Road, Hampstead, London N.W. 3; and Professor T. K. Monro, 12 Somerset Place, Glasgow C3.

I checked your quotations and found them even letter-perfect. In the quotation in the middle of p. 339, in the sentence, "The body compleated proves a combustible lump", I fancy Browne meant "lamp". If so, he failed to correct it in our copy and in the printed Errata. But he did correct the "lump" to "lamp" on p. 43, and he never closed his a's, so that they always looked like u's. Plato is nearly always printed Pluto in his first editions.

In the footnote (8) on p. 340 you refer to a 1910 edition of Wilkin, which is new to me and is not in Keynes's bibliography. If this is not in the University Library, where I shall enquire for it, would you please tell me where you found it?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

D. M. BARRINGER, M. D.
SCULLY BLDG.
LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

Feb. 27, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill Library
Montreal 2, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

By all means keep the photostatic copy of "Maggie". I shall be proud to have it filed in your box of Osleriania. Thank you very much for your efforts in trying to identify "Maggie" for me.

Respectfully yours,

D. M. Barringer M.D.

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Yours sincerely,

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OSLER LIBRARY,
31 January, 1949.

Dr. D. M. Barringer,
Scully Building,
Lincoln,
Ill., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Barringer,

"Maggie" has returned from her visits to Lady Osler's sister and Dr. Malloch. Neither of them can give us a clue, but they agree with me that it must be one of his little jokes, with the "Maggie" in quotation marks and the "from a friend". It is so long after the publication of the "Alabama" vol. that Dr. Malloch suggests a nurse may have brought her copy for him to write his name in it. Malloch found a letter written that same day by Lady O. to him and me (we were together in France). The only visitors she mentions as being there are Sir Auckland Geddes and J. G. Adami. Neither of them fits! And "Maggie" was doubtless someone that neither he nor I knew.

18.xi.17

Do you want the photostat back? If not, I'll file it in my Osleriana box.

Coronaries still patent, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Memo: no entry in his Pocket Diary (10453) for the date.

WWF:cd

D. M. BARRINGER, M. D.
SCULLY BLDG.
LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

TELEPHONE 63

Nov. 28, 1948

OSLER LIBRARY,
12 January, 1949.

Dr. D. M. Barringer,
Scully Building,
Lincoln,
Ill., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Barringer,

"To 'Maggie' / from a friend, / W. O. / 18. xi. 17" -- I strongly suspect that he was pulling somebody's leg, and that Maggie may well have been a mere male with a name something like that, e.g. McGee or what not. I can't guess the answer, but I've sent on your photostat to others who may be able to give us some light.

The Margaret who wanted to get a hack for the wedding didn't follow her eccentric mistress to Baltimore but went back soon after that to her native West Indies. I recall only one 1917 Margaret, and she, or rather her daughter, would have been given the "Alabama Student" long before that, and it would never have reached a Chicago bookstore. I'll let you know if there's any more light.

No plans have matured yet for a local celebration this summer.

It isn't Miss D.'s fault that this wasn't answered long ago. Perhaps she can think of some polite (I won't say reasonable) excuse!

With apologies,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:cd

D. M. BARRINGER, M. D.
SCULLY BLDG.
LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

TELEPHONE 63

Did he get reprints?

Nov. 28, 1948

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University School of Medicine
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

Since reading Dr. Cushing's "The Life of Sir William Osler" some three years ago, I have become very interested in collecting works by and about Sir William. Recently, in a packet received from Login Brothers of Chicago, I was startled to see an inscription on the fly leaf of "An Alabama Student" which I realized immediately was in Sir William's own hand. I am enclosing a photostatic copy of the page hoping that you can verify my discovery and hoping too that you can enlighten me as to the identity of "Maggie". Could she have been the colored servant, Margaret, who wanted to at least call a hack for her beloved mistress on her wedding day? That hardly seems possible yet she is the only Margaret I recall being mentioned in the "Life". The word library written beneath the date is in pencil and, of course, must have been added at some later time.

I trust you have entirely recovered from your illness of last summer. Was so sorry that I was unable to make your acquaintance during my short Montreal holiday in August. My regards to Miss Desbarats who, in your absence, made my afternoon so pleasant.

CD

Respectfully yours,

D M Barringer

P.S. Are there any plans afoot to celebrate the centenary of Dr. Osler's birth next summer? If so I shall certainly plan to attend.

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D. M. BARRINGER, M. D.
SCULLY BLDG.
LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

TELEPHONE 63

October 5, 1948

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I was most disappointed, when, while touring Ontario and Quebec this past August I arrived in Montreal only to learn that you were confined to a hospital bed. I trust you are now quite recovered and back at your desk in what I consider the most interesting library in the world. I spent the most pleasant afternoon of my entire holiday there chatting with your delightful and engaging Miss Cecile Desbarats. Please thank her for her kindness in sending on to me a most interesting group of reprints.

I am now engaged in rereading "The Life" and hope that next year or the next I shall be able to make a second pilgrimage to Montreal, to meet he who had the good fortune to know Sir William so intimately.

Respectfully yours,

DM Barringer

D. M. Barringer, M.D.

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Discerning fellow!
W.W.F.

8 April, 1937

Dr. Willard Bartlett,
929 University Club Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Bartlett:

Thanks for the reprint on Bernays, which I have read with great interest. I had occasion to look him up when I was cataloguing this collection. We have a manuscript containing notes and drawings by Friedrich, of Heidelberg, on the pathology of endocarditis (# 7562), which was given to B. by F. in 1876 with the suggestion that he publish it in America. It would have needed a lot of editing, so your surgically-minded Bernays can hardly be blamed if he did nothing about it till 1897, when he sent it to Osler, asking him to edit it, which O. never did. Perhaps by that time it was a bit stale!

I notice that in your third paragraph you have knighted Charles Darwin - which is more than Q. Victoria's ministers ever did for him.

Yours sincerely,

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

OSLER LIBRARY,
17th Dec., 1943.

Sir Henry Bashford, M.D., F.R.C.P.,
Camden Cottage,
34, Christchurch Hill,
London, N.W. 3,
England.

Dear Sir Henry Bashford,

It was more than good of you to write me that friendly letter. I have had a good deal to do with the splendid new Historical Medical Library at Yale, which houses Cushing's collection, and this year I've been helping them finish and edit his "Bio-bibliography of Vesalius" and the printed hand-list of his books. So that was why I was asked to preside. The first speaker, the refugee German philosopher, Cassirer, nearly wrecked the proceedings by talking incomprehensibly for over an hour instead of his allotted twenty minutes, and the power behind the throne I sat in would not let me guillotine him.

Yes, that was a gala day for us at Oxford which brought you and the long-looked-for Religio Medici, the only edition required to complete the collection, the [illegible] in Dutch, 1688. The Dutch bookseller knew its rarity (and value!), but rival collectors, Geoffrey Keynes and an American millionaire "fan", magnanimously refrained from bidding against us. Lady Osler was delighted with both the book and the visitor.

We are indeed lucky to be so far from the Hun and his bombs. The British pluck and come-back have been inspiring, and I'm glad I never lost faith in them in 1940-1. It may amuse a Tight-little-islander to hear that I had visits from a greatnephew yesterday and a nephew three years ago, both sub-lieuts. in the Navy, passing through from the Lakes on their way to their first sight of the sea!

I'm glad you are not bombed or superannuated out of St. Martin-le-Grand, and I hope your new job will leave you time for medical belles lettres, if not for angling and rambling. May the gods send us peace and a visit from you. Two years your senior, I was due for statutory retirement this year, but mercifully got an annual reprieve for the duration not only of the war but of my compos-ity, which I trust may outlast it.

It is a pleasant task looking after old books and teaching the history of medicine. And even my wife, a Londoner, has long ceased to ask why this part of the world was ever inhabited, though at present it is 10 below zero. Our daughter (21) is half way through medicine here.

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Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

OSLER LIBRARY,
26 Feb., 1959.

Dr. R. P. Batchelor,
The Palmerton Hospital,
Palmerton,
Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Batchelor,

Glad to hear, or be reminded, of your interest in HVO "the Giraffe" as we admiring children called him in his student days. About 1881 I gave him my mumps, which may have helped him to lose the gold medal at his graduation, though my mother accused him of deliberately allowing his classmate, Howard's son, Jared, to beat him!

"Thou art the man" and at a mere seventy, you should be able to do the trick. Please record it in your will that, if you don't write him up, your notes about him are to come to the Osler Library. I gained the impression that not only HVO but his charming widow was averse to publicity. And I should hesitate to recommend the job to an Osler Society student, unless an extra special one, during her lifetime.

How about HVO's professorial son at ~~Madison~~? Ann Arbor

Meanwhile your letter shall be cross-indexed as a source of Oldeniana; and thanks for your kind appreciation of my coronary collaterals! Og

Yours sincerely,

Octogenarian.

W. W. Francis.

WWF:cd

R. P. Batchelor, M. D.
The Palmerton Hospital
Palmerton, Pa.

February 5, 1959

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

Many months ago I was glad to learn from Mrs. Ogden that a young doctor from Hopkins on locating in Milwaukee sought her permission and help to write a biographical sketch of Dr. Ogden. She brought together pertinent letters and other material. I wrote several drafts of a memorandum containing suggestions for looking up H.V.O.'s background, environment, and significant contributions. Included were my recollections of his charming traits and fine achievement. All of it seemed so awkward and personal, despite revisions, that I never sent it; nor did the would-be biographer write me as requested. He has moved to Alaska.

For years I had often wondered if a member of the Osler Society at McGill might be interested in preparing for presentation before that group the story of H.V.O., a distinguished and unique brother alumnus. Mrs. Ogden's material, a search of records in Milwaukee (now up to me), my notes (such as they are), a review of the H.V.O.-W.O. letters under your supervision, and accessible McGill history should provide sufficient data for a start.

Dr. Ogden's career is, I think, a striking example of Sir William's early far reaching influence. A strong enzyme met a most favorable substrate. Somewhat isolated and without a medical school connection, Ogden developed unobstrusively by example and council high standards of medical practice to his area. Osler's continued interest and encouragment are quite apparent in the letters quoted by Cushing.

Though doubtless H.V.O. would prefer to remain an unsung hero, a sketch of his life will prove, I am confident, enlightening and stimulating. He was, as you know, a fine example of the scholarly physician and field biologist with a broad critical interest in art and letters, a type how so rare. A more talented, cultivated, and versatile person I have never known.

A close friend of my father, H.V.O. was during my early boyhood an almost weekly dinner guest in our home after their consultations. To both I owe my introduction to Osler's writings.

R. P. Batchelor, M. D.
The Palmerton Hospital
Palmerton, Pa.

February 5, 1959

Dr. W. W. Francis #2

I lack the qualities needed for the undertaking I propose. Reading a paper, always agony, is now (aet 70) quite beyond me. However, I shall be very happy to help anyone interested in the project.

Sincerely yours,

Batchelor

R. P. Batchelor, M.D.

RPB/K

P.S. Blessings on your abundant coronary collaterals and the process of canalization and absorption.

OSLER LIBRARY,
23 April, 1956.

Dr. R. P. Batchelor,
The Palmerton Hospital,
Palmerton,
Penna., U. S. A.

Dear Batchelor,

By now you should have received that astonishing book of "Billiana". I hadn't the faintest suspicion that I was such an important fellow. My own conclusion is that I've fooled all of my friends all of the time - Abe may still be right about "the people."

I find your February letter to Stevenson calling for some answering by me. I wasn't allowed to see it when things were hush-hush and the "gracious lady" you mention used to look at me anxiously and find enough of the Hippocratic in my facies to send me home so that they could get at the proofs, &c.

About the Digby which you had what you wildly thought might be the effrontery (?) of offering: we have the Life of his executed father, Sir Everard D., "by one of his descendants," 1895, no. 4737. If it is a Life of Sir Kenelm D. "by one of his descendants", we haven't it and would be grateful for it.

I don't remember, but have no doubt that Revere and his Dad had a good laugh over that Fishing paragraph in part 2, section 2, member 4, of Burton. It is in the first and presumably all the editions, under the same reference but with many different spellings.

W.-O.-fully,

W.W.F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

WWF:cd

R. P. Batchelor, M. D.
The Palmerton Hospital
Palmerton, Pa.

12 Feb. 1956

My dear Dr. Stevenson:

Pleased to be considered a 'friend of Osler Society' I enclose my check with greetings to Dr. Francis.

Would it be an appropriate to send him Life of Sir Kenelm Digby by "the of his Descendents"? Possibly in error, I failed to find it listed in the catalogue. Though by no means an uplifting story, his life, as a matter of record, should I think be included with any Digby collection. Perhaps I should read Stubbs before expressing an opinion.

Please give my regards to the gracious lady who was so helpful during my flying visit to the Library two years ago. Enclosed is a copy of the comment on fishing I failed to find in the first edition of Burton's Anatomy etc. Did Revere I wonder quote it to his father?

It is then: pt. 2, sect. 2. Memb. 4 1 at p. 341

Am glad Dr. Francis took a crack at the author of the hack book on Welch concerning the relations of Osler & Mall. The latter's comments on Osler expressed to me in Mall's backyard make a story quite different from the hack writer's.

Tell Dr. Fulton I not only obtained (at a price) the Rowfant Cushing item but also the two pertinent numbers of the 18d Century Magazine. He should include with such material Stevenson's Travels on a Donkey which covered the same field. Where should these ultimately go — not on the auction block?

All power & gratitude to you from one who owes much to Aequanimitas even though he accomplished little.

Sincerely

Roger Batchelor

C.D.

R. P. Batchelor, M. D.
The Palmerton Hospital
Palmerton, Pa.

April 21, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

My dear Dr. Francis:

Your kind invitation to call I greatly appreciated but acceptance seemed a rank intrusion. Actually I am no scholar, just a sentimental hero-worshiper who felt somewhat an impostor and a black sheep, very lost, in the long delayed and all too short pilgrimage. Moreover, after a bad night on the sleeper, I had an aggravated schnupfen probably at a most contagious stage.

The keeper of the sacred files was most gracious and helpful in bringing out a few items of special interest to me and suitable for a quick glance. There were others!!! Perhaps the most impressive and pathetic was the 'father of the Browne collection' with the last faint pencilled note on the fly-leaf opposite Revere's bookplate. My hope is to return and, quartered nearby, have a real study session with a few of the treasures so amazingly accessible. What a thrill they would have given Ogden and my father.

My brain has been a whirl ever since the visit. No realization ever so far surpassed the high expectations, the promised fireplace missing but his astral self there even to a second generation disciple. Re-reading of material on my own shelves much in order especially the Canadian Medical Journal, the J.H. Bulletin, Memorial numbers, with increased appreciation of their content particularly the address of Dr. Drummond, and the catalog kept handy for couch reading; my recti can take it at any angle. But who, other than Garrison, would read such a catalog in bed? I want a table with room to have one hand in the index and the other in the context, pencil and notebook nearby.

How reassuring the sustained and actually increasing interest in the library, truly a living force and timeless but far more than a mere essence of choice vintages; am trying to recall the quotation in the Welsh Library where the stacks and cells, necessary evils, are so chilling and repelling. How happy should be the many who made possible the collection, the cataloging, and the final resting place with its most satisfying environment. The collector's seemingly limitless interest yet fine discernment in books and his great love for his fellowmen of all time so vividly demonstrated. These are richness and variety almost to excess but nothing splintery about the coordinating framework. Here is the contribution of another "given to see", taking his stewardship literally. Fortunate he was not only in his life and his biographer but also in his well planned memorial built with complete understanding.

R. P. Batchelor, M. D.
The Palmerton Hospital
Palmerton, Pa.

April 21, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis # 2

My gratitude to Miss Desbarats and to you for the delightful and cordial reception.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

Batchelor

RPB/K

P.S. Your welcome letter received after the above was dictated. Had planned to enclose notes about a few trivial matters I should like to talk over with you but they will follow. Your reserves and safety factor are boundless.

Rec'd 28.IV.54

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Roger P. Batchelor
117 Columbia Avenue
Palmerton, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Francis: So much to write you. Delighted to hear of your come-back. Your myocardial scars must provide an effectual barricade against extension.

1. Did I miss Life of Sir Kenelm Digby by One of his Descendents, Longmans, Green & Co., 1906, in the Catalogue? If you do not have it & want it, sing out. Significant comments in Appendix E questioning his authorship of some of listed works quoting Wood (Athenae Oxoniensis vol II pp 352-353) and Chalmers, Biographical Dictionary, vol XI., p. 79.

That b-maxim will get me clear down.

Sincerely

Batchelor.

Sunday P.M. 25.iv.54
(On duty).

? Have you his letter?

P.S. In my letter I said in error Drummond meaning Symonds (any kin of John Addington S.?).

OSLER LIBRARY,
14 April, 1954.

Dr. R. P. Batchelor,
The Palmerton Hospital,
Palmerton,
Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Batchelor,

So sorry to have missed your visit which Miss Desbarats thoroughly enjoyed. Did she tell you that H.V.O.'s son, daughter-in-law and equally charming grandchildren came in a few years ago? I've had a lot of pleasant correspondence with H.V.O.'s wife, though I fear I distressed her unwittingly by telling some inquisitive ochronosis sleuth that she was alive and he has been pestering her for the identity (still apparently hush-hush) of his famous case!

Many, many thanks (to you and the kind man you got it from) for the fine photo of W. O. in the sporty check. We have something like it, but not the same. I'm relieved to see it is not a horse-shoe pin in his Ascot tie. The mustache is at its most extenuated limits.

I don't know of any copies of Gunther's "Catalogue of a loan exhibition", 1919 (our no. 6285). It is barely possible that the Oxford Press (new) or Parkers, Broad St., Oxford (second hand) could supply it.

A while ago I was about to write Heuer something about Halsted when I learned he (Heuer) was dead. I've had some good correspondence with Jim Mitchell whom age hasn't depressed.

Miss D. urges me to get some of your goories on record. (1) How you bought your "Bibl. Osl." with hot but consecrated money and (2) something about W. O. meeting Dr. B. senior and remarking about a second wife.

P. T. O.

I have a strict doctor who is keeping me flat for four weeks - two more days. This is my 5th coronary in 8 years, a case of persistent survival.

Come again, please, when I and my circulation are circulating.

Yours cardiacly,

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

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OSLER LIBRARY,
14 Dec., 1949.

Dr. R. P. Batchelor,
The Palmerton Hospital,
Palmerton,
Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Batchelor,

I had forgotten your association with H. V.O. Yes, Mrs. Ogden has most generously sent me three batches of letters written by H. O. and by my mother, sister and others. I've been renewing my early childhood with them. They were by far the most valuable collection of memoranda which came to Cushing's hands. You speak of "the unavoidable restriction of Dr. Fulton's use" of them - I suppose you mean Cushing's.

I am very grateful for the biographical details you give. I never saw H. V. O. after his marriage, and suspected that his wife was much younger. I should love to lure wife, son and daughter here.

The Osler Club of London thought of reprinting "Men and Books" this year; so did the Canadian Journal and McGill University. The Club decided on excerpts from them and other writings - the volume is to come out (Oxford Press) in 1950. I think the expense deterred the others. I have long felt that they thoroughly deserve reprinting. I'll put your query up to MacDermot, editor of the C. M. A. J., who is or was interested in the project.

I enclose a couple of centenary reprints.

Brochures
C. M. A. J.

With kind regards,

W.W.F.

WWF:cd

R. P. Batchelor, M. D.
The Palmerton Hospital
Palmerton, Pa.

December 9, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

My dear Dr. Francis:

Let me thank you for the very pleasant, helpful reception given my friend, Mr. Frank Spencer, during his visit last fall. Just a few days ago he told me about the delightful experience. As you may recall, he is the retired executive interested in Voltaire, and concerning whom I wrote you a year or more ago. Wish he had let me send on my copy of the Catalog before his visit as I had suggested.

In a recent exchange of letters with Mrs. H. V. Ogden, the transfer to the Library of her late husband's Osler and Cushing correspondence came up, and this she writes me has been carried out as long agreed. This has probably been something of a jolt for her. Married at the age of twenty-four to that remarkable character and most competent physician, H.V.O, then in his early forties, she fully appreciated and joyfully shared his extraordinarily profound and broad interests in books and natural history. She has missed in her later years association with Medicine and was happy to receive the Memorial number of the Archives. She, and I too, were slightly disappointed over the unavoidable restriction of Dr. Fulton's use of the letters loaned him while he was preparing the Cushing book.

There are two Ogden children, a daughter and a son, Harry, who teaches English literature at the University of Michigan. He has never made a pilgrimage to the Library; possibly a general invitation would be appropriate. He is a somewhat shy, retiring fellow, and I doubt if his mother would mention his field and post.

For years I have never had the courage to present the following question to you or to Dr. Malloch: Has anybody thought about the publication in book form of the "Men and Books" series that appeared in the Canadian Medical Journal? The excerpts Cushing used are, I think, very choice. Despite the lapse of years there would seem to be a considerable demand for that collection and perhaps other scattered essays. The Canadian Medical Journal might be interested, but the uncertainties of book publication make an endowed university press the desirable agent or perhaps Mr. Charles C. Thomas with his diversified

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book list. Of course, my judgment in all this is very naive, and I am just a back-country hero worshiper.

With apologies for these presumptuous suggestions and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

R. P. Batchelor

RPB:S

Batchelor

117 COLUMBIA AVENUE
PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Miss Cecile Derbarats
Secretary to Dr. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

Thanks
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Dear Miss Derbarats:

Your gracious note concerning Dr. Francis' illness was not acknowledged in the goings & comings of the summer. My apologies. Mr. Spencer's contemplated visit was post-poned because of his own illness.

We trust Dr. Francis has made a complete recovery and again at his post in the Osler Library

dispensing the traditional kindly
hospitality of the founder
as shown in the much appreciated
letters to me.

Sincerely

R. P. Batchelor

OSLER LIBRARY,
28 July, 1948.

Dr. R. P. Batchelor,
The Palmerton Hospital,
Palmerton,
Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Batchelor,

Last week Dr. Francis had a slight heart attack but he is recovering very well.

He was rather worried that your friend Mr. Spencer might be planning on coming up to Montreal during the month of August and he would be unable to welcome him to the Library.

Although Dr. Francis will not be here himself the Library will be open, and even if Mr. Spencer happened to be in Montreal while I am away on my holidays (2nd. Aug. -18th) I shall leave the Voltaire items in an accessible place. The keys are always left in the Medical Library and one of the staff would be delighted to show him around.

I know how sorry Dr. Francis will be if he is forced by doctor's orders to miss Mr. Spencer's visit but I or a member of the Medical Library staff shall do all we can to compensate for his unavoidable absence.

Yours sincerely,

Cécile Desbarats
Secretary to Dr. Francis

RWF:CD

OSLER LIBRARY,
6 July, 1948.

Dr. R. P. Batchelor,
The Palmerton Hospital,
Palmerton,
Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Batchelor,

The Library is for the use of anyone interested, "without any other qualifications" (Osler), and particularly for any layman interested in Voltaire, of whom we have at least one good relic. Your Voltarian promises to be a particularly welcome visitor, and I hope I'll be here when he comes. The Library is open daily, except Sat. & Sun. at this season, from ten to five, but only in the afternoons from July 19th to 30th when I'll be away.

I hope I behaved myself at that Sudhoff dinner. I had forgotten all about it. Are you sure it was "the late Dr. Friedenwald" (Julius) we sat with? I should have thought it was Dr. Harry who is still going strong at eighty-four.

Do send along Mr. Spencer, and come yourself when you can.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

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R. P. Batchelor, M. D.
The Palmerton Hospital
Palmerton, Pa.

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June 29, 1948

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
Medical School
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

My dear Dr. Francis:

Happy to learn that you are still custodian of the Osler Library, I am taking the liberty of asking you if it will be permissible for a layman to visit that library. He is a Mr. Frank Spencer of Bronxville, New York, and Sharon, Connecticut, much interested in Voltaire whose works he is reading in the original French as a means of diversion in his years of retirement and leisure enforced by asthma, largely of cardiac origin.

This graduate of Princeton, former vice-president of a metallurgical industry, and one time member of our little hospital board, is very highly regarded by all his friends and associates in the fields of applied science and of medicine. Cecil Drinker, former dean of the School of Public Health at Harvard and member of the Charaka Club, considers him one of the few who have really made a success of retirement. He by necessity gave up trout fishing, golf, and other outdoor diversions to study Voltaire and certain aspects of painting with boyish enthusiasm and intensity.

He plans to visit some art collection in Montreal and would appreciate the privilege of looking over the Osler Library, especially Voltaire items. Incidentally, in response to my inquiry he gave me a number of references to Locke in Voltaire's writings indicating the latter's great appreciation of Locke's philosophy and influence.

This inquiry comes from a son of the man mentioned in a letter to Ogden on page 364, volume I, of the Life and he recalls sitting between you and the late Dr. Friedenwald at a dinner given for Sudhoff in Baltimore many years ago.

Thanking you for any consideration of this inquiry,

Sincerely,

R. P. Batchelor

RPB/rls

OSLER LIBRARY,
15 November, 1948.

The Director,
Municipal Library,
Bath,
England.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the interesting number of the Record (vol. 1, no. 7) with the account, particularly, of Parry's books.

I expect some one has already deprived the collection of the "1st ed. 1534" of Elyot's "Castell" (illustration and p. 227). The earliest known ed. is still, I believe, 1539, the earlier date being merely part of the woodcut title-border used by Berthelet and his successors for this and other works in small 8vo between 1534 and 1565. On your title-page, closely resembling that of our 1560(?) ed., the date of the 1st "augmented" and "corrected" ed., "1541", has been inked out between "our lorde" and the acorn! The Proheme, which your copy contains, was added in 1541 (a quarto), and that date forms part of the title of subsequent eds. If yours has an undated colophon, "Imprinted at London in Fletestrete, in the house late Berthelettes ...", it was probably printed after B.'s death by his nephew T. Powell, not before 1556.

