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Handwritten initials

February 25, 1921.

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Peter Brent Bringham Hospital,
Fenway Station, Boston, Mass.

Dear Doctor Cushing:-

I wrote to you some time ago in regard to the autopsies that Sir William Osler did at the Philadelphia Hospital. Before sending the letter I got a communication from Dr. Maude Abbott asking me to go as fully as possible into all his activities in pathology while in Philadelphia. As a result of this I have been able to get a great deal of additional information. This paper will have to be completed in the course of the next few weeks. As soon as it is, I will send you a duplicate copy to use as you see fit.

I have been wondering what you were going to do with that "Child of his Imagination" - Egerton Y. Davis? If you have never by any chance seen the latter's chief contribution to medical literature, consult the Medical News, December 13th, 1884, page 673. If there is any doubt in your mind as to who wrote that particular letter, I think the concluding paragraph will convince you. The only instance that I know of that Osler admitted the paternity of Egerton Y. was in a review of James Tyson's Practice of Medicine which he