I had a job trying to identify our copy some years ago at the Bodleian and the B. M.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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

WWF:CD

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

March 23, 1944

Dear Dr. Francis,

Two very fine things have occurred this morning. First, your letter arrived, with the corrected ms. Many thanks. You have certainly helped me very considerably. It will not be long before I shall submit the ms. to Dr. Sigerist.

Second, the passage, "but we have changed all that", from Moliere, has been found.

Act II, Sc.VII of Le Medecin Malgre Lui:

Geronte: It is undoubtedly impossible to argue better. There is but one thing that I cannot exactly make out: that is the whereabouts of the liver and the heart. It appears to me that you place them differently from what they are; that the heart is on the left side, and the liver on the right.

Sganarelle: Yes; this was so formerly; but we have changed all that, and we now-a-days practise the medical art on an entirely new system.

According to Ballantyne (Manual of Antenatal Pathology, 1905, p595) the relationahip of this reference to the matter of visceral transposition is discussed by Taruffi (Storia della teratologia, VIII 153, 1894). Apparently Taruffi suggested a possible relationship to the report of two cases - Bertrand, 1650 and Riolan 1649. I have sent for the Taruffi report, but I fear it may be difficult for me to read. Time will tell.

As Miss Astbury has probably told you, a reply from Dr. Smith of the American Heart Journal reads that the Abbott bibliography will be published within the next six months. The question arises about the institution of origin of the work. I hope you will set me right on this. Miss Astbury is and has been only at McGill since the work was undertaken. I was at McGill up to the time the ms. was completed. Yet I had no official connection with any department, sponsoring the work. If anyone (Dr. Meakins was certainly helpful and encouraging) should like the bibliography to appear as issuing from his department, I should be pleased to have the ms. so identified (McGill). No doubt the cost of reprints would be prohibitive. I guess I'll buy several single copies of the journal and cut out the bibliography.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your generous and extremely worth while help on the Bartlett ms. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Donald Bauer

(Returned his Bartlett 16 pp. 20th. with pen note. W.W.F.

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DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

January 29, 1944

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian, Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Dr. Francis,

Now the Bartlett paper is in the form you will find it if you agree to peruse the enclosed manuscript, I am taking the liberty of forwarding it to you for comment. Many thanks for your recent letter - which encouraged me to this output. Dr. Sigerist wrote: "I think a note on Elisha Bartlett and his transposed viscera would be very interesting indeed. If his full bibliography has never been published, then by all means add it..." You will see that I have attempted to do just that. I should be tremendously pleased if you would criticize, editorialize, and pencilize my paper with a very free hand. Your opinion in such matters, I value greatly. It is my intention to forward the corrected ms. to Dr. Sigerist for his Bulletin.

The Moliere reference in your letter was referred to in an old paper on SIVC, which I had read only shortly before your letter arrived. BUT for the life of me I cannot find my notes on that now. I shall bend every effort to trace this matter to its source, however, because I am deeply interested in reviewing all literary references to this medical curiousity. For example - my other "finds" -

1. D. L. Sayers: Hangman's Holiday, "The image in the mirror." Bestseller Mystery No. B38, 1933, New York etc.

   Herein the author refers to "The Student of Prague", apparently a play on the Faust theme, wherein the hero sells his soul to Mephistopheles, who arranges that the man's reflection emerge from the mirror to perform dreadful crimes. I have searched the Duke Library without learning anything further. Several monographs on "the devil in literature" are unhelpful. A search of drama bibliographies (all European languages) has not revealed my needle. I am about to write the athor of this murder mystery.

2. The Plattner experiment. H.G. Wells

   Wells takes us into an experimental penetration of the fourth dimension, revealing the extraordinary fact that one may emerge with SIVC!

You may be certain that I am grateful for your suggestions. I hope to learn all I may about every other fictional references to this anomaly.

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Anticipating my probable entry into the armed forces in July, I have been attempting to finish up old business. That naturally brought me to a reconsideration of the work Miss Astbury and I did on the Abbott bibliography of congenital cardiac disease cases. Rereading my correspondence with Dr. Smith, I perceived that he has made no promise WHEN he will print the material. He states that it will require about 45 journal pages and that it will NOT be handled until they have a dearth of other material - a situation which, I perceive, is still not imminent.

Dr. Wiley Forbus, professor in charge of this department, has very kindly taken an interest in my reconsideration of this situation. In response to my questions, he has suggested that it might be wise to seek financial support from some foundation in order to be able to write Dr. Smith that a subsidy to a stated amount would be available if he would be willing to proceed with publication (in the form of a supplement) at once. It is possible that such a subsidy could be obtained from the Duke Research Council. With this much knowledge, I turn to you again, wondering whether you will be ready to offer me your advice. You know far more than I ever shall know about the status of the work Miss Astbury and I have done, about the attitude of Dr. Meakins who sponsored the work, and about the University regarding the publication of it. Your generosity in making Maude Abbott's manuscript material available to us made the editing of her notes possible.

Please convey my greetings to Miss Astbury and tell her what I have related about possible publication. If you believe I ought to pursue the matter along the lines I have indicated, I shall write to Miss A. and, as soon as something definite is decided, it will be necessary for Miss A. and me to correspond in order to settle details about the ms. which still need attention.

My wife, Phyllis, noted your remark and greetings to my "better half" - and she desires to wish you a prosperous and happy year. We are busy but not yet haggard! I should like news of your medical daughter. What of the Osler Society these days? I hear McGill is following the Russians in returning to a normal schedule; is it true?

Sincerely,

Donald

Donald Bauer

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DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

rec'd by P.C. 23rd.

BAUER

"Nous avons changé tout cela" is in Médecin malgré lui, act 2, sc. 6.

W.W.F.

March 20, 1944

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Dr. Francis,

Many thanks for your reference to the possibility of heterotaxy in Moliere's "Malade Imaginaire". I reviewed the play in French and in English on S aturday last. I find only one possible reference - and that unlikely - in a line running something like, "to set your liver right". With all respect to you, sir, I somehow FAIL to find a line "But we've changed all that".

I am making arrangements to publish a 1000 item bibliography on visceral transposition - with the University Microfilm Service of Ann Arbor. It is not in the form I want it. I should never publish it in that FORM in a monograph (and I do hope to republish it in PROPER form in such a monograph one day), but I anticipate entry into the armed forces in the next six months, so I feel it is essential to render the work in form that is endurable beyond the frailties of the vulnerable human frame.

← i.e.: the references are somewhat inconsistent = ALL have NOT been checked = the original.

It will please me immensely to receive your criticisms of the Bartlett paper. I hope you will find time for it soon, but I believe you are very busy, so I shall be most patient.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Donald Bauer

Donald Bauer

OSLER LIBRARY,
22nd Dec., 1945.

Dr. Donald Bauer,
Dept. of Pathology,
Duke University,
Durham,
North Carolina, U. S. A.

Dear Bauer,

Thanks for your greetings. I'm glad that you've been browsing in Baltimore and that Sigerist has a good opinion of me. His active pen always puts my inert one to shame.

That's an interesting suggestion about Bartlett. Is the "letter from a good friend ... to an English correspondent" on record, with names, dates, &c.? Vague and anonymous, like that, it sounds a bit suspect. I never heard it suggested before that B. had situs transversus (it would have interested W. O.), nor do I know of any physician having had it. If in your pursuit of B. you come upon the name of the anon. author of the "Brief memoir", 1878, let me know.

I have a vague recollection of someone, possibly W. O., perhaps Thayer, discussing Molière's alleged knowledge of situs transversus. Isn't the famous passage, "But we've changed all that" connected with his hypochondriac's ("Malade imaginaire", 1674) "liver" pain on the left side and wasn't an early case of s. t. reported in France shortly before that? I haven't checked this. It's only my impression, and I dare say you know the facts. They are probably all in print somewhere.

Best New Year's wishes to you and your better half (whom you fail to mention).

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:CD

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DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

December 15, 1943

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian of the Osler Library
McGill University Faculty of Medicine

Dear Dr. Francis,

Greetings from the northern part of the South! (There is snow on the lawn this morning). A few weeks ago I spent acht Tagen in Baltimore, browsing about for cases of visceral transposition and remains of the Osler tradition. I found both.

During his Baltimore period, Osler published (in a number of places and forms) his "Elisha Bartlett, a Rhode Island philosopher" sketch. From the Index of the Army Medical Library I have found two additional sketches of Bartlett. In none of these have I as yet found (I shall continue to scrutinize them) evidence that this man had transposition of the viscera. However, in a letter which a good friend of Bartlett sent to an English medical correspondent there is reference to an eminent American physician with a nervous disease and visceral transposition, who was author of a treatise on Fevers of the United States. For a number of reasons I feel that this man was surely Elisha Bartlett. What I should like to determine is whether this information is already on record. Is it generally known that Elisha Bartlett had situs inversus viscerum? If it is not, I should think it worthy of notice because he was an eminently successful physician, both academically and financially (his consultations in 1840 cost the patient $25!). There is still a widespread notion that situs inversus viscerum in itself is a handicap; not so for Elisha, I think.

Your comments and your advice (how to determine whether this interesting fact is previously recorded) will serve me greatly. I should like to know of other medical men with this anomaly if you know of others.

Many thanks again for your generous attention to my needs. I hope we may see one another soon again and have a chat. Dr. Sigerist and I sat up late one night on the train and talked about you in high terms of praise.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Bayer

See this p.c. re retirement 30 IX 43 WWF

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Donald Bauer

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

September 27, 1943

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian of the Osler Library
McGill University, Faculty of Medicine
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Dr. Francis,

News has come to me that McGill's Osler Library is soon to lose its most valuable treasure. It is not in the same class with the incunabula - being some centuries younger. It is not an object that can be studied by eye or ear; nor can it be handled. They tell me that the University has considered bringing to a close the long period during which you have kept this treasure - the sensate spirit of Sir William - on display in your library.

Since this is to me simply a rumor, since I have no idea of your point of view, and since I am so far from Montreal that it is well nigh impossible for me to estimate the situation, let me petition you for information. Were I convinced that you are a man who would cherish retirement, I should indeed feel that you had earned release from (however well-loved) labors. There is more I should like to say, were I better informed.

Recently I have been in touch with your friend John Fulton of Yale. I see in several of his papers that he has written about you with appreciation of your broad knowledge of books and authors. He urges me to continue my interest in bibliography. I need little encouragment, for I am in the midst of another subject bibliography (situs inversus viscerum). However, on reading his "Humanism in Bibliography", reprinted from Special Libraries, October, 1937, Vol. 28, pp. 279-283, my enthusiasm for personal bibliography is much increased, and I regret that I have not gone further with my attempt to assemble Maude Abbott's writings in a more readable way. The thing to be published by the American Heart Journal (if they ever get around to it) is not Abbott, but rather the persons to whose writings she turned for her Chart. The bibliography I assembled for Dr. White was only concerned with Maude's cardiovascular material, not touching on her poems, her history of McGill and her home town, etc. If I am to assemble all her stuff, I shall need to retain the privilege of turning for help to the Osler (and Abbott) Librarian. My personal catalogue of Maude's writings is divided into: cardiovascular, museum, teaching (nursing, history of medicine, etc.), and Osler. Unfortunately it is at my New York address. I shall send for it. While with Dr. Abbott I

received from
her and from (the former) Miss Graham, a large number of Abbott reprints, but nowhere near ALL her publications. In accordance with the Fulton idea (which I enthusiastically endorse), I believe one ought to familiarize himself with every publication he lists in the personal bibliography. I shall find it easy to do this for the publications of which I have reprints - and for a number of others which are available in this reasonably fine library at Duke, my new home. Meanwhile I should like to send you a list of the writings known to me, not in the arrangement I shall finally adopt, with the hope that you will add many new items, particularly in the class of unpublished material like Xmas card poems, etc. I have no intention of publishing such a bibliography for several years yet. It will be a labor of love, or a game for personal satisfaction and it will be satisfying even without culmination in publication

It would add further pleasure to my sport if I could secure a few photographs or "portraits". Any suggestions?

Another whose bibliography attracts me is Raymond Pearl. I have been slowly accumulating his books since the announcement of his death. Of the many volumes he produced, I have but three to date, although Brentano and Leary (New York and Philadelphia, respectively - as though I need tell YOU!!) both have my list and both have been frequently reminded when I purchased other books. Dartmouth (his alma mater) has received a large reprint collection (possibly it is exhaustive) and I hope one fine summer to spend a month or so digesting that material. I feel as though you may have known Raymond Pearl, although to be sure he arrived at Johns Hopkins many years after your intimate association there had ended. As you know he founded the Quarterly Review of Biology and Human Biology, both of which I consider to be fine journals. So far as I know his wife is still alive, and indeed is both biologist and a member of the editorial board of the above mentioned journals.

It is not improbable that my bibliographical endeavors will have to proceed very slowly for a long while. Nevertheless I do not hesitate to dream and to plan and to collect whatever material is made available to me by chance or design. Would it be unwise to write Mrs. Pearl, knowing that my program will take me years to realize fruition?

Pathology has proven a fascinating study. I regret that I know so little and that I am so thick-headed that mere exposure to a great deal of good material will not suffice to transform me in one year to a master of clinical pathology. I hope to return to the clinics next July. Many thanks for your courtesies. Please send me news of yourself and of McGill.

With best wishes,

Don

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

NEW YORK
WORLD'S FAIR 1939

BAUMGARTEN

October 14, 1939 G

Dr. W. W. Francis
The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Ontario, Can.

Dear W.:

After that unusually charming letter of October 3, I find myself speechless to reply. I am only sorry I did not get to New Haven on Monday so that I could have answered you in person. Then I might have had some chance of being inspired by you directly for some better comment.

It happens that I have more copies of the Leonardo and the Frank than I know what to do with.

If you by any chance have any extra copy of the preliminary Handlist of the Fracastoro, I don't know but what I would make a trip to Montreal to get it! I am ~~most~~ also short on the reprints of the article on Howard that appeared in Dr. Sigerist's Journal. Otherwise, I am not at all interested in the rare Baumgartner items!

duplicates?

Sincerely yours,

Saul

I hope your doing the Vesalius means a few trips in this direction.

3 October, 1939

Dr. Leona Baumgartner,
Department of Health,
125 North Street,
N e w Y o r k

Dear Leona of the Orchard,

Many thanks for the reprints of the Howard bibliography (two copies, one of them the bound booklet) and a batch of others, all interesting. The Leonardo and the Frank you (or John?) had favored me with before. So if you are short of copies of those two (1932-3), I could return them.

The Howard appeared in print so soon after I had spent two strenuous days on the proofs, that I have never dared to look closely into the collations of the final version lest I should find that I had striven in vain?! Be that as it may, it is in any case a fine bit of useful work and you ought to be proud of it. No occasion for apologies or apologias.

The only thing I don't like about it is what you call me in your too handsome acknowledgement on the second page. A double W is enough for me. As I wrote to John a few years ago, it always gives me a shock to see myself William Willoughby'd <u>in extenso</u> in print. As for the "Protobibliothecary", when I protested at finding myself thus on the Cushing program, John said he got it from me! If so, it was in a moment of misguided jocularity. In English, there ain't no sich animile.

However, call me worse names than that, and I shall still remain,

Humanly, bibliographically, and maternal-mortalitatically,

Your <u>Will</u>-ful admirer,

Will-I-am Will-I-be Francis.

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NEW YORK
WORLD'S FAIR 1939

September 26, 1939

Dr. William Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Under separate cover, I am sending you some reprints including the Howard Bibliography. I am a little hesitant to present you with the Howard for I realize only too well what an incompleted job it was. I seem never to be able to withstand the onslaught when John decides something should get into print. This one went without ever having the typist copy proofread.

Thanks to you, I hope most of the gross errors were caught but I sometimes think I should turn over uncomfortably in my grave when certain others are found. Again thanking you for your help in these matters, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leona Baumgartner

Leona Baumgartner, M.D.
D i r e c t o r
Public Health Training

LB:MP
enc.

23 June, 1937

Dr. Leona Baumgartner,
Department of Health,
125 North Street,
N E W Y O R K

Dear Dr. Leona Baumgartner:

I am returning herewith the very nice "Handlist of the works of John Howard" on which I have marked with a plus the very few items which we possess. It was good of you to send me a duplicate, which I am glad to keep.

Inserted in #1212

In our first edition of the "Lazarettos", 1789, there is an original letter inserted. This may possibly be of interest as it shows that the book was published before May 20 of that year. It reads as follows:

"Sir

With pleasure I send one of the two remaining copies of my last edit^{n}. on Prisons. I left at Mr. Johnson's for Mon^{r} Perron my Publicat^{n}. on Lazarettos. I read little on the subject of the Plague; as I wish to draw my inferences from close observation on the disorder itself; and those not from the Theories of Persons who have never visited Patients in that distemper and indeed my present opinion of it, is different from any I have yet found in books.

With esteem

I remain / Sir

Yr M[os]t Ob[ed]ient] Ser[vant]

May 20. 1789 J. Howard."

Our two copies of the appendix in the second edition, 1791, both with the Nn-Qq sigs, differ in the first gathering. The Osler copy has a sheet inserted between Nn1 (sub-title) and Nn2, the first of these inserted leaves bearing the advertisement and the second being cut off, leaving half an inch of stub. The University Library copy has no insertion and consequently lacks the advertisement.

all the U.L.'s 3 items are now in our card catal.

I suppose you are not listing biographical items. That would be a largerorder.

I shall look forward to seeing the finished product, or the proofs if I shall be favored with them.

Yours sincerely,

L L F.

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June 18th, 1937

Dr. William Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Enclosed you will find a couple of copies of the short check list of the works of John Howard, and I should, of course, be glad to have one of them checked for the items that are in the Osler Library.

Additional bibliographical material concerning Howard would also be gratefully received.

Sincerely yours,

Leona Baumgartner

Leona Baumgartner, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF IMMUNOLOGY
BRADY MEMORIAL LABORATORY

310 CEDAR STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

July 5, 1933.

Dr. William Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Dr. Francis:

Since I am the Junior partner in crime on the Fracastor bibliography, John Fulton has suggested that I write you directly instead of relaying messages and questions through him and his secretary. I trust that this arrangement may be pleasing to you!

First of all I am so distressed that you received the sample card you did. I had not seen what had been sent you and it was an uncorrected one , done by some unknown neophyte sometime, and obviously full of errors. Thank you so much for bothering about it.

You have asked about the Italian translations. We do have access to other Italian translations aside from the Turin, 1824, Here in the Fulton library are the following:

Naples, Parrino, 1731
Bologna, della Volpe, 1765
Parma, Bodoniana, 1829
Venice, Ancora, 1842
Rome, Capaccini, 1881
Naples, Bellisario, 1889.

And all in all I seem to have 24 Italian editions on the list at the present time , fourteen of which I have seen somewhere. If you wish to send me a few lines from your Turin, 1824 I will be happy to see what I can do with them.

Yes I , too have been much intrigued by the Tate translation. I have not seen the Bbb-Fff copy in the S.G.O. There is a lot of interesting material about the Dryden-Tate-Tonson relationship in The Works of John Dryden, with notes and life by William Scott, London, 1808: Vol. I, p.380, Vol. 9, p. 315 and Vol. 18 with letters of Tonson and Dryden. It seems fairly interesting that Tonson was fussing with Dryden about the number of lines he should have about 1693 and that Tate was well enough known to be engaged to do Part II of Absolem and Achitophel for Dryden. Do you suppose Dryden suggested that Tate's translations be used to make up the deficiet?

I wonder if you have any ideas about the English translation, "Translated and republished by the Sloane Society, London, 1884"? I have not compared the text with other translations but hope to do so the next time I am in the New York Academy library. Greswell (Osler # 4825) has a translation of lines 306-414 of Book II of the Syphilis.

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This is not the Tate translation and I rather surmise that Greswell did it himself. Those memoirs have a good many short bits in translations without the source of the translationbeing given, though for other references Greswell was fairly detailed. He was scholarly enough to have done them easily. I am also curious to know of the first edition of the Greswell Memoirs. This one is the second.

I wonder if you could be so good as to describe the Osler # 4351 and 4352 editions of the Fracastor and to give me any additional information you may have about these 1840 Paris editions in the Bibliot. Nationale and the S.G.O.

One of these days I shall have a revised and corrected list of the editions I have located. It includes about 70 now--but there are still several ghosts there I am quite certain. And no one knows how many excerpts there are in various editions of collected poems! But it is all good fun.

Thanking you for the interest which you are taking in this and for all the trouble which it brings you,

Very truly yours,

Louis Baumgartner

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

333 CEDAR STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

July 21, 1933.

Dr. W. W. Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Your very nice letter of the 11th of this month is here and the enclosures with their very complete descriptions of the 1840 Paris, SYPHILIS fragments. Of course, you do have me! And needless to say we are more than distressed over the second card! In neither instance did I type the cards nor did anyone proof read them before your eagle eye had a chance at them. I trust that it shall not happen again. At least, I am safe this time for I am sending no card.

The lines from your 1824, Turin edition, Osler no. 4823 do not correspond to any of the Italian translations which are in John Fulton's library. i.e., 1765, Bologna, della Volpe; 1731, Naples, Parrino; Parma, Bodoniana, 1829; Venice, Ancora, 1842; Rome, Capaccini, 1881; and Naples, Bellisario, 1889. I shall have a look at the translations in the New York Academy the next time I am there and shall try to locate your translation.

I am almost at the end of the American editions--rather those editions available in America. (My typewriter does not compose a very credible English! You would prefer what it does, I imagine, to the illegible-but-more-handsome copy my pen might produce) And Dr. Wilmer Cave Wright, who did that translation of the Contagion, is spending a part of her vacation looking up the editions in the British Museum. Nice person! And then John Fulton will spend a bit of his time in Paris looking up another short list of editions , and then we may be prepared to tell you all we know about the editions of Fracastor's SYPHILIS.

Thanking you very kindly for your kindness is helping us, and with particular greetings from J.F.,

Very sincerely,

Leona Baumgartner.

The Osler Library, McGill University
Montreal, Canada
11 July, 1933

Dr. Leona Baumgartner,
310 Cedar Street,
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear Dr. Baumgartner:

I am glad to learn that Dr. Fulton has a good partner to relieve him of some of his bibliographical work. Your quite unnecessary apology for having sent me an uncorrected sample card delighted me, particularly when I found that you had been and gone and done it again. The present card, Cremona 1821, looks to my Italian eye as though it also needed some corrections, which I have hazarded in pencil.

I have no ideas about the Sloane Society 1844 translation, never having heard of it before. I have no doubt you are correct in your surmise that Greswell did his own translations. I have never seen the first edition of his "Memoirs".

I enclose descriptions of our two editions, nos. 4351-2, of Barthélemy's poem. I have made these as full as possible, not knowing just how much you would want to use, considering that they contain merely fragments of Fracastor. I have no further information about them. When I was cataloguing them I merely looked up in the printed catalogue of the Bibliothèque Nationale and the S.G.O.; I took our no. 4351 to be probably identical with the "66" page edition listed in the former, where it was given the date "[1840]".

I am very much obliged to you for offering to identify, if possible, our anonymous Italian translation of Fracastor, no. 4823. For this purpose I give you, below, the first two and last two lines of each Libro:

I.

I varii casi e i semi, onde insueto
Morbo a noi venne, a lunga etade ignoto;
...
Sile, e il Carno ribelle: e angoscia e pianto
Premea miseramente il Lazio tutto.

II.

Qual contro a tanto danno ordin di vita
O modo acconcio sia: quel che a'diversi
...
Verbèna e l'odorifera eraclèa
E 'l rosmarin minuto, i membri lava.

III.

Ma già di un altro mondo le felici
Selve invito mi fanno e stranii boschi.
...
E assai mi fia se al biondo Tebro in riva
Talor ti legga e ti rinomi il Bembo.

I had no idea that as many as 70 editions of Fracastor could be collected. I shall be glad to give you any further help I can with the work
My best regards to Dr. Fulton.

Yours sincerely, W.W.

BAUMGARTNER V

Fourteen Washington Square North
New York

Postmarked 16 Aug. '43 (air mail) received same day. Reported back with pencil letter same day W.W.F.

Dear Billy Francis -

It has been so long since I have been at things historical or have had news of you I feel almost as if I am coming back into a strange land à la Rip van Winkel! So far has the war with all its work taken me. The latest is 2,000 pregnant soldiers' & sailors' wives for whom the federal government has recently sent $ 275,000 so they can get good medical care - but the doctors don't like it, the hospitals

don't like it — I'm in
the middle of the press! Such
a good press I haven't
even gotten out of town
for a week end in ages!

But back to the enclosed.
Would you be good enough
to scratch it up ~~the enclosed~~
with your big blue pencil —
sufficiently using that pencil
that your medical librarians
will not think this too
bad for their Journal? John
thought you might be persuaded
to do so. I'm sure that
both they and I will
be very very Grateful!

What a sentence!!

Fourteen Washington Square North
New York

Moreover if your library has any pictures of the gentleman, they, too, will be most welcome. I'm some at age 6 & some at 60 — nothing exciting & don't seem to find others.

John's western jaunt seems to have been wonderful tho I haven't seen him since. Mill Rock, as other havens of rest and joy, is changed — but still very good — Lucia

drives ambulances all the
time ✓ loves it. The
library there is a joy —
were if one had time
to be in it —

This manuscript has
a dead-line ✓ around
August 15, I blush
to admit — rules that
editor is the clever kind that
sets ahead his dead-lines —

My greetings and
thanks.

As ever

George Bernard Shaw

August 15.

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TEL. WORTH 2-6900

answered to per 12th.
Bright, happy. Nat. with standing portrait shield at home. M.H. will let me send it (ca. 1935). or could have it photo'd.
W.W.F.

October 8, 1943

Dr. William Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Bill:

I cannot believe that your letter was written on the 16th of August, I am still not over the shock of having the manuscript back almost before I sent it to you. Apparently the airplanes realize that our mail is important! The manuscript went to the Journal immediately but I think they are postponing publication until January. Do you have any good suggestions about where to get some photographs of Dr. Klebs?

The story of my marriage is really EPIC, inasmuch as on the famous wedding night (November 7th), Nat almost had to fly to Africa. He is an entirely delightful person, an engineer with a wide variety of interests.

I also inherited two nice youngsters, one a beautiful girl of 21 and a lad who is being graduated from M.I.T. at 19. I think they are charming and I know they are too smart for me, but I like to think that that is only the younger generation.

The 2,000 soldiers' wives are not yet delivered, so I will save the harrowing details for a later time.

Sincerely yours,

Leona

Leona Baumgartner, M.D.
Director
Bureau of Child Hygiene

LB:bf

BAUMGARTNER, Dr. Leona.

Home address:

125 Worth St, N.Y.

Wrote her 2.VII.41. thanking for S.F. ear-stoppers & ~~[illegible]~~ enclosing 37¢ in U.S. stamps. Asked for N.Y. State Health Dept. "Health News". May 26 (p.83) obit. of Earp. also sent her copy of my poem to Lomer re ear-stoppers, '39.

W.W.F

Wrote 2.~~XX~~X.41. Thanking for "Chief" obit.

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BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

Baumgartner.

ans 2.X.41.

September 19, 1941

Dr. William Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am enclosing the appreciation of Dr. Earp that I think you wanted, although I have mislaid your letter. If this is not the one you want, let me know the exact reference and I will see what I can do about it.

One of these days I shall try to write a little more news. Right now I am completely swamped.

Sincerely yours,

Leona Baumgartner

Leona Baumgartner, M.D.
Acting Director
Bureau of Child Hygiene

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letter?

What an AWFUL

OSLER LIBRARY,
11 August, 1955.

Miss Helen Bayne,
Librarian,
New York University - Bellevue Medical Center,
477 First Avenue,
New York 16,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Helen,

"Wastebasket", forsooth! It was one of those elusive pamphlets not to be found in its own home. First meeting of the Alumni of the Faculty of Comparative Medicine ... 1899! No one ever heard of it or of a second meeting, and the one-time flourishing Faculty went defunct about 1902. Moreover, W. O. changed its name from Veterinary to Comparative Medicine. So you have acquired merit. Many thanks!

I hope you've been enjoying the International. Just this morning Madeline has lent me a copy of the Handbook, with my frivolous, prophetic, lèse-majestatical message.

Did you take young Bayne along and show her the non-N.Y. world?

Yours gratefully &c.

Bill

(W. W. Francis).

WWF:cd

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY–BELLEVUE MEDICAL CENTER
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477 FIRST AVENUE, NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

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July 15, 1953

Dr. William W. Francis, Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University School of Medicine
Montreal, Canada

Dear Bill,

Thanks for your nice gossipy note that you sent along with the stamps. I take flight on Friday for London and only hope the pressure chamber is working all right, because while I am not taking a shirt of any sort, spare or otherwise, I would hate to have the rest of my wardrobe ruined.

In going through a great mass of stuff yesterday, I found the accompanying report. It may be of interest to you. If not, I know your wastebasket is handy.

I hope you and your wife and all your heirs are well and happy. You haven't any idea how much we all wish you were to be with us in London. How can we have an international meeting without Bill Francis?

Affectionately yours,

Helen

Helen Bayne,
Librarian

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Encl.

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Irmgard Gordon

July 15, 1953

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Montreal, Canada

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Affectionately yours,

Helen Bayne,
Librarian

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Encl.

9 July, 1940

Dr. H. P. Bayon,
Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge,
E n g l a n d

Dear Dr. Bayon,

Thanks for your note of June 24th with the abstract of your "Masters of Salerno". I hope the "Annals" will publish it in full. I should think your best plan would be to send it to the editor, Dr. F. R. Packard, 304 South 19th St., Philadelphia. I have no doubt he will consider it favorably on its merits, particularly if it has the imprimatur of Dr. Singer whose help you acknowledge.

I was interested in your remarks about Walter Warren in your letter of March 26th and would be very glad to have photostats of his remarks about the circulation. We have him as Warner with a note about him at the end of entry 692 in our printed catalogue referring to Walton's Aubrey and to Sir George Rolleston's Harveian oration, 1873, pp. 50-62. letter to

Good luck to you over there and particularly to your two R.A.F. boys. I am over age myself and have one daughter, aged 18.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

LITTLE SHELFORD 24. June 1940.

Dear Dr. Francis,

In enclosing the ABSTRACT of a paper on the MASTERS OF SALERNO &c. I should like to enquire whether you could suggest anyone on the Staff of the " Annals of Medical History " to whom I could apply, in an attempt to have the full text published. My " Trotula" essay is in print in the Proceedings of the Roy. Soc. Med. and after imploring me to cut down the text, I find that I did the job so well that they had to put in a blank page to make up the pagination.

I have two sons-in-law in the RAF , but I am over military age and though I have offered my services as Pathologist, they have no need for me, yet. In the meanwhile I am going on with my work to the best of my ability; if it would help the War to stop writing, I would do so; but the contrary is the case; what is required is more knowledge of History, not less. With kindest regards & best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

H.P. Bayon.

To
Dr. W.W. Francis Mc Gill Univ. Montreal Canada.

Write him when I have from Viets

Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge. 26. March 1940.
SHELFORD 51 CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I am preparing the text for a lengthy paper on the Masters of Salerno and their influence on the origin of a medical profession in Western Europe and among the illustrations I should like to include the medal struck in honour of Trotula at Naples. From the book Medicina in nummis I see that the medal is in the " Medical Library of Boston" which seems rather vague and I have been wondering whether you could give me some information on the subject or even write to the authorities of the Boston Library and obtain a photograph of the medal, so that I might include it in my text . There is no hurry, for I still have to work through the Salernitan MSS in Cambridge, without counting those in Oxford and the British Museum.

Viet's 8.iv.40.

We have him as WARNER

To another matter; I have photostats of pages of the strange disquisition of Walter Warren (or Warrener) who was recorded to have said that Harvey did not understand the circulation, which was a perfect hydraulick. These writings have not obtained much attention, but I have thought that the photostats might be of interest to the Osler Library, in which case I shall be glad to send them. My Harvey &c. Part V is completed, but it is slowly coming through in proof. With kind regards,

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See G. Rolleston, 807, H.P.50-62 Warner

Yours sincerely,

H.P. Bayon.

To
Dr. W.W. Francis
Osler Library Mc. Gill University.

Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge.
SHELFORD 51 CAMBRIDGE.

2. Jan. 1940.

Dear Dr. Francis,

Enclosed I am sending you the Summary of my paper on Trotula of Salerno, which, as you know, I first began on reading the remark in Bibliotheca Osleriana, which you inform me was not by Osler. I do not quite gather why it should have ever been necessary to imagine or postulate the existence of a ' Trottus '; all Salernitan masters are barely known through the writings attributed to them. In this year of grace 1940 we have no evidence whatever whether Hippocrates ever wrote anything; but accept the Corpus till definite evidence of ~~a~~ather authorship is obtained.

Reverting to Trotula, early mss. especially in the two ' cosmetic ' chapters, seem to implicate that though Trotula admitted that she had treated women, she did not claim being a ' Magistra operis '.

With kind regards & best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

H.P. Bayon.

Dr. W.W. Francis
The Osler Library
Mc Gill University
Montreal Canada,

Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge. 14. Nov. 39.

SHELFORD 51 CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 31st Oct. and though the remark to which you refer seemed to possess the true oslerian flavour, I willingly yield to your better judgement, and have already altered my script accordingly. As to the " Hormonal" paper, I agree with your criticism; though I rather stressed the anticipation, it was rather the strange persistence of such tests which claimed attention.

The outbreak of war has interrupted the study of the original "Protula" mss. in various Colleges and in the British Museum. I had read the first lines of the Caius ms. which must be one of the early ones ; now it has been placed in safety and I cannot get at it.

The death of Dr. Harvey Cushing has also cut off the possibility of obtaining a Memorial Edition of Garrison; because if anything was to be done, the incentive should have come from someone who was closely acquainted with him. I have lately been noticing how indispensable Garrison's Intr. can be - even with the large German tomes at ones disposal - in preparing a suggested syllabus for some med-hist. lectures.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H.P. Bayon.

Dr. W.W. Francis.

31 October, 1939

Dr. H. P. Bayon,
Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge,
E n g l a n d

Dear Dr. Bayon,

Thanks for the "Ancient pregnancy tests", an interesting study of Egyptian hormonology! But I find it hard to agree with your conclusion. The germination of seeds may have "actually been hastened by substances extracted from the urine of pregnant women ...", but has any one proved that it can be hastened by their crude urine? Even then, I should be inclined to call the Egyptian test a fortuitous, not an "intelligent" anticipation.

I look forward to your re-sexing of Trotula and shall read it through my less "mythoclastic" pair of spectacles! Please, by the way, don't attribute that "Bibliotheca" note to Osler himself. It hasn't his initials.

Yours sincerely,

H.W.F.

To
Dr. W.W. Francis
Montreal.

Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge.
SHELFORD 51 CAMBRIDGE.

16. Oct. 39.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I am much obliged for your letter and the kind corrections it contains; I have now completed my Harvey &c. and shall rectify the matters you pointed out.

I am enclosing herewith a brief communication on relation to ancient pregnancy tests , which may interest you.

I have nearly completed a paper on Trotula & the Ladies of Salerno; which I began following a reference in Bibliotheca Osleriana which mentions the " mythoclasts of the school of Sudhoff. " This is of course Chas. Singer; but I hold that my friend went too far in his destructive zeal.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Sigerist

Encl/=

P.T.O

Dear Dr Bayon

Thanks for the "Ancient pregnancy tests," an interesting study of Egyptian hormonology! ~~It leaves me sceptical, however, about your conclusion.~~ But I find it hard to agree with your conclusion. The germination of seeds may have "actually been hastened by substances extracted from the urine of pregnant women..." but has any one ~~until some one~~ proved that it can be hastened by their crude urine? ~~It seems rather [illegible]~~ Even then, I should be inclined to call the Egyptian test a fortuitous, not an "intelligent" anticipation.

I ~~[illegible]~~ look forward to your re-sexing of Trotula, and ~~which~~ shall read it through my less "mythoclastic" pair of spectacles! Please, by the

Yours sincerely

way, don't attribute that ~~note~~ "Bibliotheca" note to Osler himself. It hasn't his initials.

19. June 39.

Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge.
SHELFORD 51 CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 7th inst. I must admit that Harvey's notes are open to different interpretations & the best one can attempt to do, is to try and make sense of them. I had mentioned in the original script that the notes had been published in fac-simile, but that owing to photographic technicalities the different colour of ink was not evident in the fac-simile. This sentence ~~was~~ was lost in revision, in the course of which a whole page of " Warrener" was cut out. I am enclosing herewith off-print of my " Serveto" section, because it refers to the Bibliotheca Osleriana which I often consult. Serveto caused me a great deal of unprofitable work, though, if I have succeeded in makimg clear that it is much more probable that the news of the lung passage reached Serveto from Colombo than the other way round, something will have been achieved. Now as to GARRISON. The first point to be considered is whether he is worth commemorating; I believe he is, so do my friends; obviously the first incentive should come from the U.S.A where he was born, lived and worked. Next, agreement having been obtained on this subject, whether a Memorial Edition of his Introduction represents the best means of commemorating his significance in the study of the History of Medicine in English speaking countries. Dr. Harvey Cushing and others are in favour of the plan. Then bearing in mind that too many tinkers ruin the pot, how is revision to be undertaken ? It seems hardly possible to avoid con-

P.T.O.

sulting several, many different authorities. If you turn to p. 11 of the Introduction you will find how many ~~different~~ correspondents made suggestions etc. to Garrison, or helped him in other ways. It has seemed to me that if someone responsible re-arranged the text more according to chronological order, removed repetitions and excised redundant matter, the book could be made even more useful than at present. I have written to Dr. Harvey Cushing a few days ago and am awaiting his reply.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

H.P. Brayon.

To

Dr. W.W. Francis

Osler Library

McGill University

Montreal

Canada.

Encl/ ~~XX~~ Pt. IV.

26 June, 1939

Dr. H. P. Bayon,
Little Shalford,
Nr. Cambridge,
E n g l a n d

Dear Dr. Bayon,

Since writing you on the 7th I have looked up your most interesting Harvey study in the Annuals of Science. In part 1, on p. 67, you refer to a volume entitled Integrum morbum [should be morborum] mysterium etc.", Francof., 1631, but the title-page which is reproduced on the plate (Pl. "II" in the text, but called Pl. "III" opp. p. 116) is that of Fludd's "Pulsus", which is a continuation of the Integrum, though printed before it. See Bibl. Osl., nos. 2627-8. The title-page and extract reproduced on your plate (II or III) correspond exactly to our copy of the Pulsus, which has a colophon on p. 93, "Completum est istud opus 1629. Octob. 19" followed by the folding plate with imprint of Hofmann (of Frankfort), 1630. So this first notice of the De motu must have appeared a year earlier than the date you assign to it.

I have had to return the Annals to the University Library without doing more than glance through the rest of your study. But before leaving for my holiday, I thought it best to send you the above.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

7 June, 1939

Dr. H. P. Bayon,
Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge,
England

Dear Dr. Bayon,

Thank you for your most interesting reprint from the Proceedings of the R. S. M. on the "Allusions to circulation". It is satisfactory to have Cesalpino's use of the word explained, also to get some more information about Warren.

I have not yet found a satisfactory translation of the query at the end of f. 89 verso of the "Prelectiones". It seems to depend a good deal on the case-ending of the word frigifact. You end it with -a but the facsimile seems to show an abbreviated and ungrammatical -um. I think it logically ought to agree with sanguinis. You do not, by the way, mention that the "Prelectiones " were published in facsimile by the R. C. P. in 1886.

I am looking forward to seeing your article in the Annals of Science, which you refer to. I hope you have a reprint of it which you could send me.

The question of a new edition of Garrison is a difficult one. It is a very excellent book of reference but, as you say, not very readable. It would be difficult, but perhaps not impossible, to give it both these qualities, but I doubt if this could be done by a lot of contributory editors tinkering with it.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. F.

To The Librarian Mc Gill University MONTREAL

Envelope addressed to me at the Osler Library

26. May 1939. W.W.F.

Little Shelford,
Nr. Cambridge.
SHELFORD 51 CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Sir,

In enclosing an offprint of my communication: ALLUSIONS TO A "Circulation" etc. I should like to obtain your opinion , if I may, in relation to another matter, which perhaps has already been mentioned to you. In common with many others, I have obtained a great deal of information and also incentive from Garrison's INTRODUCTION (1929) but have been aware of a certain lack of cohesion in the text and other matter that make reading difficult. I had hoped that Garrison would live to revise a Vth ed. but this was not to be; not only this, but it is highly improbable that a Vth ed. will ever appear, for reasons which will be soon evident to you.

Therefore I thought that it might be feasible to commmemorate Garrison's ~~xxxxxx~~ life and work by making the IVth ed. the framework of a revised memorial edition, to which several of his friends, I am sure - I have made enquiries - would gladly contribute. This would be a subscriber's edition and should serve as a book of reference, for those interested in the history of medicine. I ~~xxxxxxx~~ must admit that there has been some opposition to the suggestion, because it has been said that the task would be too formidable, but this - and here again I could quote the opinion of competent authorities - need not be the case. Perhaps you will kindly give me your opinion on the subject and with kind regards, remain,

Yours sincerely, Dr. H.P. Bayon.

THE MOLTENO INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY AND PARASITOLOGY
(INCORPORATING THE QUICK LABORATORY)
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Telegraph and *Telephone*
CAMBRIDGE 4577

9. June 1937.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter, I have great pleasure in enclosing the reprint required and another which may prove of interest. I must apologise for not answering before, but all my spare time and some of that taken from my daily avocations has been employed in revising and rearranging a paper on the precursors and opponents of William Harvey; in this I am referring to Dr. Malloch, whom you mention in your letter.

If you would like to receive other reprints, please inform me.

Yours sincerely,

H.P. Bayon.

To

The Librarian

The Osler LIBRAry.

Mc. Gill University

Montreal.

Osler Library,
November 27th, 1958.

William B. Bean, M.D.
University Hospitals -
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
Iowa City.

Dear Bill Bean,

It's about time I thanked you for yours of 22nd September and for the batch of reprints. I envy you your prolificity. I liked the "Harvey" and your emphasis on the experimental method which the Alcmaeon Cesalpinians can't appreciate. But I found the Chauvois Life exasperating in spots. Catching the exact moment when young Harvey saw the light when taking a brief stroll between Padua and Venice. Too much imagination, too few facts.

We keep and file only the historical reprints. You have never sent us bound volumes of yours, and we should prefer to have the separates, unless you've classified them for binding, e.g. all the history ones together. But thanks for the kind offer.

I am puffed up to inform you that I have now reached the dedication level: Wm. C. Gibbon's excellent book "Youthful endeavour" To the spirit of Wm. Osler/ renascent in my teachers/ Maude Abbott/ W.W. Francis/ Wilder Penfield.

Good company for your namesake.

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W. W. F.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA IOWA CITY

University Hospitals—Department of Internal Medicine

September 22, 1958

W. W. Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Doctor Francis:

It was a great pleasure to get the news letter bringing me up to date on your activities. I am delighted to hear that the Osler Library is to get such appropriate and well deserved support. Under separate cover, I am sending you some recent reprints; I thought particularly you might like to have the Harvey report.

Did I ever send the Osler Library any of my bound reprints, and if not would you be interested in receiving them? Let me hear from you when you have a chance. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

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William B. Bean, M. D.

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

February 25, 1957

W. W. Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Dr. Billy Francis:

I have your delightful letter of the 15th and it seems perfectly obvious that in reviewing the situation we were both right about the navel that is; and that starting from scratch or with a mound one will first develop some cubic capacity. This will then increase and as time goes on and the encroaching panniculus tightens around the vanishing hole, the cubic capacity will diminish and perhaps ultimately vanish. This, of course, is a very pleasant lesson and I think illustrates the difficulty so many people have of seeing things clearly or seeing holes whole, or wholesomely handsomely. I am greatly indebted to you for the references which I am in the process of looking up. I trust your back stops misbehaving at once. Thank you for your kind words about the "Religio Bibliocritici". I am sending one new reprint.

Sincerely,

Bill

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:f

enc.

OSLER LIBRARY,
2 May, 1956.

Dr. W. B. Bean,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Bill Bean,

Please turn those verses inside out before accusing me of having inspired them! Their logic is lousy* and the facts were exactly vice versa!! It should read " ... Into his deepening navel all the water he was able / He pipetted, every day a little more ..." I leave you to deal with the 2nd verse. Take a look at a few navels; surely the fatter, the deeper and more capacious. Experimentally my cubic contents were something like a minim at 120 lbs. and a drachm* at 150.

(* or is it perhaps mine that is ridiculous or ridiculous?)

(* or perhaps 18 minims?)

I'm glad you like the red book of fairy tales - an unbelievable surprise, I'm still trying to assimilate it.

Thanks for the reprints.

Yours omphalically, fat or lean,

Billy F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

WWF:cd

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

April 25, 1956

W. W. Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal 2, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I have just read the magnificent little book of tributes to you on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Osler Society of McGill University. What a wonderful occasion it must have been and what completely delightful and charming tributes. I am still grinding out a few verses from time to time and have added to the navel collection the following two verses inspired by the information you sent me.

Osler's nephew, Willie Francis, wasn't taking silly chances
He was bedfast with the tubercle and had to gain some weight;
Into his contracting navel all the water he was able
He pipetted, every day a little less, so much he ate.

Scientific curiosity thus measured adiposity
Determining to fathom the relations which obtain
When navels are encroached upon, their hollow rings are poached upon
By thickening panniculus of invalids who gain.

And from other sources there have been additional inspiration so that the navel has continued to grow. I am enclosing a few reprints which I hope will be of some interest to you. May you continue to flourish.

Sincerely,

WBB

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:f

enc.

B.V.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

8 November, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal 2, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

Getting such a delightful and enchanting letter with all the verse is a wonderful benediction among the turmoil and confusion of the every day life of a professor of medicine. I continue to look back on the delightful afternoon we spent together with increasing joy and my great regret is that I didn't make this obvious move many, many years ago, because little matters of time and distance and money somehow can be bridged if not bypassed.

I may or may not have told you that I am having some of my miscellaneous and not completely fugitive verse brought out in booklet form and when I get them, I hope within a few weeks, I shall certainly send you a copy.

The inspiration about the navel and your delightful experiments on its cubic capacity has an indication of gain in weight, I am hoping will inspire me to add appropriate verses. Not only is this topic of great personal and general interest to me but I have found that it lends itself nobably to all kinds of photographic and imaginative illustration. Someday I hope to show you my collection of slides which I have used to illustrate the reading of the verse which now has been done in Austria, Germany, France, England as well as here in the States.

Again, let me pass along to you my deep appreciation for the pleasure and diversion you have given me by your thoughtful letter and its wonderful miscellany of verse. My cheerful good wishes for your continued health.

Sincerely,

Bill

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:e

OSLER LIBRARY,
1 Nov., 1954.

Dr. W. B. Bean,
State University of Iowa,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Bill Bean,

Such a poetical bunch of reprints. Having acquired some notoriety myself for doggerelity, I can appreciate your comicalities. The "Omphalosophy" is the only one I've read through so far, and I'm interested ~~in~~ that you use the word omphalite, which I am surprised not to find in the big dictionaries. Osler used it for the self-centered and introspective, and called me one once when he found me meditating, seated on the edge of a cold-bath tub, and, as recorded in Cushing, he told the younger James in Greek there was nothing wrong with the old man except that he revolved round his navel.

Your "Sophy", despite her length, is not comprehensive (least of all exhaustive). She doesn't mention my own device for recording gain of weight by measuring the capacity of one's umbilicus. When I was sent to the hills with tb. in 1911 I gained 25 lbs. in three months. We were weighed and had a hot bath once a week and the number of drops of water my omphalos could contain increased pari passu with my weight. I have since lost some of the fat and all of the statistics.

I enclose Spiess's INCU-NABEL pome, and a recent one of my own more ecclesiastical than anatomical. Also a borborygmal prayer, as I see that you deal with those nuisances.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:cd
Encls:-

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

July 31, 1953

Dr. W. W. Frances
Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Frances:

It was very thoughtful of you to send along the copy of father's letter to Osler and it came at a singularly opportune time because my mother is now paying us a visit here in Iowa City and she will be delighted to have a chance to see the letter. I am sending you under separate cover copies of reprints which pretty much run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous at least as far as topic matter is concerned. You might look at them and pass them on to any of your junior colleagues who might be interested.

I have been collecting over the past few years a series of aphorisms from the writings of Peter Mere Latham. I am not sure whether any publisher will be interested in bringing out such a volume but when and if one does I shall be most happy to send you a copy. It was one of Osler's incidental remarks which led me to begin a collection of Latham material which I have continued working over now for 15 years. Again, thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending the letter. With good wishes,

Sincerely,

William B Bean

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:jd

OSLER LIBRARY,
27 July, 1955.

Dr. W. B. Bean,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Bean,

I thought you would like to have this, from a handwritten original just discovered in the Cushing biography material (#8303) "congratulatory letters" file:

May 19, 1925

University of Virginia
Charlottesville

"Dear Dr. Cushing,

You have produced a monumental work in the life of Osler, and I read it by the hour. The "most unkindest cut" of all, however, is in the footnote on page 593, because it is not true. I had spent an extra year after graduation in teaching under Mall and attended Osler's clinics and ~~extra~~ rounds to collect word Oslerisms. Osler himself was publishing the book, because three of us submitted the 'isms to him without each others knowledge. He had the proof in his hands when he made that address and the storm broke in the ne wspapers about chloroforming at 60. I must thank you for publishing the few Oslerisms you got from me, but it would have been kinder had you left out that footnote. I will forgive you, because I got so much inspiration from you as a teacher and I have tried to pass it on. Also because you have given me so much delight in the reading of your book.

With all good wishes,
Very cordially yours,
R. Bennett Bean
Professor of Anatomy
University of Virginia. "

Yours sincerely,

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

WWF:cd

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

30 October 1950

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian
Bibliotheca Osleriana
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am as distressed and perplexed as you must be that we have managed to get the book printed without an index. I believe I made it sufficiently clear that an index was to be put in.

In the letter to Mr Schuman of October 10, 1949, I said: "Dr. Francis insists that an ample index be provided, and this I gather is done only after the page proof time."

In a letter of November 27, 1949, he says, "If it is important to give the sources, why don't we number the aphorisms numerically, perhaps placing the figure in the center over each aphorism, and then at the end give the sources by corresponding numbers?"

In my letter of December 6, 1949, I said, "Dr. Francis was insistent that a fairly detailed index for this book be made so that it would facilitate references. He apparently is plagued with people requesting that he identify the source of miscellaneous quotations from Osler, and he has been sending me a batch of them and I can give him help with very little more than 50% of them. For that reason I agree that we should make every effort to have a complete index."

The final quotation from a letter of mine on 3 July 1950 to Miss Oppenheimer, "I am sure that you and Mr. Schuman recall Dr. Francis' insistence that an index be made, and this I have promised to do. It is my plan to be away from here during the month of August on vacation. I could help with it before or after that time, or if it should come about that August was the month my secretary could prepare it from instructions left with her."

Immediately after the book came out I went to work setting up the index by the simple process of giving a number to each of the items mentioned in the bibliography, beginning with my father's unpublished collection as 1, Cushing as 2,etc., down to number 42, the last reference, which is to Thayer. Using that system the references desired by Mr. Hamilton are as follows: 99-1, 115-16, 122-18, 134-1, 153-1, 158-42, 161-42, 169-2, 170-17, 171-4, 172-1,14, 173-17, 174-10, 176-6, 177-8, 192-1, 218-22, 220-19, 222-2, 243-11, 261-16, 267-1, 272-1, 294-1, 296-1.

I am in the course of checking each of the references against the original and have done so for about half. This should be completed within a short period of time. I am most distressed about this matter

of the index, particularly because it came as such a surprise. As soon as I have checked all the references I will send you an improvised index for your own use. Will you advise me what else we can do.

Sincerely yours,

William B Bean

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:v

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

December 6, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am returning to you my father's manuscript and am much indebted for your kindness in sending it to me. It is possible that there may be a copy of it among some of his things which I have never removed from an old trunk. In any event the present collection seems to be in considerably better shape than his original.

Concerning the letter you have from Robert M. Hamilton, Assistant Librarian of the Library of Parliament, the only quotation of the three which I can pin down at this instant is the second one, and according to what I have found the quotation is not exact or perhaps he used the same quotation slightly changed under different circumstances. However, there is in the first edition of Aequanimitas under the Essay on the Educational Value of the Medical Society, a similar though not quite identical statement on page 349 and 350 of the first edition. The third one I have seen at sometime in the last 6 months, and I will continue to be on the out look for it since I will have to check all the references. I shall keep this letter from Mr. Hamilton temporarily unless you let me know to the contrary so that I can continue to be on the look out for the original source of the reference.

Best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

William B Bean

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

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Cont'd in a p.c. acknowledging the a/c of his father. (Pr Sci. 101:346-8, 1945)
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STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

October 31, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am much indebted to you for the reprints you sent of the centenary of William Osler from the Canadian Medical Association Journal, for your kindness in sending me the (paternal) manuscript which I think I must certainly have seen at the time it was prepared though I thought it had disappeared from the face of the earth. I shall look it over with care and return it to you. I am sure my father must have put the collection together very hurriedly in his scanty spare time. I think you may be interested in this brief biographical sketch I wrote following his death, some five years ago. He had a curious systematic disregard for any embellishments of style in language and perhaps that accounts for the shape of the manuscript in which he sent it to you.

I am particularly grateful to you for having gone over the manuscript I sent you with such thought and care, and I shall follow out your suggestions and instructions and in case anything is unclear will immediately get in touch with you, although apparently with the exception of checking a reference or two I believe your comments are perfectly straightforward. I must tell you that I am happy to have had an opportunity to make your acquaintance and to have had the benefit of your suggestions and advice. I trust that publication of this collection will serve a very useful purpose as an introduction to Osler for those who have not been familiar with him directly as a friend, indirectly as one who felt his influence at one removed through his friends and pupils, and finally as admirers who may warm their hands and hearts at the fire he has left glowing in his writings.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Bean

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw I will return the manuscripts in due course.

Enc.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

September 28, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am indebted to you for your letter of the 20th of September, and as soon as reprints come we will be sure to send you a small group and in addition we will send Dr. Malloch a few.

Your suggestion for an index is an excellent one and certainly might make it a very much handier item to be used as a reference. Concerning the astonishing alterations, I perhaps did not make it clear to you that the original manuscript form of this collection seems to have disappeared and that my source of material consisted of the original scraps of paper on which the writings were collected and written down. Perhaps you have an original of the document, since I believe it was at least sent to you for perusal. I would not be surprised if there were more than one or two astonishing alterations, since the handwriting was not always legible and occasionally was in pencil which these nearly 50 years have treated most unkindly.

I am looking forward to further word from you concerning this subject.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Bean

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

September 10, 1949

W. W. Francis, M. D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I trust you have received the manuscript which I sent you. Since I wrote I have gotten a number of letters and in addition have talked to several physicians whose opinion I respect highly, and all of them have been most anxious to see the collection of Osler's epigrams published in the form of a small volume. I wonder, therefore, if in the light of what I have told you before and in view of the fact that Osler himself had no objection to the publication of the epigrams as collected during his lifetime but merely thought it inexpedient that they be put out at the time when they were originally prepared, whether you still believe it unwise to carry out this project. My personal feeling is that it is most unfair to the memory of Osler and to the present generation of medical students, who definitely do not have the familiarity with him which they should have, that such a collection be kept hidden rather than used to further the influence of the things for which Osler himself worked.

Will you please let me hear from you concerning this matter?

Sincerely yours,

William B. Bean

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

p. 53 [7 of West Republic archives

prime duty of a woman to look well (37)

Can't find this in the I. H. H. Nurses Alumnae May, 1913. & we have badly needed it for a year. Can you check it?

OSLER LIBRARY,
4 Oct., 1949.

Dr. William B. Bean,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Bean,

Yours of the 28th has come with one from my fellow-executor, Dr. Malloch who gives it the green light with a request that I edit it carefully first! I have been through it pretty thoroughly, but haven't verified the references. That should be done. Some are certainly wrong. There is one that would have been a godsend to us six months ago when we had a long, vain search for "It is the prime duty of a woman ... to look well." The Ladies Home Journal was pestering us for it. Your "(37)" has solved the problem. Another argument for an index!

I'll look up the MS. your father sent me in 1931 and lend it to you. Yours is a very different affair, as you will see, and as I shall gladly inform Schuman the publisher who consulted me.

Should I send you back all of your MS. or just those pages on which I have put queries or emendations?

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:cd

OSLER LIBRARY

20 Sept., '49

Dear Dr. Bean,

I've been swamped lately with Osleriana so please forgive neglect.

Your Archives paper & the MS. "WO. Aphorisms" are a vast improvement on the MS. your father sent me in 1931. I agree with you & others that it would be a pity not to to print it. The question in my mind is whether as executor, in view of WO's prohibition, I can give it my blessing. I have written to Dr. Malloch, my fellow executor, for his opinion., and asking if he is in a condition to read the MS. (he's been ill). I think the 90 per cent of published extracts ought to be allowed to outweigh the 10 percent of WO-called "Beanisms".

Have you thought of numbering each aphorism & providing an index which would add immensely to the value of the booklet for Osler students?

I'll write you again when I hear from Malloch, and will make some ~~further~~ suggestions about further editing. One or two astonishing alterations have puzzled me.

I look forward to the reprints (&will send mine). meanwhile have you one to send direct to Dr. A. Malloch, 1173 Dobbs Ferry Rd., White Plains, N.Y.? A batch sent to me is apt to linger long in our postoffice customs!

By ill luck, your last year's letter arrived while I was coronaried incommunicado in hospital, and got sidetracked & entirely overlooked.

With apologies

Yours WOfully,

SE//LF

W.O.

OSLER LIBRARY,
23 August, 1949.

Dr. William B. Bean,
State University of Iowa,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. W. B. Bean,

I'm glad you got those "Excerpts from Osler" into the Archives of Int. Med. without my seeing them. I might have had to exercise my somewhat Molotovian veto.

I think you have now published the cream of your father's collection and I hope you will be content to leave the rest unpublished.

I enclose a spare carbon of the letter I wrote R. B. B. on 7 Nov., 1931 and a copy of his kind response of the 11th of that month. I think this will make my position - and opposition - clear.

If you have any reprints of your Archives article, I should like one or more, if available.

I have the 1931 collection on file. I was amused at your father's saying that Osler called some of them Beanisms.

Sincerely yours,

W.W.F.

WWF:cd
Encls:-

CW.
Please my last
letter to Schumann
(or his [illegible]?)
AND one of the copies
of my letter of 1931 to
Bean senior, please

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

August 20, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Many weeks ago I sent on to Schumann's in New York a collection of aphorisms of Osler, some of which had been collected at the bedside on ward rounds with him by my father, the late Dr. R. Bennett Bean. I believe, but am by no means certain, that my father had corresponded with you in this matter. As you undoubtedly know, Osler gave my father permission to have this collection of epigrams published. This permission was never specifically withdrawn but Osler agreed with my father that it would be unwise to publish the collection at a time when there was such an uproar after the Fixed Period address. Some of the aphorisms were then gathered together and some effort was made to have them published in the 30's although I believe nothing came of this. I hear from Mr. Schumann that he is unwilling to publish the collection because of "a strange prohibition of Osler's" that they should not be published. I hope it will not put you to too much trouble to give me further information concerning this strange prohibition which of course came to me as a great shock and about which my father apparently knew nothing, since the recall had been voluntary and on his part although with the agreement with Osler; and permission had been received for their publication so that he did not object to the principle of their publication

Thank you for your help in this matter, and I would deeply appreciate your advice about what to do with the collection.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Bean

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
IOWA CITY, IOWA

July 27, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have read with great delight your note on the Osler family in the July 9th number of the British Medical Journal, and if you are having reprints made I should be much indebted to you for one. I have contributed a group of Oslerisms to the Archives of Internal Medicine for their centennial memorial number and will forward you a copy when reprints are obtained. These I wrote you about a year or so ago but perhaps my letter miscarried since I did not hear from you concerning them.

Sincerely yours,

William B Bean

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

31st ~~Nov.~~ Oct., 1931.

Paul B. Hoeber, Inc.,
76, Fifth Avenue,
N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hoeber,

Bedside Epigrams of Osler

I am returning Mr. R. B. Bean's MS. to you under separate cover.

In its present state it is, in my opinion, not suitable for publication. It should be drastically edited, revised, and probably half of the 'epigrams' deleted. There are many real gems among them which ought to be preserved in print, but on the other hand, as one of Osler's 'literary executors', I could not give the project my blessing for I consider its publication to be banned, as far as I am concerned, by Osler's general prohibition, covering all his unpublished material. I remember that he gave his consent in 1905 to the publication of his aphorisms - I ha~~s~~d forgotten to whom. But they should have appeared, or at least ha~~s~~d been edited, during his lifetime when he could have had an opportunity to censor them.

I have felt it my duty to make many pencil changes on this MS. It would be a dishonour to Osler's memory to print, as they are here typed, many of these sentences as examples of Osler's use of English. It is far from being his.

I shall write to Dr. Bean, who has lately sent me another copy of the MS.

With kind regards,
Sincerely yours,

WW.

A copy of this sent the con, Dr W. B. B. 1949

SCHOOL OF ANATOMY
UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA

Nov. 11, 1931.

Dr. W. W. Francis,

Osler Library, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Dear Dr. Francis,

Your letter was received today and I hasten to thank you for your criticism and advice.

I realize that these 'isms are crude, and hurriedly put together. They were collected while I was a student and the notes taken in long hand, but I was not satisfied with what I had taken as a student, so when I was Instructor in Anatomy under Dr. Mall the year after graduation, I attended all of Dr. Osler's clinics and ward rounds to collect more, and to revise what I had taken before. I have been so busy teaching and doing research in anthropology that until this year I have not had time to think of them. Last spring after my teaching duties were over I happened to find the notes and rewrote them. Dr. Rufus I. Cole was here at the time I finished writing them, and he took a look at them and said he thought they ought to be published. He recommended Hoeber, and I sent them to him. I then wrote to three men who were said to have something to do with Dr. Osler's writings, but the two who replied said they had nothing to do with them. Then you have so kindly taken the trouble to read the notes, so I feel that I have authoritative advice, and I am willing to act accordingly.

I have no objection to allowing you to make a copy of the notes but as you object to their present form and content would it not be as well to allow me to make a revision, leaving out all matter that you think should be deleted, so that you could have the cream of the notes and not any objectionable ones.

My sister has already made some suggestions as to rearrangement, and revision, so that if I could impose on you to do what you think

SCHOOL OF ANATOMY
UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA

Nov.

should be done to the mss that you have I believe it can be put inot shape for circulation after printing. I do not like to ask you to do more than you have already done, and if you prefer I shall do the revision and resubmit it to you.

Please let me hear from you at your convenience, just keep the copy you have, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert Bennett Bean.

Robert Bennett Bean.

P. S.

The notes were submitted to Dr. Osler and he opposed them, but afterwards added to them. and he did not censor or edit all of them. I am sorry I lost his letter to me about them but nine years in the tropics and semi-tropics, Manila and New Orleans, with eight moves into different houses in nine years the letter was lost. I do recall that he said some of them should be called Beanisms instead of Osleriana. I tried to put them in his exact words and in nearly all of them I did this, and I always put in his ideas as I understood them. I realize that publication bores out the personal attitude which means so much, and cannot be interpreted without lengthy explanation, although his students usually understood him.

With very best wishes,

Cordially,

Robert Bennett Bean.

1949 See also Schumann's letter of July 1949. W.W.D. Insert in the other copy of this →

7th Nov., 1931.

Dr. R. B. Bean.,
University of Virginia.

Dear Dr. Bean,

Thank you for sending me the copy of your MS. "Bedside Epigrams of Osler". May I have your permission to get it copied here? Whatever its fate may be, I should like to have a copy of it in its original form for this Library. If you object, let me know, and I shall return it at once.

Mr. Hoeber sent me the copy you submitted to him, and I returned it last week with some pencil comments on it, which I felt I ought, as the Chief's literary executor, to make.

He expressly, in writing, forbade the publication of anything of his after his death, which he had not himself published. It is a pity in many ways, for we have much good unpublished material here. These "Epigrams" will go under his name and are certainly his. I consider, therefore, that they come under his ban and ought not tobe published. Many of them are gems and it is a pity that they should be lost. I know he gave permission in 1905, the year he left Baltimore, but they should have appeared during his lifetime, or at least have been prepared for publication and submitted to him to censor.

In their present form they need a good deal of editing and censoring. For instance, take the paragraph about the chloroform on page 3, which might perhaps be better omitted. "Silence is a powerful weapon", and that is how he treated the miserable affair. It was not "an ancient philosopher" but the modern novelist Anthony Trollope; and in his "Fixed Period" he did not "advocate that all men be chloroformed at sixty", but wrote his novel around the idea showing incidentally that it wouldn't work. The Chief at the time of this address was 55, not 58. The address is printed in full in his "Aequinimitas", second edition 1906 and later issues. There are no such words in it as you seem to make him say "I am going to retire from active life; I am going to Oxford". He may well have said that jokingly, but not in the course of a formal address where it would read like a gratuitous insult to Oxford. You cannot put the accompanying jocularity into print, and for the sake of truth and his Oxford friends those words should be deleted, or at least should not be put into an address.

Again, take this on page 6: "Pay as much attention to a woman's tears as to a goose going barefoot". Thousands still know of Osler as a would-be slaughterer of old men! What would the uninitiated infer from this hard saying? Here again you cannot print the jocularity which for his hearers took all the brutality out of it. Moreover, this, like some others of the sayings, is a quotation. It is from Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy and he used to quote it in what, I believe, is its proper form, and would give its source - for it certainly wasn't his own sentiment - "Old Burton says 'As much pity is to be taken of a woman weeping as of a goose going barefoot'."

The English needs a good deal of revision. The Chief was quite incapable of saying "Before discharging patient . . . load patient's pockets with quinine" (page 17). In many of the sayings the meaning is quite obscured. For instant on page 18: "The jaundice in malaria is not always the result of lessened activity of the liver; but to the sallow color of paludism". Should not that "but to", which doesn't make sense or syntax, besomething like "it may be"? Again, on page 48, "Hemoptysis comes most frequently from the mouth or repiratory passages, lungs and (or?) stomach . . .". Does it not always come from one of those sources? Surely some such words as "Less frequently from the" must have been omitted before lungs. Something has gone wrong in the transcribing.

Did you originally take them all down yourself, and how? In abbreviated writing or shorthand? All the omitted articles, "the" and "a", should be carefully restored.

If they are ever to be printed, a great many of these "Oslerisms" should be omitted. There are many repetitions of much the same saying put under different headings. Many are in no sense epigrams or even aphorisms, which of course is the term traditionally applied to such pithy sayings in medicine. All the strings of differential diagnoses should be left out, and the whole MS. might better be cut down, perhaps, by half. There are far too many aphorisms and the mediocre, doubtful, and repeated ones only detract from the real gems.

Please excuse my adverse criticism, and if you are inclined to let the Chief's 1905 permission override his 1919 veto, and to go ahead with the publication, I would request you first to submit the MS. to someone close to the Chief, to Thayer or McCrae for instance, on whose literary and medical judgment you can rely more than on mine.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

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September 24, 1959.

Dr. William B. Bean,
Department of Internal Medicine
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City.

Dear Dr. Bean,

Many thanks for your letter of September 17th. Dr. Francis is survived by his wife and daughter. Mrs. Francis lives at 570 Milton St., Montreal, 18, Que. and his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Kelen, lives at Ormstown, Que.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson

LGS:AJ.

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.,
Dean,
Faculty of Medicine.

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Osler Library,
November 27th, 1958.

William B. Bean, M.D.
University Hospitals -
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
Iowa City.

Dear Bill Bean,

It's about time I thanked you for yours of 22nd September and for the batch of reprints. I envy you your prolificity. I liked the "Harvey" and your emphasis on the experimental method which the Alcmaeon Cesalpinians can't appreciate. But I found the Chauvois Life exasperating in spots. Catching the exact moment when young Harvey saw the light when he was taking a brief stroll between Padua and Venice! Too much imagination, too few facts.

We keep and file only the historical reprints. You have never sent us bound volumes of yours, and we should prefer to have the separates, unless you've classified them for binding, e.g. all the history ones together. But thanks for the kind offer.

I am puffed up to inform you that I have now reached the dedication level: Wm. C. Gibbon's excellent book "Youthful endeavour" To the spirit of Wm. Osler/ renascent in my teachers/ Maude Abbott/ W.W. Francis/ Wilder Penfield.

Good company for your namesake.

Octo-Billygenarian

W. W. Francis.

September 22, 1958

W. W. Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Doctor Francis:

It was a great pleasure to get the news letter bringing me up to date on your activities. I am delighted to hear that the Osler Library is to get such appropriate and well deserved support. Under separate cover, I am sending you some recent reprints; I thought particularly you might like to have the Harvey report.

sent 9/22/58

Did I ever send the Osler Library any of my bound reprints, and if not would you be interested in receiving them? Let me hear from you when you have a chance. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

William B. Bean, M. D.

WBB:la

February 14, 1958

W. W. Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Doctor Francis:

I have read with much enjoyment your tribute to Collin Russell and am obliged to you for the other reprints, the Harvey and the Osler note. I don't remember whether I have inflicted any reprints on you since a year ago, and so I am sending them your way. I hope you are flourishing. Good wishes.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:f

sent 2-14-58
f.

February 25, 1957

W. W. Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Dr. Billy Francis:

I have your delightful letter of the 15th and it seems perfectly obvious that in reviewing the situation we were both right about the navel that is; and that starting from scratch or with a mound one will first develop some cubic capacity. This will then increase and as time goes on and the encroaching panniculus tightens around the vanishing hole, the cubic capacity will diminish and perhaps ultimately vanish. This, of course, is a very pleasant lesson and I think illustrates the difficulty so many people have of seeing things clearly or seeing holes whole, or wholesomely handsomely. I am greatly indebted to you for the references which I am in the process of looking up. I trust your back stops misbehaving at once. Thank you for your kind words about the "Religio Bibliocritici". I am sending one new reprint.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:f

enc.

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

As from:
Osler Library
15 Feb., 1957

Dear Bill Bean,

The "nodes" were described in W.O.'s famous paper, Chr. infectious endocarditis, read to the Assoc. of Physicians of Grt. Britain & Ireland, at Edinburgh, 12 June, 1908, and printed in Quart. J. Med., 2, 219-30, 1909 (nodes on p. 222), Also in Willius, ed., Cardiac classics, St. Louis, 1941. It was first published in French (he was in Paris at the time) in Bull. et Mém. Soc. méd. d. Hôp. de Par., 3rd series, 15: 794-6, 1908. "MALADIE D'OSLER" in France.

His(?) "nodules", I think, are something different: "Rheumatic neuritis associated with subcutaneous nodules", Montreal med. J., 25: 642-5, 1896-7.

I'm still doubtful about the omphalic capacity. I hope I wasn't too rudely dogmatic. It was 1911, and I began with an ~~absolutely~~ flat-rimmed navel with a protruding mountain inthe centre, and I weighed about 120. Three months later, at about 150 there was a respectable cavity. I reported the observation to L. F. Barker who only congratulated me on my sense of humor. Perhaps he shared your ~~h~~ heresy. Perhaps a diminuendo might have ensued if I had become really obese.

I've been laid up since New Year's with one thing and another, lately a crippling backache. The physician says disc, the discologist & radiologist say osteo-arthritis, Hippocrates & I still say lumbago. In any case HELL.

Yours omph-atically,

Wilder Penfield

SE/LF

P.T.O

P.S. Thanks for the reprints. They failed to put me to sleep last night. I had to take a nembutal. How Osler would have delighted in your various VENOSITIES! No lakes yet on my all-but octogenarian legs. A few stars on the backs of my calves where they don't bother me nor prevent the girls from sending me 8 (my wife says 12) valentines!

You'll probably be swamped with reviewable books after that

* Religio BIBLIOCRITICI.

Good work!

W.W.F.

* Sir Tom Browne & I make you a present of that title - you could write a good book or essay under it.

February 5, 1957

W. W. Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Doctor Francis:

I was distressed not to have a chance to drop in and pay you a visit when I was at Montreal giving the Birchard Lecture last December but the truth of the matter is I was lucky to get there at all, what with the weather, the planes, and so on.

The purpose of my writing this note is to ask you if you can give me the reference to the original discussion of what is now known as Osler's node or Osler's nodule.

I enjoyed meeting Dr. Stevenson and hope he won't let being a Dean interfere with his job in the Osler Library. Cheers for 1957.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:f

P.S. I am sending along a few reprints.

P.P.S. I have measured the cubic contents of a few navels during the process of gaining weight and losing weight and have found without exception that the navel of a person who is very obese holds less than it does as he loses weight. I have not been able to make the opposite series of observations but have no reason to believe any new function would come in. WBB

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MONTREAL

OSLER LIBRARY,
2 May, 1956.

Dr. W. B. Bean,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Bill Bean,

Please turn those verses inside out before accusing me of having inspired them! Their logic is lousy* and the facts were exactly vice versa!! It should read " ... Into his deepening navel all the water he was able / He pipetted, every day a little more ..." I leave you to deal with the 2nd verse. Take a look at a few navels; surely the fatter, the deeper and more capacious. Experimentally my cubic contents were something like a minim at 120 lbs. and a drachm* at 150. - or perhaps 15 minims

(* or is it perhaps mine that is ridiculous or ridiculous?)

I'm glad you like the red book of fairy tales - an unbelievable surprise, I'm still trying to assimilate it.

Thanks for the reprints.

Yours omphalically, fat or lean,

Billy Francis.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

WWF:cd

April 25, 1956

W. W. Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal 2, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I have just read the magnificent little book of tributes to you on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Osler Society of McGill University. What a wonderful occasion it must have been and what completely delightful and charming tributes. I am still grinding out a few verses from time to time and have added to the navel collection the following two verses inspired by the information you sent me.

Osler's nephew, Willie Francis, wasn't taking silly chances
He was bedfast with the tubercle and had to gain some weight;
Into his contracting navel all the water he was able
He pipetted, every day a little less, so much he ate.

Scientific curiosity thus measured adiposity
Determining to fathom the relations which obtain
When navels are encroached upon, their hollow rings are poached upon
By thickening panniculus of invalids who gain.

And from other sources there have been additional inspiration so that the navel has continued to grow. I am enclosing a few reprints which I hope will be of some interest to you. May you continue to flourish.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:f

enc.

27 December 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal 2, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I am sending along to you a copy of "Omphalosophy and Worse Verse", gathering together some of the loose ends of my erratic and not thoroughly controlled scriblings which I hope you will find enhanced by the illustrations and charts. Should you know of anyone interested in obtaining copies of this sort of material I would be glad to supply them with almost any number at fifty cents a copy, hoping thereby to retrieve my investment in the cost of printing, etc.

Good wishes for the season.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:v
P.S. I am still brooding over how to include your observations on the cubic capacity of the navel as a correlate of increasing body weight.
W.B.B.

8 November, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal 2, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

Getting such a delightful and enchanting letter with all the verse is a wonderful benediction among the turmoil and confusion of the every day life of a professor of medicine. I continue to look back on the delightful afternoon we spent together with increasing joy and my great regret is that I didn't make this obvious move many, many years ago, because little matters of time and distance and money somehow can be bridged if not bypassed.

I may or may not have told you that I am having some of my miscellaneous and not completely fugitive verse brought out in booklet form and when I get them, I hope within a few weeks, I shall certainly send you a copy.

The inspiration about the navel and your delightful experiments on its cubic capacity has an indication of gain in weight, I am hoping will inspire me to add appropriate verses. Not only is this topic of great personal and general interest to me but I have found that it lends itself nobably to all kinds of photographic and imaginative illustration. Someday I hope to show you my collection of slides which I have used to illustrate the reading of the verse which now has been done in Austria, Germany, France, England as well as here in the States.

Again, let me pass along to you my deep appreciation for the pleasure and diversion you have given me by your thoughtful letter and its wonderful miscellany of verse. My cheerful good wishes for your continued health.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:e

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

OSLER LIBRARY,
1 Nov., 1954.

Dr. W. B. Bean,
State University of Iowa,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Bill Bean,

Such a poetical bunch of reprints! Having acquired some notoriety myself for doggerelity, I can appreciate your comicalities. The "Omphalosophy" is the only one I've read through so far, and I'm interested to see that you use the word omphalite, which I am surprised not to find in the big dictionaries. Osler used it for the self-centered and introspective, and called me one once when he found me meditating, seated on the edge of a cold-bath tub, and, as recorded in Cushing, he told the younger James "in Greek" there was nothing wrong with the old man except that he revolved round his navel.

Your "Sophy", despite her length, is not comprehensive (least of all exhaustive). She doesn't mention my own device for recording gain of weight by measuring the capacity of one's umbilicus. When I was sent to the hills with tb. in 1911 I gained 25 lbs. in three months. We were weighed and had a hot bath once a week and the number of drops of water my omphalos could contain increased pari passu with my weight. I have since lost some of the fat and all of the statistics.

I enclose Spiess's INCU-NABEL pome, and a recent one of my own more ecclesiastical than anatomical. Also a borborygmal prayer, as I see that you deal with those nuisances.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis.

WWF:cd
Encls:-

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1 Nov. '54.

These blasted borborygmi;
They chase each other round
My 40 feet of tubing
With many a gurgling sound!

Æolus, god of Zephyrs
And of the hurricane,
Pray, guide them to the exit
And let me sleep again.

W. W. F.

During 4 coronary sieges, what bothered me most, after the early pain, was meteorism.

On discharge I was not allowed to dress & take a taxi. A nurse accuses me of singing, to the tune of Dvořák's negro spiritual (as over) ——→

See Francis letters here & at home

Going home,
Going home,
I am going home;
Not in pants,
Ambulance,
BUT, I'm going home.

Extract from "The Record", Trinity College School, August, 1954.

VALEDICTORY TO "PADDY"

On the announcement of the retirement of the Most Rev. R. J. Renison, M.A., D.D., ('86 - '92)

You quitting your job,
Most Rev. and dear Bob,
You who never could shirk
The Divine Master's work?
Where will Moosonee fish up
A new such Archbishop?
At three-score-and-eighteen,
You dear old spalpeen,
You've got an excuse!
And you'll still be of use,
For it's well understood
You'll go on doing good.
Here's your phiz in the papers,
The same one, bejabers,
That delighted us so
Sixty-plus years ago
When its grin could soft-soap
Any lad at Port Hope.
Handsome? Let's avoid fiction;
But a real benediction!
"Good and faithful," Your Grace
Has run a straight race;
God has blessed you, old boy,
You were always a joy.
Dear [redacted] Renison max, your faulty rhymer
Is Doggerel Bill, young Francis minor.

Form LXXVI

W.W.F.

Archbishop of MOOSONEE, hereditary Metric missionary, born up there, but as Irish as they come, an old school mate, pal of my elder brothers. The school, now at Port Hope, was then W.C. went to.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

OSLER LIBR ARY,
1 Oct., 1954.

Dr. W. B. Bean,
State University of Iowa,
University Hospitals,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Bean,

Sorry to have neglected your letter. I look forward to showing the treasures, and I shall be here on the afternoons you mention, Wednesday to Friday, 13th to 15th. My home address is 570 Milton St., near the University, and my telephone BElair 5381.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

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

WWF:cd

Dr. W. W. Francis
570 Milton Street
Montreal
Ph - BElair 5381

20 October, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
School of Medicine
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I must write you a note, ~~all be it~~ albeit brief, to tell you what a real delight and cherished pleasure it was to see you ensconced so appropriately among the Osler books at McGill. This has been a shrine I have long felt the need of seeing and I must say in every respect it more than lived up to my extremely high expectation.

I am sending along under separate cover a sheaf of reprints some of which you may have already, others may amuse or provoke or leave you without response. The one on the navel I hope will jog your memory to send me the German verse you told me of.

I hope now that I have found the way it will be possible at some time in the future to come back and pay a more satisfactory visit and really get myself into the midst of the books.

Again, let me thank you for a far too brief but most delightful visit.

Good wishes.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:e

5 October, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian, Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

Thank you for your note of October 1st. It is possible that I will have to reach Lake Placid via Montreal and if so my plans may be slightly changed. It is possible for instance that I will leave Montreal at 3:30 for Chicago on Saturday the 16th coming from Lake Placid by some means or other in the morning. If communications between Montreal and Lake Placid are as confused and complicated as they seem, it may be best not to try and make an extra round trip but rather to pay a visit to you on Saturday, late in the morning or early in the afternoon if this is convenient to you. I shall call you up when I get to Lake Placid to discuss arrangements with you.

Thank you for your patience. Good wishes.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:e

21 September, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
School of Medicine
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

In conjunction with the meeting of the American Clinical and Climatological Association at Lake Placed which takes place on the 14-15-16 of October, I shall avail myself of the opportunity of paying you a visit if it will be convenient for you to have me. In any event I shall come and see the Osler books at McGill. I understand from Doctor Corcoran whom I saw recently in Washington that you had had another bit of trouble with your heart. I trust by now things are behaving well and that you are back in top shape.

It seems incredible to me that with my intense interest in Osler I have never before had an opportunity or perhaps never made the opportunity of this pilgrimage. According to the plans of the meeting, the afternoons of Thursday or Friday should be open and I imagine I can find a way to get from Lake Placid to Montreal without too much difficulty. Should this prove inadvisable or difficult, I would come to Montreal a day ahead of time, namely Wednesday the 13th. Will you please let me know if it will be convenient for me to see you on the afternoon of the 14th or 15th and if now, will the morning and or afternoon of the 13th be satisfactory? In the meantime, I send you my hearty good wishes.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:e

July 31, 1953

Dr. W. W. Frances
Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Frances: Cushing

It was very thoughtful of you to send along the copy of father's letter to ~~Fisher~~ and it came at a singularly opportune time because my mother is now paying us a visit here in Iowa City and she will be delighted to have a chance to see the letter. I am sending you under separate cover copies of reprints which pretty much run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous at least as far as topic matter is concerned. You might look at them and pass them on to any of your junior colleagues who might be interested.

I have been collecting over the past few years a series of aphorisms from the writings of Peter Mere Latham. I am not sure whether any publisher will be interested in bringing out such a volume but when and if one does I shall be most happy tc send you a copy. It was one of Osler's incidental remarks which led me to begin a collection of Latham material which I have continued working over now for 15 years. Again, thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending the letter. With good wishes,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:jd

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MONTREAL

OSLER LIBRARY,
27 July, 1953.

Dr. W. B. Bean,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Bean,

I thought you would like to have this, from a handwritten original just discovered in the Cushing biography material (#8303) "congratulatory letters" file:

May 19, 1925

University of Virginia
Charlottesville

"Dear Dr. Cushing,

You have produced a monumental work in the life of Osler, and I read it by the hour. The "most unkindest cut" of all, however, is on the footnote on page 593, because it is not true. I had spent an extra year after graduation in teaching under Mall and attended Osler's clinics and ward rounds to collect Oslerisms. Osler himself was publishing the book, because three of us submitted the 'isms to him without each others knowledge. He had the proof in his hands when he made that address and the storm broke in the newspapers about chloroforming at 60. I must thank you for publishing the few Oslerisms you got from me, but it would have been kinder had you left out that footnote. I will forgive you, because I got so much inspiration from you as a teacher and I have tried to pass it on. Also because you have given me so much delight in the reading of your book.

With all good wishes,
Very cordially yours,
R. Bennett Bean
Professor of Anatomy
University of Virginia. "

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

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

WWF:cd

May 11, 1953

Dr. William O. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I was delighted that there were still a few Osler reprints available and am grateful to you for sending them and for your kind remarks. Somehow it never occurred to me that there were any extant reprints still available for distribution or I would have asked for them long ago. In any event, I read them last night and was delighted to have them. Good wishes.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB/mg

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MONTREAL

OSLER LIBRARY

6. V. 53

Dear Bean,

These 6 are the only
items still available and
I am glad to give them to
worthy a home.

Forgive this scrawl. No
secretary this month.

Yours WO-fully
W. W. Francis

Dr Wm. B. Bean

30 April 1953

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
School of Medicine
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

On several occasions I have thought to ask you but only now I have remembered to get around to it whether there are any duplicates of Osler reprints available in the Collection under your charge. Will you let me know at your early convenience whether or not there are any still extant and available for distribution.

Thank you very much for your assistance. Good wishes.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:v

30 October 1950

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian
Bibliotheca Osleriana
McGill University
Montreal, Quebac

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am as distressed and perplexed as you must be that we have managed to get the book printed without an index. I believe I made it sufficiently clear that an index was to be put in.

In the letter of October 10, 1949, I said: "Dr. Francis insists that an ample index be provided, and this I gather is done only after the page proof time."

In a letter of November 27, 1949, he says, "If it is important to give the sources, why don't we number the aphorisms numerically, perhaps placing the figure in the center over each aphorism, and then at the end give the sources by corresponding numbers?"

In my letter of December 6, 1949, I said, "Dr. Francis was insistent that a fairly detailed index for this book be made so that it would facilitate references. He apparently is plagued with people requesting that he identify the source of miscellaneous quotations from Osler, and he has been sending me a batch of them and I can give him help with very little more than 50% of them. For that reason I agree that we should make every effort to have a complete index."

The final quotation from a letter of mine on 3 July 1950 to Miss Oppenheimer, "I am sure that you and Mr. Schuman recall Dr. Francis' insistence that an index be made, and this I have promised to do. It is my plan to be away from here during the month of August on vacation. I could help with it before or after that time, or if it should come about that August was the month my secretary could prepare it from instructions left with her."

Immediately after the book came out I went to work setting up the index by the simple process of giving a number to each of the items mentioned in the bibliography, beginning with my father's unpublished collection as 1, Cushing as 2,etc., down to number 42, the last reference, which is to Thayer. Using that system the references desired by Mr. Hamilton are as follows: 99-1, 115-16, 122-18, 134-1, 153-1, 158-42, 161-42, 169-2, 170-17, 171-4, 172-1,14, 173-17, 174-10, 176-6, 177-8, 192-1, 218-22, 220-19, 222-2, 243-11, 261-16, 267-1, 272-1, 294-1, 296-1.

I am in the course of checking each of the references against the original and have done so for about half. This should be completed within a short period of time. I am most distressed about this matter

of the index, particularly because it came as such a surprise. As soon as I have checked all the references I will send you an improvised index for your own use. Will you advise me what else we can do.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB:v

cc to Dr. Bean.

OSLER LIBRARY,
25 Oct., 1950.

Henry Schuman, Inc., Publishers,
20 East 70th Street,
New York 21,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Henry Schuman,

I take a savage delight in sending you the enclosed copy of a letter of the Assistant Librarian of Parliament, Ottawa, asking me for the sources of umpteen of the Osler aphorisms. I'll get more such enquiries than ever now that the book (I hear) is out. He lists the items by number, and the embarrassing thing is that I haven't yet got the book. Perhaps I should have ordered it in advance, but I had an idea that a copy would be sent promptly and gratis to Osler's own library.

I seem to be "picking on you" lately. I would much rather write you pleasant letters.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

WWF:cd
Encl:

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PS. I'm passing these item-numbers on to Dr. Bean. I told him he shouldn't let you publish those sayings sourcelessly.

COPY for Dr. Bean.

Library of Parliament

Ottawa, October 23, 1950.

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian,
Bibliotheca Osleriana,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dr. Francis:

You may recall that early this year I wrote you asking for assistance in locating the source of one of Osler's phrases. You were kind enough to refer the quotation to Dr. William B. Bean, but without success. I have just read Dr. Bean's compilation of Osler aphorisms and have found a good number of excellent things. As I wish to add them to a work I have been compiling for several years on Canadian quotations and phrases I am hoping that I can call on you for a great deal of assistance. Failing that, I shall consider myself fortunate if you can help me in any way at all.

I wish to add twenty-five selections from Dr. Bean's compilation but before I do so I wish to give the source and the year of publication in every case. As I spent many days about a year ago going through Dr. Osler's available writings, I am hoping that before I do it again I can have my work lessened by your assistance in identifying for me some of the quotations in Dr. Bean's book. If you can supply the title or most probably source the information will be welcome.

The enclosed list of numbers will, I hope, be of some assistance to you in listing the sources. The numbers of the items are: 99[1], 115[16], 122[18], 134[1], 153[1], 158[42], 161[42], 169[2], 170[17], 171[4], 172, 173[17], 174[16], 176[6], 177[8], 192[1], 218[22], 220[19], 222[2], 243[11], 261[16], 267[1], 272[1], 294[1], 296[1]. Any assistance you may be able to give me will be sincerely welcomed.

Yours very truly,

Robert M. Hamilton,
Assistant Librarian.

February 21, 1950

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have your note on the letter from Tom Keyes. I will add this to the increasing file of quotations from Osler which I have not tracked down, and perhaps when I check over the galley of the book for references I shall come across some of the elusive quotations by chance. I hope so.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

December 6, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am returning to you my father's manuscript and am much indebted for your kindness in sending it to me. It is possible that there may be a copy of it among some of his things which I have never removed from an old trunk. In any event the present collection seems to be in considerably better shape than his original.

Concerning the letter you have from Robert M. Hamilton, Assistant Librarian of the Library of Parliament, the only quotation of the three which I can pin down at this instant is the second one, and according to what I have found the quotation is not exact or perhaps he used the same quotation slightly changed under different circumstances. However, there is in the first edition of Aequanimitas under the Essay on the Educational Value of the Medical Society, a similar though not quite identical statement on page 349 and 350 of the first edition. The third one I have seen sometime in the last 6 months, and I will continue to be on the out look for it since I will have to check all the references. I shall keep this letter from Mr. Hamilton temporarily unless you let me know to the contrary so that I can continue to be on the look out for the original source of the reference.

Best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

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OSLER LIBRARY,
22 Nov., 1949.

Dr. William B. Bean,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Bean,

See what you let yourself in for! and how much we need an index! I've been sweating vainly for thirty years over such enquiries as the enclosed. Can you give us a lead to the source of any of the three quotations, please?

I was sorry to have to tell Schuman that the Osler embargo prevented my "introducing" your book. He has asked me for a substitute. Do you know of any of your father's classmates or familiars who might do it? Peyton Rous and Bernheim are both of the year after ('05) but must have known him.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis.

WWF:cd
Encl:-

October 31, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am much indebted to you for the reprints you sent of the centenary of William Osler from the Canadian Medical Association Journal, for your kindness in sending me the manuscript which I think I must certainly have seen at the time it was prepared though I thought it had disappeared from the face of the earth. I shall look it over with care and return it to you. I am sure my father must have put the collection together very hurriedly in his scanty spare time. I think you may be interested in this brief biographical sketch I wrote following his death, some five years ago. He had a curious systematic disregard for any embellishments of style in language and perhaps that accounts for the shape of the manuscript in which he sent it to you.

I am particularly grateful to you for having gone over the manuscript I sent you with such thought and care, and I shall follow out your suggestions and instructions and in case anything is unclear will immediately get in touch with you, although apparently with the exception of checking a reference or two I believe your comments are perfectly straightforward. I must tell you that I am happy to have had an opportunity to make your acquaintance and to have had the benefit of your suggestions and advice. I trust that publication of this collection will serve a very useful purpose as an introduction to Osler for those who have not been familiar with him directly as a friend, indirectly as one who felt his influence at one removed through his friends and pupils, and finally as admirers who may warm their hands and hearts at the fire he has left glowing in his writings.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

Enc.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
27 Oct., 1949.

Dr. W. B. Bean,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
University Hospitals,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Bean,

Enclosed is the MS. which you sent me, of your "William Osler. Aphorisms", with a few untidy pencil marks of mine in the right margins.

Under separate cover I send the 1931 MS. "Bedside epigrams of Osler by R. B. B.", which perhaps ought to be returned to my files - unless you need to keep it or want to destroy it.

Also I have written to Schumans in N. Y. recommending the 1949 MS., which I had condemned unseen, in consideration of the 1931 MS.

Let me know how things progress and call on me for any help I can give.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis.

WWF:cd
Encl:-

October 10, 1949

W. W. Francis, M. D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I was very happy to have your letter of 4 October. I would be very happy to have you send on my father's manuscript and perhaps it would be just as well for you to send back the whole of the manuscript I sent since that would possibly prevent pages from getting lost. I will try to answer your queries and emendations and send it back to you.

I will see to it that an index is made.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

OSLER LIBRARY,
4 Oct., 1949.

Dr. William B. Bean,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Bean,

Yours of the 28th has come with one from my fellow-executor, Dr. Malloch, who gives it the green light with a request that I edit it carefully first! I have been through it pretty thoroughly, but haven't verified the references. That should be done. Some are certainly wrong. There is one that would have been a godsend to us six months ago when we had a long, vain search for "It is the prime duty of a woman ... to look well." The Ladies Home Journal was pestering us for it. Your "(37)" has solved the problem. Another argument for an index!

I'll look up the MS. your father sent me in 1931 and lend it to you. Yours is a very different affair, as you will see, and as I shall gladly inform Schuman the publisher who consulted me.

Should I send you back all of your MS. or just those pages on which I have put queries or emendations?

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

WWF:cd

September 28, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am indebted to you for your letter of the 20th of September, and as soon as reprints come we will be sure to send you a small group and in addition we will send Dr. Malloch a few.

Your suggestion for an index is an excellent one and certainly might make it a very much handier item to be used as a reference. Concerning the astonishing alterations, I perhaps did not make it clear to you that the original manuscript form of this collection seems to have disappeared and that my source of material consisted of the original scraps of paper on which the writings were collected and written down. Perhaps you have an original of the document, since I believe it was at least sent to you for perusal. I would not be surprised if there were more than one or two astonishing alterations, since the handwriting was not always legible and occasionally was in pencil which these nearly 50 years have treated most unkindly.

I am looking forward to further word from you concerning this subject.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

OSLER LIBRARY
McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

20 Sept., '49

Dear Dr. Bean,

I've been swamped lately with Osleriana so please forgive neglect.

Your Archives paper & the MS. "WO. Aphorisms" are a vast improvement on the MS. your father sent me in 1931. I agree with you & others that it would be a pity not to to print it. The question in my mind is whether as executor, in view of WO's prohibition, I can give it my blessing. I have written to Dr. Malloch, my fellow executor, for his opinion., and asking if he is in a condition to read the MS. (he's been ill). I think the 90 per cent of published extracts ought to be allowed to outweigh the 10 percent of WO-called "Beanisms".

Have you thought of numbering each aphorism & providing an index which would add immensely to the value of the booklet for Osler students?

I'll write you again when I hear from Malloch, and will make some ~~further~~ suggestions about further editing. One or two astonishing alterations have puzzled me.

I look forward to the reprints (&will send mine). meanwhile have you one to send direct to Dr. A. Malloch, 1173 Dobbs Ferry Rd., White Plains, N.Y.? A batch sent to me is apt to linger long in our postoffice customs!

By ill luck, your last year's letter arrived while I was coronaried incommunicado in hospital, and got sidetracked & entirely overlooked.

With apologies
Yours WOfully,

G. L. Francis.

SE/FLF

September 10, 1949

W. W. Francis, M. D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I trust you have received the manuscript which I sent you. Since I wrote I have gotten a number of letters and in addition have talked to several physicians whose opinion I respect highly, and all of them have been most anxious to see the collection of Osler's epigrams published in the form of a small volume. I wonder, therefore, if in the light of what I have told you before and in view of the fact that Osler himself had no objection to the publication of the epigrams as collected during his lifetime but merely thought it inexpedient that they be put out at the time when they were originally prepared, whether you still believe it unwise to carry out this project. My personal feeling is that it is most unfair to the memory of Osler and to the present generation of medical students who definitely do not have the familiarity with him which they should have that such a collection be kept hidden rather than used to further the influence of the things for which Osler himself worked.

Will you please let me hear from you concerning this matter?

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

August 25, 1949

W. W. Francis, M. D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have your letter of the 23rd which sets everything in a much clearer light than it was in my mind previously. Since beyond keeping a copy for my own use, I have no need for the entire collection as I have gathered it and I am sending it on to you to do what you wish with. When the reprints arrive of the excerpts already published, I shall send you several copies and I trust that you will send me a copy of yours.

I am sorry I did not hear from you when I wrote in July 1948, before I had gone to the trouble of looking up all the epigrams although I must say it was rather a pleasure.

Thank you for your consideration and your advice.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

Enc.

McGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

OSLER LIBRARY,
23 August, 1949.

Dr. William B. Bean,
State University of Iowa,
Dept. of Internal Medicine,
Iowa City,
Iowa, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. W. B. Bean,

I'm glad you got those "Excerpts from Osler" into the Archives of Int. Med. without my seeing them. I might have had to exercise my somewhat Molotovian veto!

I think you have now published the cream of your father's collection and I hope you will be content to leave the rest unpublished.

I enclose a spare carbon of the letter I wrote R. B. B. on 7 Nov., 1931 and a copy of his kind response of the 11th of that month. I think this will make my position - and opposition - clear.

If you have any reprints of your Archives article, I should like one, or more, if available.

I have the 1931 collection on file. I was amused at your father's saying that Osler called some of them Beanisms.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Francis.

WWF:cd
Encls:-

Mr. ~~Schumann~~ please return to ?? WWF
Osler Library
W W Francis
1949.

(Sent to Dr. W. B. Bean, 1949, to keep, if wanted. W.W.F.

Osler Library

7th Nov., 1931.

Another copy is attached to the 1931 "Beanisms" MS.

Dr. R. B. Bean.,
University of Virginia.

Dear Dr. Bean,

(46 pp.)

Thank you for sending me the copy of your MS. "Bedside Epigrams of Osler". May I have your permission to get it copied here? Whatever its fate may be, I should like to have a copy of it in its original form for this Library. If you object, let me know, and I shall return it at once.

Mr. Hoeber sent me the copy you submitted to him, and I returned it last week with some pencil comments on it, which I felt I ought, as the Chief's literary executor, to make.

He expressly, in writing, forbade the publication of anything of his after his death, which he had not himself published. It is a pity in many ways, for we have much good unpublished material here. These "Epigrams" will go under his name and are certainly his. I consider, therefore, that they come under his ban and ought not tobe published. Many of them are gems and it is a pity that they should be lost. I know he gave permission in 1905, the year he left Baltimore, but they should have appeared during his lifetime, or at least have been prepared for publication and submitted to him to censor.

In their present form they need a good deal of editing and censoring. For instance, take the paragraph about the chloroform on page 3, which might perhaps be better omitted. "Silence is a powerful weapon", and that is how he treated the miserable affair. It was not "an ancient philosopher" but the modern novelist Anthony Trollope; and in his "Fixed Period" he did not "advocate that all men be chloroformed at sixty", but wrote his novel around the idea showing incidentally that it wouldn't work. The Chief at the time of this address was 55, not 58. The address is printed in full in his "Aequanimitas", second edition 1906 and later issues. There are no such words in it as you seem to make him say, "I am going to retire from active life; I am going to Oxford". He may well have said that jokingly, but not in the course of a formal address where it would read like a gratuitous insult to Oxford. You cannot put the accompanying jocularity into print, and for the sake of truth and his Oxford friends those words should be deleted, or at least should not be put into an address.

Only know of Osler as a would-be slaughterer of old men! What would the uninitiated infer from this hard saying? Here again you cannot print the jocularity which for his hearers took all the brutality out of it. Moreover, this, like some others of the sayings, is a quotation. It is from Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy and he used to quote it in what, I believe, is its proper form, and would give its source - for it certainly wasn't his own sentiment - "Old Burton says 'As much pity is to be taken of a woman weeping as of a goose going barefoot'."

The English needs a good deal of revision. The Chief was quite incapable of saying "Before discharging patient . . . load patient's pockets with quinine" (page 17). In many of the sayings the meaning is quite obscured. For instance on page 18: "The jaundice in malaria is not always the result of lessened activity of the liver; but to the sallow color of paludism". Should not that "but to", which doesn't make sense or syntax, be something like "it may be"? Again, on page 42, "Hemoptysis comes most frequently from the mouth or repiratory passages, lungs and (or?) stomach . . .". Does it not always come from one of those sources? Surely some such words as "less frequently from the" must have been omitted before lungs. Something has gone wrong in the transcribing.

Did you originally take them all down yourself, and how? In abbreviated writing or shorthand? All the omitted articles, "the" and "a", should be carefully restored.

If they are ever to be printed, a great many of these "Oslerisms" should be omitted. There are many repetitions of much the same saying put under different headings. Many are in no sense epigrams or even aphorisms, which of course is the term traditionally applied to such pithy sayings in medicine. All the strings of differential diagnoses should be left out, and the whole MS. might better be cut down, perhaps, by half. There are far too many aphorisms and the mediocre, doubtful, and repeated ones only detract from the real gems.

Please excuse my adverse criticism, and if you are inclined to let the Chief's 1905 permission override his 1919 veto, and to go ahead with the publication, I would request you first to submit the MS. to someone close to the Chief, to Thayer or McCrae for instance, on whose literary and medical judgment you can rely more than on mine.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

COPY (1949)

School of Anatomy
University, Virginia Nov. 11, 1931.

Dr. W. W. Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Dr. Francis,

Your letter was received today and I hasten to thank you for your criticism and advice.

I realize that these 'isms are crude, and hurriedly put together. They were collected while I was a student and the notes taken in long hand, but I was not satisfied with what I had taken as a student, so when I was Instructor in Anatomy under Dr. Mall the year after graduation, I attended all of Dr. Osler's clinics and ward rounds to collect more, and to revise what I had taken before. I have been so busy teaching and doing research in anthropology that until this year I have not had time to think of them. Last spring after my teaching duties were over I happened to find the notes and rewrote them. Dr. Rufus I. Cole was here at the time I finished writing them, and he took a look at them and said he thought they ought to be published. He recommended Hoeber, and I sent them to him. I then wrote to three men who were said to have something to do with Dr. Osler's writings, but the two who replied said they had nothing to do with them. Then you have so kindly taken the trouble to read the notes, so I feel that I have authoritative advice, and I am willing to act accordingly.

I have no objection to allowing you to make a copy of the notes but as you object to their present form and content would it not be as well to allow me to make a revision, leaving out all matter that you think should be deleted, so that you could have the cream of the notes and not any objectionable ones.

My sister has already made some suggestions as to rearrangement and revision, so that if I could impose on you to do what you think should be done to the mss that you have I believe it can be put into shape for circulation after printing. I do not like to ask you to do more than you have already done, and if you prefer I shall do the revision and resubmit it to you.

Please let me hear from you at your convenience, just keep the copy you have, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

[signed] Robert Bennett Bean.

P. S.

The notes were submitted to Dr. Osler and he approved them, but afterwards I added to them, and he did not censor or edit all of them. I am sorry I lost his letter to me about them but nine years in the tropics and

COPY (1941)

semi-tropics, Manila and New Orleans, with eight moves into different houses in nine years the letter was lost. I do recall that he said some of them should be called Beanisms instead of Oslerisms.

I tried to put them in his exact words and in nearly all of them I did this, and I always put in his ideas as I understood them. I realize that publication leaves out the personal attitude which means so much, and cannot be interpreted without lengthy explanation, although his students usually understood him.

With very best wishes,

Cordially,

[signed] Robert Bennett Bean.

August 20, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Many weeks ago I sent on to Schumann's in New York a collection of aphorisms of Osler, some of which had been collected at the bedside on ward rounds with him by my father, the late Dr. R. Bennett Bean. I believe, but am by no means certain, that my father had corresponded with you in this matter. As you undoubtedly know, Osler gave my father permission to have this collection of epigrams published. This permission was never specifically withdrawn but Osler agreed with my father that it would be unwise to publish the collection at a time when there was such an uproar after the Fixed Period address. Some of the aphorisms were then gathered together and some effort was made to have them published in the 30's although I believe nothing came of this. I hear from Mr. Schumann that he is unwilling to publish the collection because of "a strange prohibition of Osler's" that they should not be published. I hope it will not put you to too much trouble to give me further information concerning this strange prohibition which of course came to me as a great shock and about which my father apparently knew nothing, since the recall had been voluntary and on his part although with the agreement with Osler and permission had been received for their publication.

Thank you for your help in this matter, and I would deeply appreciate your advice about what to do with the collection.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

July 27, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have read with great delight your note on the Osler family in the July 9th number of the British Medical Journal, and if you are having reprints made I should be much indebted to you for one. I have contributed a group of Oslerisms to the Archives of Internal Medicine for their centennial memorial number and will forward you a copy when reprints are obtained. These I wrote you about a year or so ago but perhaps my letter miscarried since I did not hear from you concerning them.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M. D.

WBB:lw

Cincinnati

July 21, 1948

Dr. W. W. Frances
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Dr. Frances:

In going over some papers belonging to my father, who was Professor of Anatomy at the University of Virginia for many years, I have come across a collection of bedside epigrams of Osler's, and recently I have been trying to analyze them and see how many I could find in the published books, papers and addressed of Osler's. Though this is a tedious and time consuming process, I have come to the conclusion that there are a number of them which apparently did not find their way into his printed works. I would like your opinion as to whether you think it worth while to continue with this effort with a view of publishing a small volume of epigrams of Osler's during the coming year which will be the centennial year of Osler's birth.

I have been interested in this matter of Oslerisms for a long time, in fact, since my last year of medical school at which time I discovered that in Cushing's Life of Osler one of the epigrams attributed to Osler was actually from Sir Thomas Browne. I have always regretted that I did not point this matter out to Dr. Cushing, but I was frightened by the reputation that Cushing had for fierceness.

If you believe that it is worth while to go ahead with this work, I would be grateful if you would undertake to look over the final collection prior to my doing anything with it.

My address as of the 1st of August will be - Department of Medicine, University Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. BEAN, M.D.

WBB/jep

Acc. 557

September 29, 1959

Mrs. W. W. Francis
570 Milton St.
Montreal 18, Quebec
Canada

Dear Mrs. Francis:

I was ~~o~~grieved to hear of the recent death of your husband. I believe he knew my father personally and I had a most delightful and sometimes chastening correspondence with him over the years about many Osler items including the book of Osler Aphorisms I edited. A high spot five or so years ago was a visit to the Osler Library in Montreal where I spent a most enchanting day. I merely wish to convey to you my personal sense of loss and my deep sympathy to you at a time when words are so inadequate.

Sincerely,

William B. Bean, M.D.
Professor of Medicine

WBB/mjs

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Thanks for the good age of your father. I've just been looking (again) into his "Subclavian" paper. I had forgotten it was here, bound in the last of the 12 vols. of S.H. student papers, 97-04 presented to W.O., the item he was more proud of than anything else in his library.

W. W. Francis.

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Royal College of Surgeons of England.
Lincoln's Inn Fields.
London. W.C.2.

Telephone.
4699 HOLBORN.

17th day of August 1924

My dear Bill,

So it goes on the ϕ shelves! I think you are quite right. J-D. Rockstro was at the meeting & has plied me with mediæval opinions about penis captivus. Would you care to have them? Great pressure was put on me to publish an extract in the Proc. Roy. Soc. Med. but I declined as per

3/ some through the rolls near the bottom. I am sorry however for I know E. would have done a good job on the Hebrew. Can you not get some little Jew to put up some dollars & pay the E we Lamb?

Bill Wright is not at hand just now so I cannot ask him about ~~Hilla~~ The trans Lation. I shall do so when he come back next month.

We go off to the South Coast next week for a month & then I have to fly around the Continent & see various people.

The flying is lethal.

C.F. Martin is at Baden-Baden. There is a chance he might come to London next week, when I hope to see him to discuss the question of Whitnall's successor.

With our love to you all

Yours ever

John.

P.S. Klebs has been in London & swears to bring H.C. across for next years Congress in London in July.

P.P.S. What sort of deer did Harvey use for his work? What did he mean by "cervus" and "dama"? This is very important.

2/ my contract with you!

I am very sorry about Etziony. The boy would have made a good Rabbi but you cannot expect an Anatomy professor to accept Yiddish or Polish or Hebrew as a medium of expression. In other words his English was Awful. How the deuce he satisfied the requirements of our Arts Faculty + the Dept. of English I do not know but alas + alack, enams in that part of Oleyiel are like perforated sluice gates. The top men who get across are alright but sheer pressure of numbers force

The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada
3 August, 1934

John Beattie, Esq., M.D.,
Royal College of Surgeons,
Lincoln's Inn Fields,
LONDON, W.C.2

My dear John:

It was good to get your letter of July 19th with a menu of the Osler Club dinner and with your "True Record of E. Y. D.", also returning Hartsough's paper. You have done a fine job and I am going to have your paper bound, catalogued, and put on the ϕ shelves. At the Bodleian they humorously designate by ϕ the shelves in which they keep the books which are not for the perusal of everybody.

Do you remember a Hebrew student called Etziony? Even if thou art not the man it is your late Department of Anatomy which has caused him to be dropped at the end of his second year, thereby depriving me of my ewe lamb, so to speak. The embarrassing thing is that he has made an excellent study this spring of the Hebrew terms in the Vesalius. There are a great many in the Tabulae Sex and in the explanations of the skeletal figures (though nowhere else) in the Fabrica. His paper was the undergraduate prize essay, and it seems a shame to drop him, particularly under his circumstances. Moreover, I sent the paper to New York and it is possible that it may be printed in the second (essay) volume of the $100 Academy edition of Vesalius plates which is due to appear next year. By the way, can't you get your friend William Wright to polish off and publish his translation?

It is good to hear that you will be on this side next April. The place has not been the same without you. Otherwise all goes well. I hope by this time that you and the Elizabeths and Patrick are enjoying a good holiday at home.

Love to you all.

Yours ever,

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Royal College of Surgeons of England.
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London. W.C.2.
Telephone.
4899 HOLBORN.

19th day of July 1934.

My dear Bill,

In the middle of this heat-wave long letters are taboo, so I send you just a brief note to say Thank you for your help in making E.Y.D. possible. I return my MS. & the transcript of Hartshorne I had to disentangle a few knotted threads & hope that my E.Y.D. effort approximates to the truth. I tried the chronological & to do so had

3/

The Osler Club Dinner was a very nice affair, we met & dined in the Langham & thence to Dr. Franklin's in Wimpole St where the Orator held forth. Programme enclosed. The reception of the paper was cordial! even hilarious. d'Arcy Power & Rolleston made several witty remarks, others seconded them but there was no capping Osler's stuff.

The moral(!) of the several Davis incidents was not lost on the audience. Caps do fit — sometimes.

I must stop. No reporter or other unauthorised person has seen the O.L.S.S. They are returned as I promised

Elizabeth, Senior & Junior,

Patricia + I send our greetings to you all. When will you come + see us?

I am planning to get across to the other side next spring — about end of April or beginning of May. However I shall let you have details as soon as I get fixed up.

All good wishes

Yours sincerely

John.

2/ to break up Bleis comments on E.Y.D into several fragments. I have taken no liberties with the text but have made some additional notes at the end which might tempt another later seeker-after-anything but-the-truth to continue the account of the Davis family. A Davis Saga could be made very interesting + instructive It could be used to give a very fine idea of medicine in relation to the community + the changes in human values in the last sixty years. Perchance some day it might be done.

We are all in wonderful shape & looking forward to our holidays. Where are you now?

Telephone,
4699 HOLBORN.

Royal College of Surgeons of England,
Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W.C. 2.

13th April, 1934.

My dear Bill,

Thank you ever so much for your chatty letter. The menu repelled me at first by its colour - reminiscent of days spent with the bile pigments in the biochemistry laboratory. The contents rescued it and Miss Brownlee's note was appropriate. The Osler Club want me to talk to them and I had thought seriously of discussing Egerton Yorick Davis. What do you think? I have some notes made already but there is time to alter my ideas. The address is supposed to come off in June! Can you help me with some data and transcripts?

Your description of the "belted" Alvarez gave me much amusement. I am glad that it all went so well. A good turn-out does make a difference. Thank you for the note from H.C. I am glad to hear that his ulcer has cleared up. Has he mentioned his thromo-arteritis obliterans? So Elliot has attacked the lion in his den. I wish him luck.

We are all well and enjoying the early spring weather. By now the snow will have disappeared and you will be facing the combination of a dreary wait for green grass and the

inanities of a new Houdian regime.

Greeting to you and yours and to all Oslerians.

Yours ever,

John

The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada
3 April, 1934

Dr. John Beattie,
Royal College of Surgeons,
Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W.C. 2

My dear John:

Another letter so soon! It is very good to hear from you. I forwarded the menu the other day. I had nothing to do with choosing the colour, which, I must say, looked less poisonous by artificial light. I hope you liked the quotation. It was Miss Brownlee's discovery and shows her familiarity with our (phi) literature, as it is called, and usually shelf-marked, in the Bodleian.

I enclose a copy of the bulk of a letter I have just received from Harvey, which will tell you his news. I believe it was a duodenal ulcer.

You were wrong in the first letter in suggesting that the Dean fathered Alvarez on us. It happened that he was to be in the neighborhood, and it seemed a good opportunity to get someone for the A.O.A. and the Osler Society. He was a great success, conversational, breezy, not too elegant in his diction, and his leather belt was visible below his dress waistcoat, in true Western style. Both talks were instructive as well as amusing. It was extraordinary to learn how many of our little superstitions have come down to us from the demonology of the bronze age. There was a splendid turnout of over seventyfor the dinner, which was nearly as great a success as your masterpiece last year. Rob McDonald and Maycock have been a good team. Unfortunately Maycock would not accept the presidency for next year as he has been elected reporter of the Medical Society and that involves a great deal of work. The new President and Secretary are C. Yuile and R. C. Freeman.

Greetings to the family and to the Osler Club lads.

Yours ever,

W.O.

P.S. I'm hon. pres. again, vice Marshall &c.

Telephone:
4699 HOLBORN.

Royal College of Surgeons of England,
Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W.C. 2.

13th March, 1934.

My dear Bill,

I feel very guilty now that I have read your letter. Excuses I have in plenty for not writing. On top of getting a grip of things at the College there have been relatively minor affairs like finding a new home, getting furniture through the Customs and into our new house, finding suitable furniture and lastly the problem of disposing around the house a collection of books from Montreal and my old home. Now we are fairly well settled except for the awful job of getting domestic help. As we are living on the edge of London at Watford it is very hard to persuade girls to forsake the bright lights and movies of town for the simpler rustic pleasures.

I had intended dropping you a line before the dinner and was awaiting some intimation of the date. The catalogue has been delivered and has had the inscription pasted in by the O.U.P. It arrived back just last week. Will you please thank the members of the Society once more for the gift?

I have had the pleasure of being at an Osler Club meeting and am going to another next Friday. Thank you so much for giving

details of the dinner.

[redacted]

Good luck to you and at your feast. Do send me the menu and remember me when you sit down to dine and wine.

With kindest regards from us all. The Elizabeths and the Boy send you their love.

Yours ever,

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Dr. W. W. Francis,
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Royal College of Surgeons of England,
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London. W.C.2.

2nd October, 1934.

My dear Bill,

I have cleared up the question of Harvey's deer. The great point is that the answer is as simple as you suggest. I enlose the two references which J. D. Rolleston gave me. If you can manage to get these texts you will be surprised.

I am just back from a sojourn in hospital owing to a large carbuncle on my neck. This has cleared up but has left me just a little shaken. The family flourishes and all send their love.

Yours sincerely,

John. [BEATTIE]

Dr. W.W.Francis,
The Osler Library,
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Montreal, Canada.

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August 14, 1957

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Many thanks for the quick and informative reply to my letter concerning our Vesalius. I regret the lateness of this reply and can only refer to our blistering heat and a schedule that has carried me in and out of town with tiring irregularity.

The check in the title page was an error and should, of course, have referred to the check in the upper left hand corner of the portrait of the author. This, according to Cushing (see the reproduction facing the title page in Cushing's Bio-Bibliography).

The binding is not old, and if one of Bunthorne's love-sick ladies had several recently bound volumes in her private library with a similar binding I would not be surprised. I think you are right about the 1543 on the spine being an important item. It would be interesting to know who did the re-binding and what variety of ethical philosophy he had.

I neglected in my letter to point out that the last pages of the index are missing. We go through the first half column of "D".

The bill in your 1555 copy is truly an astonishing affair. The gap between the 1903 letter remarking on the situation Calvert would find in Columbia and the 1908 date of Osler's letter of transmittal is somewhat of a mystery.

The Missouri summer has descended in full force and I hope you are not suffering under similar assaults.

Sincerely yours,

William K. Beatty

William K. Beatty
Medical Librarian

OSLER LIBRARY,
26 June, 1957.

William K. Beatty, Esq.,
The Medical Library,
University of Missouri,
Columbia,
Missouri, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Beatty,

If your Vesalius corresponds to the description on p. 91 of Cushing's Biobibliography, there can be no doubt that it is the 1555 (2nd Basel) edition. I don't know what you mean by its showing "the check in the title page illustration".

How old is the binding? I suppose the wrong date 1543 was on the spine when Osler bought it. He bought all copies of Vesalius on sight or even unseen, as long as he had the money to spare. Also he was an unsuspecting soul and no bibliographical sleuth. He may well have taken that "1543" on faith, though I should have thought that the merest look at the larger type would have made him suspicious by 1908.

Is your copy dated 1553 in the colophon on the back of the last page of the index?

Our 1555 copy has an astonishing bill in it for £3.10.0 dated 1912 and certainly for a different copy.

Isn't the reference to pp. 612-13 of Cushing's Life a mistake in your letter of 20 June? Those pages refer to 1903 and he regrets that Calvert has gone to Columbia. Your book was presented, I understand in 1909.

Sincerely yours,

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

WWF:cd

Former corresp. S.V.P.

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June 20, 1957

Dr. W.W. Francis, Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

In March I wrote to you requesting a photocopy of item no. 7649 in the "Bibliotheca" in hopes that it would help clear up a mystery here. You most kindly sent the copy, but neither it nor further investigation has solved the dilemma.

In Cushing's "Life", vol. 1, pp. 612-613, the "Bio-Bibliography", pp XV-XVI, and in item 567 of the "Bibliotheca" the statement is made, with more or less corroborating description, that Osler presented a copy of the 1543 "Fabrica" to the University of Missouri. —?

on p. 612 current goes to Columbia in 1903 which was presented to U. of Mass in 1909.

The letter of acknowledgment from Missouri makes no reference to a particular date or edition.

Osler's letter of transmittal (dated Nov. 15, 1908), now pasted on the inside of the cover, refers to this as the first edition, 1543. The spine of the book carries the 1543 date.

The book itself, however, shows the check in the title page illustration and the 49-line page, both of which seem to indicate a 1555 edition. The book was catalogued here as a second edition within two years after it arrived.

I find it hard to imagine that Osler made an error in this, and equally hard to figure out how skulduggery could have taken place. Dr. Calvert, Osler's former student, and the man responsible for the appearance of the book in Missouri died several years ago.

There may very well be further pieces in this puzzle, and I would welcome comments, suggestions, and guideposts.

I will certainly appreciate any light you may be able to shed upon this mystery.

Sincerely yours,

William K. Beatty

William K. Beatty
Medical Librarian

WKB/jr

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March 25, 1957

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Many thanks for the photostat of the Calvert-Jackson letter. Jackson, assistant dean of the School for some time, was apparently quite interested in the Library and donated many of his own books. Calvert stayed here almost half a dozen years despite Osler's comment about the "intolerable situation" in Columbia. This photostat will be most helpful.

I am enclosing a U. S. one-dollar bill to cover the costs.

Sincerely yours,

William K. Beatty

William K. Beatty
Medical Librarian

WKB/jr

Enclosure

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(the note to item 567, of the Bibl., – referred to at item 7649 – gives the destinations of 6 copies Osler gave away, one "to the Med. Dept., U of Missouri (sent to my old student and friend Calvert, at that time Professor of Anatomy)".

March 14, 1957

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal 2, Quebec
Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

During our recent move into the Medical Center we have unearthed two signed volumes presented to the Library by Dr. Osler. We have done some searching, both of files and of memories, and Dr. William J. Calvert appears to be the link that brought the volumes to Columbia.

W6.7 "friendly bound"

The letter, item number 7649 in the Bibliotheca, thanking Dr. Osler for the Vesalius gift would probably shed further light on this matter. Would it be possible to have a photostat made of this letter ? I would certainly appreciate it if this could be done, and I will be happy to take care of the charges.

Sincerely yours,

William K. Beatty

William K. Beatty
Medical Librarian

OSLER LIBRARY,
20 March, 1957.

William K. Beatty, Esq.,
The Medical Library,
University of Missouri,
Columbia,
Missouri, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Beatty,

I enclose the requested photostat of your medical faculty's letter to Osler, 1909, our no. 7649. It is written on fine parchment and signed by Calvert with what I find to be his genuine signature. Perhaps he, or the other signer, C. M. Jackson, was the calligrapher?

A U. S. one-dollar bill or a money order for 95 Canadian cents (not a cheque) will comer the cost, which has been paid.

Under item 567 of our "Bibliotheca" the 6th note, referred to at item 7649, gives the destinations of six copies of Vesalius which Osler gave away, one of them "to the Medical Department, University of Missouri (sent to my old student and friend Calvert, at that time Professor of Anatomy) ...".

Yours sincerely,

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

WWF:cd
Encl:-

L.G.S.

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127 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania
December 21, 1954

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec
Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

I wish I could tell you that the Philadelphia branch of The Papers of Benjamin Franklin is housed in a Georgian brick house of the kind you envision. Alas, we are ensconced in a modern office building, complete with florescent lighting. Still we do look through our windows to Independence Square and can hear the bell in the State House ring the hours, if the traffic is not too noisy.

I think you and Lloyd Stevenson may be interested in the enclosed leaflet. If it sends you scurrying to your catalogue to look for Franklin letters, so much the better. And if you find one, the Liberty Bell will ring a joyous peal.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and Miss Desbarets, I am

Faithfully yours,

Whitfield J. Bell, Jr.

WJB/rb

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5 November 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal

My dear Dr. Francis:

Many thanks to you for your kindness in sending me transcripts of the letters and circular on the proposed John Morgan monument at Philadelphia. I have not yet learned what defeated the plan. The nearest thing to a memorial to Morgan that I know in Philadelphia is a brass plate in the main building of the Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania which bears the names of Morgan and Shippen as the founders of the institution.

The book goes forward. I should like to have the manuscript completed by the end of the academic year; but I am sure this is a hope that will remain unrealized!

Faithfully yours,

Whitfield J. Bell Jr.

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

10 October 1949

"Lee" were to copy the corresp. for him in the Morgan book.

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you for the tracing of the inscription on Morgan's Discourse. He sent dozens of copies to his friends and teachers abroad; but I am always glad to find another and to read what Morgan wrote on the title page.

As for the projected monument to Morgan, none was erected. Indeed, I never knew one was proposed until I found the reference in the Osler bibliography. The only memorial Morgan has in Philadelphia, I think, is a brass plate in the lobby of the School of Medicine which records his name and Shippen's as those of the founders of the institution.

The inscription in your copy of Morgan's pamphlet is in its author's own hand.

Very faithfully yours,

Whitfield J. Bell Jr.

[Whitfield Bell]

OSLER LIBRARY,
4 Oct., 1949.

Mr. Whitfield J. Bell, Jr.,
Dickinson College,
Carlisle,
Penna., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Bell,

I wonder what became of that proposed monument? There are only four letters inserted in our Morgan, 1765. I'll have them copied for you next week (after our official Osler celebration and our Thanksgiving Day). That will be much more convenient for us than taking them down town to be filmed.

Meanwhile I enclose a tracing of the inscription to Hope. Is it in Morgan's handwriting? It's "writ large":-

For / Dr. Hope / Professor of / Botany & m: medica / at / Edinburgh / from the author

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

WWF:cd

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

1 October 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Que.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you most kindly for your checking the galley proofs of the 1948 Bibliography. All the corrections and additions have been made, the revised galley has been approved, and presumably the presses are now or soon will be busily turning out Bulletins.

I hope you will excuse my long delay in acknowledging your help. I left Carlisle for England and Scotland on 7 June and returned only at the beginning of last month. Not until then did I see the galleys and get to work on the final task. Though I was in London on 12 July, I was unable to get to the Osler celebration - a matter I greatly regret. You have all the papers read at that time, including, no doubt, the London Times' article of that time.

Both in London and Edinburgh I was, in addition to other things, looking for information concerning Dr. John Morgan, founder of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, whose biography I am doing for Henry Schuman. I found some very interesting things indeed, especially some nine letters, hitherto unknown, in the hands of a private family in Scotland. They are the most revealing I have found anywhere.

W.D. 2

Which brings me to the Bibliotheca Osleriana. Item 3454 is a copy of John Morgan's Discourse of 1765. It bears an inscription to Professor John Hope. Inserted is some correspondence in 1911 concerning a proposed monument to Morgan. Can you tell me what this inscription says (Morgan's medical dissertation in the Royal Society of Medicine, for example, is inscribed to William Hunter "from his affectionate friend"); it may have some meaning? And what is the correspondence about? Perhaps the simplest way to answer these questions will be to microfilm or photostat the pages in question, at my expense.

With every good wish to you, I remain,

Very faithfully yours,

Whitfield J. Bell, Jr.

SUBJECT Historical Museum.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

L. ST. J. HASKELL
ASSISTANT TO VICE-PRESIDENT

MONTREAL, February 2, 1931.

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Dr. Francis:-

Please accept my sincere thanks for your letter of January 20 with the copy for Mr. Sergius P. Grace, and the two copies of the paragraph from the famous old scientist Robert Hooke's "Micrographia". I shall of course, be delighted to send this to Mr. Grace who is Assistant Vice-President of the Bell Telephone Laboratories and the other copy will be of value for the collection of historical records in our museum.

Again thanking you, and with kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

L. St. J. Haskell

LSJH C

Assistant to Vice-President.

OSLER LIBRARY,
McGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, Canada

Propogation of sound along a 'distended wire'. From Robert Hooke's 'Micrographia', London, 1667, preface, leaves b 2 verso to c. (Osler Library, no. 3001).

And as Glasses have highly promoted our seeing, so 'tis not impossible, but that there may be found many Mechanical Inventions to improve our other Senses, of hearing, smelling, tasting, touching. 'Tis not impossible to hear a whisper a furlongs distance, it having been already done; and perhaps the nature of the thing would not make it more impossible, though that furlong should be ten times multiply'd. And though some famous Authors have affirmed it impossible to hear through the thinnest plate of Muscovy-glass; yet I know a way, by which 'tis easie enough to hear one speak through a wall a yard thick. It has not been yet thoroughly examin'd, how far Otocousticons may be improv'd, nor what other ways there may be of quickning our hearing, or conveying sound through other bodies then the Air; for that that is not the only medium, I can assure the Reader, that I have, by the help of a distended wire, propogated the sound to a very considerable distance in an instant, or with as seemingly quick a motion as that of light, at least, incomparably swifter then that, which at the same time was propogated through the Air; and this not only in a straight line, or direct, but in one bended in many angles.

B

January 20th,
1931

L. St.
Mr. ~~Hillson~~ J. Haskell,
Assistant to the Vice-President,
The Bell Telephone Co.,
Beaver Hall Hill,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Haskell:

I enclose two copies of the paragraph from the famous old scientist Robert Hooke's 'Micrographia', 1667, mentioning his propagation of sound along a distended wire, which I think may interest you. I have not yet come across any description of the instrument which he calls an acousticon, but I have not searched very far.

My attention was called to this paragraph by Mr. C. Chalmers, an instructor in English at Mt. Holyoke College, who has been working in this library on 17th Century literature. He requested that one of the enclosed copies should be sent, with his compliments, to Dr. Sergius P. Grace, of the Bell Telephone Research Laboratories, New York. He had heard Dr. Grace lecture in Springfield, Mass., and thought he would be interested. Might I ask you to forward it, together with a copy of this letter, which I also enclose. I believe these are the laboratories to which you sent copies of the photostat of Morrison's description of the telegraph.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

In Dupl.

L. W. F.

SUBJECT Museum

B

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

L. ST. J. HASKELL
ASSISTANT TO VICE-PRESIDENT

MONTREAL, December 16, 1930

Dr. W. W. Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Please accept my thanks for the negatives of the 1753 electric telegraph enclosed with your letter of December 13. namely, the positives which I sent him in November W.W.F.

On receipt of the photographs they were forwarded to the museum of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York and we have had, from the Historical Librarian, a most appreciative letter of thanks and a request that three more sets be forwarded so that they may be given with our compliments to the Development and Research Library, the Bell Telephone Laboratories and the Museum of Peaceful Arts in New York City. We shall require at least two sets for our own use and will have the copies made on our photostat machine.

I appreciate very much your calling my attention to this article in the Scot's Magazine, and again thank you for your trouble in procuring copies.

Yours very truly,

L. St. J. Haskell

LSJH:DEP

Assistant to Vice-President.

Memo.
Wrote 17th asking him to make sure that any positives they distribute are properly labelled from my data on the negatives
W.W.F.

SUBJECT Museum

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

L. ST. J. HASKELL
ASSISTANT TO VICE-PRESIDENT

MONTREAL, November 26, 1930

Mr. W. W. Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Francis:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of November 20, with the photographs of the first printed description of the electrical telegraph.

It seems to me that the record of Charles Morrison's experiments will provide a very interesting addition to our proposed museum, and we shall be very glad to approve the bill when it has been received from the University.

Yours very truly,

L. St. J. Haskell

LSJH:DEP

Assistant to Vice-President.

November 20th,
1930

L. St. J. Haskell, Esq.,
Bell Telephone Co.,
1050 Beaver Hall Hill,
C i t y.

Dear Mr. Haskell:

When you visited the library last month, you asked if you might have photographs for the Company's Museum of the interesting letter written by Morrison, surgeon of Glasgow, to the Editor of the Scots Magazine in February, 1753, which is the first printed description of the electric telegraph. I enclose two photographs, one of the letter, and the other of two sources of information about it. I have written in pencil on the backs of these the sources from which they are taken.

The University will send to the Company a bill for, I think, $1.20. I am not enclosing the four negatives from which these two positive photostats were made. If you should want them I shall be glad to send them.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

THE ELMER BELT LIBRARY OF VINCIANA
1893 Wilshire Boulevard. Los Angeles 5, California. Dunkirk 7-3377
Kate Steinitz, librarian

15 May 1951

Dr. W.W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

When your very interesting inquiry arrived Dr. Belt looked again at our copy of the Tabula Anatomica. He was interested and amused, therefore I thought he would find the time to write to you himself. Now after many months the notes are coming backing to my desk. Dr. Belt is working so hard that in the turmoil of his daily schedule he has not found time to do more on the subject. But we were both very much amused that you suspected us of being too modest to mention such a delicate subject as that presented on the Tabula Anatomica of Lueneburg.

We did not include it in our bibliography of Leonardo's manuscripts and their editions in facsimile and we did not suggest this publication to Mr. Keys. As usual we follow Ettore Verga's Bibliografia Vinciana. In classifying the Tabula we list it as a work about Leonardo da Vinci and not as a facsimile edition. (see Verga No. 361)

However, it is true that one could not find a better example to point out the inaccuracy of reproduction in the days before photography. I wrote to Dr. Heise, Director of the Kunsthalle, Hamburg (an old friend), hoping that he could tell us whether the prototype of the Tabula engraving the "Lueneburger Blatt" is still in the archives of the little, historical town of Lueneburg, near Hamburg. If it is still there we have requested him to send a photograph of it.

The "Lueneburger Blatt" is apparently a copy from Leonardo's drawing in Windsor Castle, reproduced in Quaderni III, fol. 3 verso and in Feuillets Inédits, vol. I, fol. 7 verso. (On the Osler Library carbon copy which you kindly sent us the reference is apparently misstyped. It is not in Fogli A.)

In the meantime Dr. Belt has given me leave to go to Europe for research purposes from June 6th to September 6th. In July I will be in Hamburg and I hope that friends will take me to Lueneburg. I know this beautiful old town very well. In case the Lueneburger Tafel is still existing I will study it carefully. Perhaps the owner, probably the City of Lueneburg, would eventually sell it. But this is only a vague project. I could not estimate whether the acquisition of such a leaf would be within the limits of our budget. Anyhow, I am very grateful to you for setting me on this path.

I do not know who first discovered Freud's use of the Tabula. A number of years ago Raymond S. Stites visited here. He is now Curator of Education at the National Gallery, Washington, D.C. Perhaps you would be interested in getting in touch with him as he is the only ~~one~~ scholar we know who was interested in the problem of the "extra" legs of the copulation engraving in the Tabula anatomica. The engraving of the Tabula was reproduced in the first two editions of Sigmund Freud's Kindheitserinnering, with a footnote in which a passage from R. Reitler's essay Eine anatomisch-kuenstlerische Fehlleistung Leonardo da Vinci's is quoted. (From Internationale Zeitschrift fuer Psychoanalyse, IV, 1918). In this footnote the "extra" legs are mentioned. Stites said that he told Freud the reproduction was apocryphal. As a result Freud took the illustration and footnote out of the next edition.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Keys.

Let me know if you have other fascinating ideas for me to investigate in Europe. I will actually fly from codex to codex on a real busman's holiday.

Yours respectfully,

Kate Steinitz

Kate Steinitz
Librarian

ks/m

carbon: Mr. Keys

OSLER LIBRARY,
15 Jan., 1951.

Dr. Elmer Belt,
1893 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles 5,
Cal., U. S. A.

Dear Elmer Belt,

Greetings for the new year.

I am vastly impressed with your "Manuscripts", 1948, and its expert cataloguing and the account of your splendid bibliotheca Vinciana. Having recently supplied a few omissions for a bibliography of facsimiles being compiled by Keys, the Mayo librarian, I have again made a thorough search of your booklet and do not find "Tabula anatomica", 1850, of which I enclose a description. Perhaps modesty prevented its inclusion?

Can you tell me whether anyone else has noted in print the lithographer's feet?

Isn't it about time you came this way again?

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F

WWF:cd
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May 2, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian of the Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

My dear Doctor Francis:

I am most grateful to you for your kindness in thinking of me in sending me W. Grant Stewart's essay on PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF SIR WILLIAM OSLER and The University of Manitoba MEDICAL JOURNAL for February, 1949, the number which is dedicated to the memory of Sir William Osler. I appreciate very greatly indeed your kind thoughtfulness.

I hope this note finds you feeling well and do hope that some time in the near future you will be able to come to California and pay us all a visit.

We are to have our Doctor Dock memorial lecture the first week in May this year instead of the first week in April when it is usually held. I went over to Pasadena April 1 to be with Doctor Dock on his 89th birthday. He is alert, active, and seems very happy and well. His birthday lecture this year is to be on California Medicine During the Gold Rush period.

With very kind regards and greetings,

Yours most sincerely

Elmer

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March 29, 1948

Dr. William W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Ontario
Canada

My dear Doctor Francis:

I am most grateful to you for your kindness in remembering me with the delightful Easter present you have sent, The Sixth Osler Memorial Oration by John McMichael.

I have read this stimulating essay with great interest and am depply grateful to you for it.

We have a new collector of Osleriana in Los Angeles, Doctor Myron Prinzmetal. Myron is a very capable internist who is particularly interested in hypertension. Quite possibly you have read some of his articles. Recently he has become interested in obtaining a library of Osleriana and has gone at this task the same intense interest he has devoted to all of his other fields of endeavor. If you haven't heard from him by this time, I am sure that you will shortly, so I am taking this means of introducing him to you. He has a fine mind and is really a very wonderful fellow. I hope that before long you will meet him.

With warm regards and greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

Elmer

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September 22, 1947

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
Montreal, Ontario
Canada

My dear Doctor Francis:

I can hardly express my appreciation for your kindness in sending me this extremely interesting letter from Sir William Osler to "Jack."

I wonder if an article in the June "Nature Magazine" has come to your attention. It is just inside the front cover. It is a description of a man who is swallowed by a whale. It is in the Egerton Davis style, surely, and, to my surprise I find it is signed by Egerton Y. Davis, Jr. If you have difficulty in finding the article, let me know and I'll send you a photographic copy of it. I haven't any idea who sent the article in or what it's history is. I have written to Willard Goodwin about it, perhaps he knows.

Sometime during the week I am going up to Altadena to see Doctor Dock. I shall certainly take along my newly acquired prize.

With very kind regards and grateful appreciation,

Yours most sincerely,

Elmer

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April 12, 1946

W. W. Francis, M. D.
Ross Pavilion
Royal Victoria Hospital
Montreal, Canada

My dear Doctor Francis:

I am greatly distressed to know of your recent illness. Simultaneously with the arrival of your letter news came that Miss Granger herself is also quite ill in a New York hotel with a virus pneumonia. We are all very worried about her.

Naturally, we are greatly disappointed to learn that you are unable to come to California and talk to us on this occasion but we certainly want you to get all the rest you can to insure your continued good health. I hope that your symptoms have subsided and that you are proving to be a very obedient patient.

I believe that I told you that sometime ago I acquired the letters which Sir William Osler had written to Dr. Howard Kelly during their many years of friendship. There were not very many of these letters but each one had its particular interest. I gave them all to my nephew, Willard E. Goodwin, who is at the Hopkins at the present time. He graduated there and began his work in post-graduate work in urology before the war and has returned to it since his release from service in the armed forces. Around these letters he wrote an essay of considerable interest. I received a carbon copy of the paper yesterday and am sending it on to Dr. George Dock tomorrow. If you should like to see it, and if you are not overburdened with things to read, I shall be glad to send it on to you. I think he has done a wonderful job. I am sure the reading of it will be a great joy to you. However, it is possible that you may be entirely swamped with the mass of material which continues to be written about Sir William Osler and his effect upon the men of his time. Indeed it may well be that some of the articles which are being written were the underlying and subconscious cause of your heart attack.

Please be good, obedient and live a long, long time. We are all pulling for you all of the time.

With warm regards, yours very sincerely,

Elmer

EB:lt

Ross Pavilion,
Royal Victoria Hospital,
Montreal,
5th April, 1946.

Dear Elmer Belt,

That was a very tempting and flattering invitation but if Miss Grainger gets home before this reaches you she will tell you that I had my doubts about getting so far. It must have been a premonition: I came down on the 1st (nice date!) with very severe symptoms and the electrocardiograph yesterday confirms the suspicion so they are keeping me quiet for some weeks.

I am very interested in reading about your plans for the overdue medical school in southern California. May it prosper!

Give my kind regards and my regrets to dear Dr. Dock. Why can't we all grow old gracefully as he has done!

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Elmer Belt,
1893, Wilshire Boulevard,
Los Angeles 5,
California.

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March 18, 1946

Recd 25 March

Dr. William Francis
The Osler Medical Library
Montreal, Canada

My dear Doctor Francis:

The Los Angeles County Medical Society is planning to hold an unusual meeting to honor Dr. George Dock, Sunday, June 2, 1946. The meeting is to be held in the Los Angeles County Medical Library over the fortunes of which Doctor Dock has presided for approximately twenty-five years. In this period of time Doctor Dock has given to the Library a large number of very valuable books of historic as well as of practical significance. It is our plan to have these books on display on the tables of the Library, each with a little card indicating its place in the mosaic of the history of medicine.

We should like to have you come to Los Angeles at that time as the guest of the County Medical Society for the purpose of giving an address appropriate to the occasion. We understand that this is the year that the Osler material, which has been kept away from public view throughout the years since the death of Sir William Osler, is to be made available to scholars. While this may not be a particularly significant event, because we all imagine that the locked records were kept closed simply to avoid personal embarrassment to the families of indificuals whose histories were contained with them, it may be that you would wish to include remarks about that special event in your talk here in Los Angeles.

We would also find great interest in your own viewpoint of the relationship between Doctor Dock and Sir William Osler if you would care to choose that as your theme. Any subject which you would select as your topic I am sure the members of the Society would find extremely interesting.

Doctor Dock was delighted when we told him that we were planning to ask you to be the guest speaker. We all hope that you will be able to accept. We shall, of course, provide an ample honorarium for you, not only to cover your expenses but to make the trouble of the trip moderately worthwhile.

You will be interested, I am sure, during your visit here in our plans for a great new school, the University of California Medical School at Los Angeles, an institution which we hope will be in Westwood on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles. The state government has just set aside seven million dollars for the purpose of initiating the development of this school which we hope will be one of the finest schools in the West. I am sure you will be interested in this and other developments in this area, in addition to which we shall all be very glad to see you and to enjoy contact with you during your stay here.

We most sincerely hope that you can accept our invitation.

With very kind personal regards,
yours most sincerely,

Ernest

EB:lt

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June 29, 1939

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Dr. Francis:

I enjoyed your letter noting the Hebert "Adam's apple."

When I see him again I shall try to find out about the group photograph.

My warm regards,

Elmer

EB:bc

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June 9, 1939

The enclosures are in pamphlet box = White, Wm., 1941 entered = HEBERT. W.W. 1942

Dr. Maude E. Abbott,
Medical Building,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Dr. Abbott:

I am sending you the photograph of a nice old gentleman, not because I think you need photographs of nice old gentlemen around you but because this one happens to be a classmate of Sir William Osler.

He is Paul Z. Herbert, who was brought into my office for a visit by Dr. T. V. Hunter, a very good friend of mine. We had tea together and spent a very enjoyable half-hour listening to some of his tales about his experiences in McGill. Osler, I believe, was first in his class; this man was fifth in the same class.

Dr. Herbert was one of the first men in this country to use salvarsan and he wrote a report in one of the journals concerning its efficacy in the treatment of syphilis. He formerly practiced gynecology and has written extensively on that subject. There is an article about him in the 1915 Who's Who for Great Britain. He is a dignified and stately old gentleman whose memory is very much intact. I thought you would like to have his picture for its historic interest.

A few days after his visit he sent me a little clipping from one of the papers in Canada which stated that in Montreal on June 4 Dr. Henri Amedee LaFleur, age 77, had died. A note accompanying the clipping said, "Enclosed please find notice of another Titan of the Osler group who departed quietly yesterday to join the majority."

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I rather have a hunch that you should write this old gentleman, tell him I have communicated with you and ask him for an account of his experiences with Sir William Osler while in medical school. I should like to know what comes of it.

Yours very sincerely,

Elmer

EB:bc

P3 Herbert M.D.
5813 So Haas Ave.,
Los Angeles,
Calif.

22 June, 1939

Dr. Elmer Belt,
1893 Wilshire Boulevard,
Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Elmer Belt,

Thanks for the picture of old Hebert and his extraordinary Adam's apple. Dr. Camac told Dr. Abbott and me about him last year so I wrote for his reminiscences and got in exchange from Hebert nothing about Osler but a long list of his classmates with a request for complete up-to-date information about all of them that were not starred. So we are a little bit chary of writing to the old man again. What I particularly wanted to know from him was whether any group photograph was taken of that McGill class of '72.

Lafleur's death was certainly a sad break in the Osler link. He, however, was not a classmate of Osler's but graduated some years later and was Osler's first assistant at the Johns Hopkins 1889-91.

I am in the midst of the Canadian Medical Association Meeting here. We had two very good History Section sessions. Next week I am off to Newark for the Medical Library Association meeting and then my family takes me to Bermuda for July.

I was very interested to get from Wm. White his bibliography of writings about Osler but have not yet had an opportunity to go through it, except to see that there are a good many items to be added.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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June 10, 1939

Dr. William W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Dr. Francis:

It has been altogether too long a time since I have had a letter from you so I finally found something about which to write you.

As a visitor, Dr. Paul Z. Herbert came to call on me the other day. He became 90 years old about a week ago and still appears very hale and hearty. I took a picture of him while he was in my office and am sending you a copy of it. (I also sent a copy to Dr. Maude Abbott.) You will probably recognize his name as being one of the classmates of Sir William Osler.

Two or three days after Dr. Herbert was here he sent me a newspaper clipping about the death of Henri Amedee LaFleur, who was also one of Osler's classmates. A note on the bottom of the LaFleur item said, "Enclosed please find notice of another Titan of the Osler group who departed quietly yesterday to join the majority. Yours very truly, Paul Z. Herbert."

We had a most enjoyable visit together and I have put Dr. Abbott up to the job of writing him for reminiscences of Sir William Osler. I think they should be interesting.

Yours most cordially,

Elmer

EB:bc

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September 13, 1938

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Dr. Francis:

I am greatly pleased with your kindness in taking the time to write me September 7th. I enjoyed your letter very greatly and have assumed the privilege of showing it ~~with~~ to Dr. George Dock who is down at Laguna for the summer some miles from here and to whom I have mailed it. He will particularly enjoy your Osler and the Baby-on-the-track.

Yours most gratefully,

Elmer

EB:MC

7 September, 1938

Dr. Elmer Belt,
1893 Wilshire Boulevard,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Elmer

(As I note you sign yourself. In that respect I can be one letter shorter than you).

I am glad to have your sentiments about the Davisiana and I think I agree with you on the whole but I know there are some good friends of Osler's who never fail to be shocked by his levities and I doubt if the time has yet come to reprint them. A propos of the railway baby I enclose a spare copy of a note which I inserted in Gould's "Anomalies". I still have hopes of finding those affidavits again. There seems to be a fatality about them.

Yesterday I received your Zamorano Club address. As I am just home from abroad and started lecturing this morning I have not had time to read it, but I can see that it is pithy and to the point, and I'm sure you don't need to apologise for it in your nice antique ink additions on the title-page.

I and my wife and daughter had a very good trip and holiday even from books, though I had a nice evening with Keynes and a couple of days in the Bodleian. During the rest of my stay in Oxford the library was closed for the annual cleaning.

We came back on the boat with that good bibliophile and interesting fellow, Dr. Herbert Evans of Berkeley.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. W. F.

Belton

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SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK

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SUPERINTENDENT

December 10, 1944.

DR. W. W. Francis,
Osler Librarian,
McGill University,
Montreal, Can.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you for all your trouble in sending me the Library copy of the Montreal General Hospital Reports, containing the case reported by Osler which was similar to the one we had here.

Our case was much the same, but contained minor differences; but we do not feel we can report ours, since some of the pathological specimen is missing; in fact, the patent ductus arteriosus was not removed with the specimen, but was left in the body! However, the whole thing was interesting, and Osler's report helped us to orient our specimen.

I am returning the book to the Library, enclosing stamps to cover the postage down here.

Please give my regards to Miss Desbarats, who was always very kind and pleasant to me in Pathology. It is nice to be remembered.

With many thanks again for your trouble, and with apologies for the delay,

Yours very sincerely,

M. K. Belton

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OSLER LIBRARY,
31 October, 1944.

Dr. M. Kathleen Belton,
Saint John General Hospital,
Saint John,
N. B.

Dear Dr. Belton,

Nice to hear from you, and I hope they are appreciating you at St. John.

The Medical Library is posting to you today their copy (I can't lend Osler's) of the M. C. U. Reports, 1880, containing this original account of that case (p. 186). When returning it you should refund them the postage by enclosing stamps. I've also asked them to send with the book a reprint (which you may keep) of a bibliography of Dr. Abbott's Cong. Heart cases.

I thought at first that illustration in the Atlas (Fig. 6, p. 46) was incompatible with Osler's original one in the Reports (Fig. 1, plate 3, after p. 192), but I think it is merely that the engraving done for Osler was diagrammatic, whereas the Atlas one is from a photo. If it would help, I could probably find the actual specimen and possibly something further about it, but the museum is in a state of confusion and neglect, a sort of cachexia caused by the cancerous infiltration of the Library!

The CD of the counter-initials below is Cécile Desbarats who wishes to be remembered to you. I had the luck to steal her from Dr. Vaugh.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. 7.

WWF:CD

SAINT JOHN GENERAL HOSPITAL

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK

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WALTER W. WHITE, M.D., LL.D., PRESIDENT
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RALPH H. GALE
SUPERINTENDENT

October 26, 1944.

Dr. W. Francis,
Osler Librarian,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir:.

We have recently done a postmortem examination on the body of a ten-day old child in this hospital, and found a congenital heart lesion which seems to resemble very closely one described by Dr. Maude Abbott in her Atlas of Congenital Cardiac Disease. We notice by the Atlas that this case is from a specimen in the Cardiac Anomaly Collection of McGill University, and was reported by Dr. William Osler in the Montreal General Hospital Reports, 1880, 1:186, Case 3. It is the case illustrated in Fig. 6 on Page 46 of the Atlas.

This is v. 1 for 1880

We would like if possible to obtain a copy of the original report on this case, to compare with the one examined here. Being myself a graduate from McGill in 1941, and remembering the great interest you had in Dr. Osler's life and work, I thought first of you as the one most likely to know where we could obtain the information we desired. Could you either send us, or let us know where we might obtain, a copy of the information on this case, if the report still exists? If it is possible, we should be very grateful.

Hoping this will not cause you too much inconvenience, and thanking you in advance for your trouble in the matter,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

M. Kathleen Belton, M.D.

MRS. J. T. BENEDICT
5490 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO

My dear Dr Francis,

Thank you most sincerely for your kind letter in regard to the Wagner item. It came, the day after I had fallen, from one of the children's small chairs and broken four ribs, in six places and punctured my lung and I was so thrilled, on getting information, about my little book, that I completely forgot my pain. This accounts for my not having written to thank you & your wife.

After my father died he gave his library to the American College of Surgeons, as was his wish. His entire collection is on the third floor of the "John B. Murphy Memorial". This little book was one of the ones I kept myself I had no idea of its value; now I feel rather guilty and I suppose my conscience will make me give it to them — eventually, not now, for I am inwardly

overjoyed at having a treasure.

I appreciate so much your giving me so many details. Thanking you, I am,

Most sincerely your
Ruth Murphy Burdsall

September truly yours.

The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal

21 August, 1933

Mrs. J. T. Benedict
5490 South Shore Drive
Chicago

Dear Mrs. Benedict,

I am sorry my holiday had to delay the information you requested in your letter of July 26. You are to be envied the possession of that Harvey, "De circulatione", or Disquisitions to Riolan (as it is called in English), Rotterdam, 1649. It is one of our desiderata, and though I find no record of a sale, I fancy it could not be bought from a dealer (lucky enough to have it) for less than $500.

It is fully described in Geoffrey Keynes's "Bibliography of Wm. Harvey", Cambridge University Press, 1928, pp. 32-36, in which it is no. 32 and our Cambridge edition (of which you saw the photostat of the title in our exhibit) is no. 31. Dr. Keynes says of them (p.32):

> "Both books are rare, so rare that the very existence of the Cambridge edition was doubted by Mr. C. P. Fisher when compiling his list in 1912. At the present time, however, I am able to record nine copies of each. The Cambridge edition has the greater bibliographical interest ... The Rotterdam edition is a well-printed little book. It is always assumed to have been printed after the Cambridge edition, though I have not obtained any definite proof of this. Its title-page is the more correctly worded, Exercitationes duae ..."
> (no.707)

The Cambridge ed. is also described/in our printed catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana", Oxford, 1929, a copy of which accompanies our Chicago exhibit. When , quoting Osler, I described it as the rarest Harvey item, I forgot that Dr. Keynes records a third ed., Paris, 1650, of which only one copy is known.

It is good to know that you have inherited the love of books along with the library of your very distinguished father. I hope that if you are ever in Montreal you will not fail to visit Dr. Osler's of which I (his nephew) am librarian.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis, M.D.

July 26 - 1933

MRS. J. T. BENEDICT
5490 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO

Librarian of McGill University
Montreal, Can.

Dear Sir;

May I ask for some information in regard to the exhibit at the Osler Fair. Among the treasures of the Osler library is a fly leaf from a book under which it says "The rarest Harvey item. Cambridge 1649, his defense of the theory he had printed 21 years before. "Exercitatio Anatomica de Circulatione Sanguinis".

I am a Bibliophile and among my treasures I have a small parchment bound book the same as yours dated

MRS. J. T. BENEDICT
5490 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO

"Roterodami, ex Officina Arnoldi Leers, 1649"
Ihr title of my book differs slightly from
yours
mine "Excitationes duæ anatomicæ" — etc.
yours. "Excitatio anatomica de" — etc.

Could you give me any information
in regard to this item? Do you
think your edition preceded the Rotterdam
one? Do you place any great value on
this book? I would appreciate an answer
as I have had this book many years —
have been unable to value it in any
way. It belonged to my father the
late Dr John B. Murphy.

MRS. J. T. BENEDICT
5490 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO

Thanking you for a reply and
with kindest apologies for troubling
you, I am,

Very sincerely yours

Cecile Murphy Benedict

(Mrs J. T.)

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL
2300 TUPPER ST.
MONTREAL 25

TELEPHONE
WI. 3121

May 28th 1955

Re F.W. Campbell of Bishop's med. coll
grandfather of Mrs Quinn.

Dear Dr Francis.

Thank you very much for your note regarding Mrs Quinn. It arrived yesterday and the same day Mr. Amtmann phoned to say he had some things of interest to me. I called on him last night and found that he had seen Mrs. Quinn and acquired from her the two prize books and a collection of clippings, banquet menus etc. All are now in my possession. For reasons too complicated to set forth in this letter (one involves the presentation of a tabled by the Montreal General Hospital to Bishop's University), I think it would be unwise of me to contact Mrs. Quinn. Mr. Amtmann will act as my agent and is going to see her again about further material but will not give her my name.

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL
2300 TUPPER ST.
MONTREAL 25

TELEPHONE
WI. 3121

I am very grateful to you for letting me know about Mrs Quinn. Mr. Amimann was a bit surprised – I think – when I told him I knew about her and even had her telephone number. It may have led him to reduce his prices somewhat – but perhaps that is not fair. He has been very helpful to me over the past few years and seems to be genuinely interested in historical matters.

My better – Bishop's – half joins me in sending kindest regards to you and Mrs Francis.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Bentley

Bensley

18 Francis Street,
Boston, Mass.,
October 16th, 1935.

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University, Montreal,

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your letter containing the information regarding the papers by Osler and Welch. I also wish to thank you for your very kind offer to send me a number of letters of introduction. At present I would not have an opportunity of using these but I would like to take advantage of your offer at some later date when my plan of work is definitely settled.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Bensley.

10 October, 1935

Dr. C. H. Bensley,
18 Francis Street,
B o s t o n, Mass.

Dear Dr. Bensley:

I certainly remember your small but valuable gift containing, as it did, unrecorded papers by Osler and by Welch. The title of the pamphlet is: "University of Toronto. Formal Opening of the New Building of the Biological Department, December 1889". Toronto, J. E. Bryant Co., 1890. 23 pp., with frontispiece, illust., etc. It contains addresses by Sir D. Wilson, G. W. Ross, Osler, Welch, Minot, Vaughan, and Ramsay Wright. The whole is a reprint from The Canadian Practitioner, 1890, vol. 16, pp. 16-19, 29-46, and 55-7.

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Osler's paper, pp. 8-10 (36-8 in the journal), is "The Etiology of Malaria", and is evidently abridged, because the last paragraph begins, "Professor Osler concluded as follows". Welch's paper, pp. 10-15 (38-43) is "Pathology in its Relation to General Biology".

Evidently both these papers escaped their bibliographers because Osler's and Welch's names are omitted from the index of that volume of the Practitioner, and Osler did not bind up a copy with his Collected Reprints.

I hope you are enjoying Boston. Osler used to say it was the only real city in America. Can I do anything for you there in the way of giving you letters to Lady Osler's sister, Mrs. Chapin, to Dr. Viets of the New England Journal, or to Dr. R. P. Strong of the Tropical Diseases department?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

WWF

18 Francis St.,
Boston, Mass.,
October 8th, 1935.

Dr. William Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University, Montreal,

Dear Dr. Francis:

You will remember that, a few months ago, I gave you a reprint describing the opening of the Biological Building of the University of Toronto and containing a paper by Osler reprinted from the Canadian Practitioner. I failed to make a note describing this paper and also the one by Welch. I wonder if you would send me the information.

Yours sincerely,

J H Beasley.

CENTRAL DIVISION
66 DORCHESTER ST. E.

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1170 ESSEX AVE.

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

66 DORCHESTER STREET, EAST.

MONTREAL

July 26th, 1935.

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University, Montreal,

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am very glad to hear that the booklet containing the addresses delivered at the opening of the Biological Building of the University of Toronto is of some value to you. Of course, I would like you to keep it and catalogue it for the Library.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Bensley

File

28 June, 1935

Dr. E. H. Bensley,
Montreal General Hospital

Dear Dr. Bensley:

I was sorry I was not here when you left the booklet this morning. It is extremely interesting and I hope I may keep it and catalogue it for the Library. Osler's paper on the etiology of malaria has entirely escaped his bibliographers, probably for the reason that in the volume of the Canadian Practitioner from which it is reprinted Osler's name does not appear in the very defective index, though the title of his paper does.

With kind regards and many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F

P.S. Welch's also not in his bibliography.

Acc. no. 13

2 Jasper Villas
Borth
Cardiganshire
4 March, 1926.

Dear Sir -

I am terribly behindhand in replying to your questions, and yet I have engaged on Burton great part of the time since you wrote!

I omit the numbers of your items.

4629. Yes. I have never come on any evidence of a 1728 or 1738 'Anatomy', nor, so far, of any edition projected at either of these dates. Nor have I investigated the origin of Watt's error.

"reprinted 1806" - There was an ed. of 1804 also, 2 vols. which I presume was a reprint of the 1800. I cannot recollect seeing a copy; but feel quite sure of its existence as it occurs in the printed Cat. of the Library of the Middle Temple as well as in J.H. Slater's 'Book Prices Current', and in the American 'Book Prices Current'.

4630. The earliest Tegg ed. which I have seen is that in the Brit. Mus. reference shelves dated 1845. But the list of edd. of the 'A. of M.' in the 9th Series of Notes & Queries (vol i or ii, I forget which; ii. I think) gives a Tegg of 1840. (which may exist or not.)

The prelim. matter is almost if not quite all from the Stephen Jones ed.

P.T.O.

4631. I see that Sir W. O. in one of his papers which the Oxf. Bibl. Soc. are reprinting speaks of R. B.'s anonymity having been respected till — Shilleto's ed. I think he gives — but have not the paper by me.

But against this must be set the fact that on the half-title of both vols of the 1800 ed is 'Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy' & so in more than one of the following editions. Though, after all, this is not the actual title-page.

The abridgement 1801 &c have Burton's name on the actual title-page.

S. Jones did not call himself D. Minor. I think it must have been the man who did the translations of Burton's Latin poems in the preliminary matter & some other translations of quotations in Tegg's Ed.

I assume that a copy of one of Tegg's reprints was Sir W. O.'s working copy. I have been looking through the proofs of O's articles in the forthcoming vol. of the Oxf. Bibl. Soc. Transactions & find that in several places O. quotes as Burton's what are really the paraphrases (bearing no relation to the original) in Tegg of Burton's Latin poems in the preliminary matter. Tegg prints them without brackets.

O. speaks of lines in blank verse when these are Tegg's version of Burton's Lat. elegiacs. Elsewhere he refers to Burton's mention of Box Hill in Surrey among places offering an extensive view. Box hill is not in the passage in any edition before Stephen Jones (1800). Unless it is a playful insertion of Jones' I can only guess that it was a RS addition of Jones reader in the copy of ed 6 from which the 1800 ed. was printed. So far, other 19th cent. editions that I have examined (not many, I acknowledge) besides Tegg have no trace of it. With sincere apologies for my delay I am yrs v. by E. Bensly.

21 May, 1935

Mr. M. L. Bergman,
22 Loomis St.,
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Mr. Bergman:

Thanks for your note. But the reference which you give me to Bonet is also wrong! There is nothing whatever suggesting syringomyelia on p. 394 of Book I of the second edition, Geneva, 1700, of the "Sepulchretum". It contains three accounts of straightforward cases of hydrocephalus; there is no mention of the spinal cord; also there is nothing suggestive in the rest of that section (16) nor in the preceding section, which is on paralysis.

I am glad to hear that the report went off all right and that you were able to get Schlesinger's monograph. I hope to see you here again sometime.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. F.

22 Loomis Street
Burlington, Vermont
May 18, 1935.

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am taking the opportunity at this time to thank you for your kind and thoughtful letter of April 8th informing me of the erroneous reference given by Garrison, as well as providing me with the original and a translation of the correct passage. Your thoughtfulness proved very helpful in making out my report of the subject.

I also followed your suggestion and obtained Schlesinger's "Monograph" on syringomyelia from the Surgeon-General's library at Washington. This book proved to be a very fruitful source and I was able to obtain practically all the material that I needed from it. Schlesinger also gives the exact references of all the early literature. I remember that we were able to obtain nothing from Bonet's "Sepulchretum" because we lacked exact references. Schlesinger gives this reference as follows: Edition 2, Book I, Geneva 1700, p. 394. While I no longer need this for my report, it would be interesting, some day, to see just how this reference reads.

long ref. *

3 cases of hydrocephalus in this pace
with no mention of the cord &c.

As complete and thorough as Schlesinger's "Monograph" is, it nevertheless does not, at any point in the detailed historical sketch, make reference to Estienne as being the first to describe the disease, or for that matter, as having described the disease at all. So that, like you, Schlesinger undoubtedly felt that the passage in "De Dissectione" could only, irrationally be called a description of syringomyelia, and your feeling about the matter is probably entirely correct.

I hope that it will be my good fortune to again visit your marvelous libraries in the not too distant future.

Very sincerely yours,

M. L. Bergman

M. L. Bergman

8 April, 1935

Mr. M. L. Bergman,
Univ. of Vermont
Burlingtom.

Dear Mr. Bergman,

I am very sorry I had so little time to spend with you on the 6th, and was unable to be here that afternoon. Today I find that the reference given in Garrison is wrong. It should be chapter 36, not "35".

Here is the passage, marked by the printed side-note in the margin "Cavitas in interna spinali medulla", in ESTIENNE, or STEPHANUS, Charles, "De dissectione", Paris, S. Colinaeus, 1545, folio, Book 3, ch. 36 (p.341), after treating of the relative consistency of different parts of the brain and spinal cord:

Caeterum quod ad interiora ipsius medullae spectat, cavitatem in interna eius substantia manifestam reperire licet, quae ceu quidam ipsius ventriculus esse conspicitur, in quo aquosus quidam humor subflavus continetur, paulo tamen liquidior quam qui in anterioribus cerebri delitescit. This may be translated: Moreover, as regards the interior of the spinal cord, one can find an obvious cavity in its internal substance. This (cavity) looks like a sort of ventricle, and contains a certain yellowish watery humor, rather more liquid (i.e.thinner) than that found (literally, that which lurks) in the anterior (ventricles) of the brain.

In spite of the word "manifestam", it seems to me rash to call this a description of syringomyelia.

I hope you may come again -- when I am able to treat you better!

Yours sincerely,

H. W. C.

A 3rd yr student
sent to look up first
description of S.
by Richer -

DR. BERTRAM M. BERNHEIM
2424 EUTAW PLACE
BALTIMORE-17

January 3, 1949.

Dr.W.W.Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal 2, Canada.

Dear Francis,

It was exciting to get that letter from you about the Hopkins story, because you really should know. I can't tell exactly how I missed the date on the Welsh Rabbits. More than likely my mind was otherwise occupied, and I don't know, either, whether Sargent was a "Sir", but I will look it up. There were other mistakes, though, and one of them was called to my attention by Bunting, who is now living in New Haven. It was Ehrlich's side-chain theory, and not Metchnikov's! Somebody else called attention to an error, but I can't think of it at the moment. More than likely others will be picked up.

The book has been exceedingly well received and is now in its second printing. It is also to be brought out in England. That was surprising, but more than likely it had to do with the "Chief's" being over there and being so well beloved. I wish you could see some of the letters that have been coming in. Not all of them are from the Alumni, but most of them are and they are extremely interesting, so much so that I have been thinking that maybe later on I will make a digest for private consumption of their various comments. If I do I will be sure to send you a copy. In the meantime, thank you a lot for your pleasant letter. It was certainly nice to hear from you.

With my kindest wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Bertram M Bernheim

OSLER LIBRARY,
21 December, 1948.

Dr. B. M. Bernheim,
1814 Eutaw Place,
Baltimore,
Md., U. S. A.

Dear Bernheim,

Bravo! that's a fine account of the Hopkins, and I find little or nothing to disagree with. After reading about the five drafts of your paper, I go to the shelf for the first vol. of Cushing's MS. of his Life of the chief and take a look at the TEN successive drafts I watched (and helped) him make of the preface after he'd finished it all at Oxford in 1924! To me he was always next after W. O.

Dear old Popsy, the only self-deception I ever discovered in him was the delusion he got that Osler came round to his view of full-time. I'm sure the chief still hated it but, seeing it was inevitable, he began to doubt his own sexagenarian judgment. That's why in his last year he tried to get an endowment for a full-time clinic at McGill and why he invited all the medical professors of the U. K. to a dinner in London in honour of Graham of Toronto, the first full-timer in the Empire.

I've read it all with the keenest interest. The only slips I noticed are:- opposite p. 117, the "Welch rabbits" was donn for his 60th not 80th birthday - it is visibly dated "1910"; p. 175, the s has dropped off Klebs. Was Sargent ever "Sir" (p. 7)? But there is (to me) one sin of omission. In your otherwise excellent account of the Saturday evenings at 1 W. Franklin, you say nothing about the second half of the program, the medical history, biography and showing of old and rare books. However, I won't go the length of dear old B., Osler's contemporary and McGill's last professor of therapeutics to have a childlike faith in the entire pharmacopoeia. Once, when taking over the wards after our Lafleur, B. asked the resident what each patient was getting; after three or four placebos, he turned to the resident and bellowed, "Sir, this is an insult to my chair!" I haven't a chair, only a lectureship, in the history of medicine.

Harvey Cushing and "Bernie" have certainly taught you how to write. I meant to tell you so last year after enjoying the Surgeon's Domain.

Thanks, congratulations, and the season's greetings,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:cd

OSLER LIBRARY,
18 March, 1953.

W. R. Bett, Esq., M.D.,
11, The Avenue,
Bedford Park,
London, W. 4,
England.

Dear Bett,

These Montreal youngsters don't probably appreciate the pearls you cast our way. I told your McGill Med. undergrad. reviewer what I thought of his ideas of your "Osler, man and legend", and here's a clipping from the local newspaper rapping you on the knuckles for your "Infirmities". If he's the Philip Martin I know, he's very young and born in Ireland.

The book has just come in and I'll save it for the Easter holidays (after my annual board meeting).

The Dean has your offer of a Sept.-Oct. talk under consideration, and when he asked me I told him I thought you would rather speak to the students than to the Medical Society.

Salute the brethren.

Yours sincerely,

WWF

WWF:cd
Encl:-

PS. Definitely not by my young Philip M., I'm glad to learn.

19. Jan. 1953

11 THE AVENUE,
BEDFORD PARK,
LONDON W. 4
England.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Alas! I have looked through the complete edition of The Poems of Eugene Field, but cannot find 'When Willie wets the bed.'

Once again I must ask for your help.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Bett.

Hist. Apologies.
Try Hoosier Poet
J. Whitcomb Riley

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

CHISWICK 9 45AM 12 JUN 1953 W.4

ARE YOU ON THE NEW VOTERS LISTS? — CHECK NOW!

Dr W. W. Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal,
Canada.

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Sender's name and address:-

W. R. Bett
11 The Avenue
Bedford Park
London, W.4
England.

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1. January 1953

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England.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Your help is needed! I have been asked by Dr Donald Hunter of the London Hospital whether Osler's famous remark about the tattoo-mark and the spirochaete may be found. I have been unable to discover it in any of his writings (at least I have looked at the most likely ones in this line), and I wonder if it was just a saying of his at the bedside and in lectures.

The Osler Club continues to flourish, and our membership is steadily increasing. H.E. Sigerist gave

gave us a magnificent talk last November on medical history in medical education. In March I am holding forth on the history and folk-lore of enuresis. The Osleian oration in July will be delivered by Dr William Doolin of Dublin, 'An Irishman's reactions to Osler.'

With very best wishes for the New Year,

Yours ever,

W. R. Bett.

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Dr W. W. Francis, F.O.C.,
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McGill University,
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Sender's name and address:-

W. R. Bett,
11, The Avenue,
Bedford Park,
London, W.4,
England.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
8 January, 1953.

Dear Bett,

I don't know of its being in print. I remember him making the remark, possibly not for the first or last time, in an "observation" clinic in the out-door about 1901, after an absurdly long and close inspection of a sexy siren on the skin of an aneurysmal sailor - "I sometimes think I can SEE the germs in these tattoo-marks!" The "germs" later became "spirochetes".

You "builded" well when you and F. founded the Osler Club. I hope you'll quote Eugene Fields's "When Willie wets the bed." It was a favourite with W. O. I wish I could be there to hear you and also in July for Doolin, whose "Wayfarers" I love. Also I hear rumours of a plaque for 13 Norham Gardens.

Poor Archie Malloch is silent, bed-ridden and hebetudinous, just short of comatose, I hear.

I hope all goes well with you.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Bett, Esq., M.D.,
11, The Avenue,
Bedford Park,
London, W. 4,
England.

OSLER LIBRARY,
8 April, 1952.

W. R. Bett, Esq., L.R.C.P., F.R.S.L.,
11 The Avenue,
Bedford Park, W. 4,
London,
England.

Dear Bett,

Glad you caught me out in my old trick of metastasizing figures, "3453" for "3543". It makes us even.

"Idolatry" is a portmanteau word, shortened from "idololatry". My only doubt is whether it should be Oslerolatry or Osleriolatry, but the latter is more euphonious. You'll find the suffix "-latry" in the N. E. D. (the BIG Oxford Dictionary) with a whole list; e.g. angelolatry, bibliolatry, demonolatry, Mariolatry, plus "humorous nonce words" like babyolatry and the "lordolatry" of Thackeray's snobs, also corresponding endings in "-er".

I ought to have got Cushing to correct that "She was visiting friends in Baltimore at the time", p. 357. It is not in his "Corrigenda & Addenda", 8 pp., 1937, of which I might find a copy if you haven't it.

Salute the fellow-idololaters.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:cd

Chiswick 4482.

11, The Avenue,
Bedford Park, W.4.
London,
England.

Dr W.W. Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal 2,
Canada.

2nd April, 1952.

Dear Dr Francis,

Many thanks for your friendly letter of March 29th which I appreciate. I am glad that you like the book, and I am grateful for your various criticisms and suggestions.

Osleriolatry - According to Webster, this term is applied to hero-worship in general. I cannot find the suffix of the word Osleriolatry you suggest, either in Webster or the Oxford.

Sorry about the wrong date of publication of the Text-book. According to Cushing, Lady Osler was visiting friends in Baltimore at the time. Incidentally, in this connexion, your reference to Bibl. Osler., No. 3453-4 should read 3543-4!

The misprint in Richard Morton's dates I had already spotted, and I can not see how it managed to creep in.

I shall verify the quotations you doubt on pages 56, 58, when I go to the Royal Society of Medicine Library tomorrow.

All your other emendations are gratefully accepted.

I wish I had sent you the proofs of the book before publication!

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

WRBett

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W. R. BETT,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.S.L.

11 THE AVENUE
BEDFORD PARK
LONDON, W.4
Tel.: Chiswick 4482

July 9, 1951

Dear Dr Francis:

Heinemanns will be publishing later this year a small book of mine, called Osler The Man and the Legend, which is intended chiefly for the medical student. The approach is not biographical so that it is not a précis of Cushing. I have taken a number of diseases in which W.O. was particularly interested (tb, Σ, typhoid, pneumonia, etc.), discussing his contributions and mentioning the change in character of these diseases since his time. Other chapters will deal with the historian, the bibliophil, and

and the clinician.

We are anxious to include a picture of the Bibliotheca Osleriana. Could you very kindly send me a glossy print? Preferably the one showing the location of his ashes. I only have a postcard. Let me know what courtesy legend is required.

Also, do you have a print of that very nice picture of him taken at Bodley, holding the Vesalius?

With kindest regards,

yours sincerely,

W.R. Bett.

air mail

OSLER LIBRARY,
18 July, 1951.

W. R. Bett, Esq., L.R.C.P., F.R.S.L.,
11 The Avenue,
Bedford Park,
London, W. 4,
England.

Dear Bett,

I enclose the nearest thing I can find to a shiny print of the Bodleian Vesalius picture and I have ordered a good big one of the original of the p.c. showing the shrine. I have asked the Associated Screen News (who took it) to send it you direct by air mail (in case you are in a hurry).

I have at last got (from a local bookseller, not the tardy publishers — I hear a special copy is being prepared) the "Selected Writings" which does credit to us all I think. And I look forward to your Man and Legend which ought to be interesting, as well as unusual.

You are a perpetuum mobile - hard to keep track of. Have you cast anchor securely in Bedford Park? I believe you are out of Medicine Illustrated, and I haven't much use for it now, since it has become almost completely de-historiated.

Yours ever,

WWF

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Encl:-

May 2, 1948

11, THE AVENUE,
BEDFORD PARK,
LONDON, W.
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Dear Dr Francis:

You will agree that the Medical Bookman & Historian has improved since you wrote to me on Nov. 10, 1947. (I still feel you must have grossly antedated your letter. I can't have left it unanswered all this time!) I was delighted to hear from you again, and I hope you are keeping well.

Life continues to be busy — overcrowded with many activities. I am doing

doing a short life of W.O. for Heinemann – to be published for the centenary July 1949 — incidentally the 21st birthday of the Osler Club, which has come to life again after the war.

I shall keep you informed of our activities.

With kindest remembrances,

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Bett.

OSLER LIBRARY,
10 Nov., 1947.

W. R. Bett, Esq., M.D.,
c/o Harvey & Blythe, Ltd.,
6 Hanover Square,
London, W. 1,
England.

Dear Bett,

Always glad to hear of your varied whereabouts and activities! I've just been enjoying the "Medical Bookman", cataloguing your nice (unauthorized, ahem!) edition of 'Christmas and the microscope', and getting our Medical Librarian to order your "Medical Historian" - good luck to you and it. Her (the M. L.'s) comment was "Why the deuce can't they combine the two?"

There is just ~~the~~ one unpleasant feature of the Bookman that scandalizes me. I thought it was only to be found in American advertising media. If your "Historian" catches the infection I'll boycott him! Fancy searching through a bound volume for a page reference - 12 different paginations and no indication of the month-no., except on the covers which the binder has probably discarded. Don't let <u>your</u> printer be so sloppy, but try to induce the Bookman's to mend his ways!

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I keep well and active in spite of an attempt last year by Angelina Pectoris to obstruct one of my lesser coronaries.

Do you see Franklin? Oslerian greetings to you and any of the faithful.

Yours sincerely,

L.L.F

WWF:CD

Send report of Alex Day to Francis.

March 6, 1935

Columbia University
College of Physicians and Surgeons
630 WEST 168TH STREET, NEW YORK
LIBRARY

Dear Dr Francis:

The quotation 'And we forget because we must,
And not because we will'
comes from Matthew Arnold's Absence. I have just discovered it in Stevenson's 'Book of Quotations', Cassell & Co., London, 1934, which we have bought for the Library. It is full of good things. I wonder if you know it.

I am so sorry I have to miss your dinner —

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my misfortune! I am sure you will have an enjoyable and inspiring evening.

I am hoping to spend Easter with John Fulton at New Haven.

Franklin was here last week on a flying visit.

Always with kindest regards,

yours sincerely,

Walter R. Bett.

DR. WALTER R. BETT

Dr. Bett has recently been appointed librarian to the Medical School at Columbia University. Of British parentage, he received his medical training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London and at the London University Medical School. For many years he has been interested in medical history and was one of the instigators of the Osler Club of London, a group of young physicians who have kept the memory of Osler green. None of these young men ever knew Osler and yet they have succeeded in keeping alive a very active club, the principal event, each year, being the celebration of Osler's birthday by an appropriate address. The club, moreover, has collected many items about Osler, including a great many editions of his books and other material.

Among Dr. Bett's publications is an interesting paper on "Koplik's Spots", in the *British Journal of Children's Diseases* for April, 1931, one of a series of pediatric eponyms to be found in recent numbers of the same Journal. He also edited and contributed to "A Short History of Some Common Diseases", published in Oxford, 1934. Dr. Bett has served as secretary of the Section of the History of Medicine, Royal Society of Medicine, London, and, at the recent centenary meeting of the British Medical Association, he was secretary of the Historical Section. His brilliant mind and delightful sense of humor are well remembered by those who have attended the meetings of the Osler Club in London. It is a pleasure to welcome him to this country, for he will add much to the subject of medical history.

may be decided upon for the Health Department should be based upon principles of effective public health administration.

(4) That a strong Advisory Council for the Health Department is essential.

The Educational Committee on Cancer gave nineteen lectures during the year and distributed literature; the Committee on Needs of Ward 9 held a Food Exhibit for two weeks in December in the Whittier Street Health Unit; at the request of the Executive Committee the Suffolk, Norfolk and Middlesex South District Medical Societies sent to their members reprints of the article published in The *New England Journal of Medicine* regarding the State Pneumonia Service.

The Committee on Social Hygiene sponsored a one day Institute for nurses on Syphilis and Gonorrhea, in coöperation with The Massachusetts Society of Social Hygiene and The Massachusetts League of Nursing Education. The Committee has continued sponsoring the Staff Council in Syphilis and Gonorrhea in coöperation with the Hospital Social Workers' Section of the Council of Social Agencies.

The Committee on Summer Camps again issued a pamphlet of suggestions for camp directors, and during the summer sent a score card to each camp requesting its return to the Health League Office in order that each organization might see how nearly it was complying with these standards.

A comparative study was undertaken on infant mortality in Charlestown and the West End in 1933, jointly by the Boston Council of Social Agencies, the Harvard School of Public Health, the Boston City Health Department and the Boston Health League to determine, if possible, causes for the high infant mor-

15 February, 1935

Dr. W. R. Bett,
630 West 168th St.,
New York

Dear Bett:

The friend who kindly gave us that unwitherable Withering folding plate was Dr. D. Sclater Lewis of Montreal, Associate Professor of Therapeutics here. He is an old pal and contemporary of Archie Malloch, who got the plate out of him. I gave him a quid pro quo in the shape of a medical engraving from Osler's collection, though not the one he wanted. He coveted a rare engraving of Jenner which I was not willing to part with.

I have spent hours searching in vain for the source of that quotation, which Osler often used and which I thought I could easily find, if not in Bartlett, at least in the Oxford Book of Verse, but no. If I ever track it down I shall let you know.

Yours sincerely,

WOB.

Columbia University
College of Physicians and Surgeons
630 WEST 168TH STREET, NEW YORK
LIBRARY

February 8th: 1935

Dear Dr Francis:

Having recently had the good fortune to acquire (for a good fortune, though!) a Wittering with the coloured plate in excellent state of preservation, I have spent a few days reading about the book and its influence on medical thought. I find that Sir William's original copy lacked this folding-plate, which was subsequently supplied by Dr D.F. Lewis. (Bibliotheca Osleriana). Fulton writes me this morning that he remembers the incident, and he thinks it may either be Dean Lewis, the Professor of Surgery at Baltimore or Dr Lewis in the Department of Anatomy at Harvard. He suggests that I should write and ask you to tell me about this Dr Lewis. Your kind help would be greatly appreciated.

very sincerely yours,

Walter R. Bett.

P.S. In your last letter to me you conclude with a quotation

quotation which rather intrigues me: 'we forget because we must, and not because we will'. What is its provenance?

W.R.B.

25. January
1935

Columbia University
College of Physicians and Surgeons
630 WEST 168th STREET, NEW YORK
LIBRARY

Dear Dr Francis:

It was so nice to hear from you this morning, and the dinner of the other Society next March sounds most tempting, though I don't know yet how I shall be situated at that time. But a pilgrimage to what you so nicely describe as the Shrine must not on any account be omitted from my programme. It will be such a pleasure to see you again after many years. The

letters

letters 'F.O.C.' mean Friend of the Osler Club — and as I understand it this is the highest and most intimate honour which the Club can bestow. Cushing is another F.O.C. and so is Sudhoff.

New York is a most interesting city to live in, and I am meeting most pleasant people.

My office looks, oh! so bare, and I wonder if you have a photograph of yourself to spare. This I should have framed & should treasure it for my collection.

Very many thanks for your kind words about my book, which is selling quite well both in England and over here.

With kindest regards,

very sincerely yours,

Walter R. Bett.

(Medical Librarian, Columbia University)

22 January, 1935

Dr. W. R. Bett,
630 W. 168th St.,
New York

My dear Bett:

John Fulton tells me that you are on this side. I hope there is some chance of your getting up to see the shrine before you leave America. Would there be any chane of your getting here for our annual Osler Society dinner? The date has been tentatively fixed for the 9th of March. You will receive an invitation later, but meanwhile keep it in mind.

That is an excellent book which you have edited, and is going to be extremely useful. It is just what is needed. How on earth did you manage to get all those stars into your net? You are a wonderful lad and I hope I am to see you again soon. Welcome to our continent.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W.W.

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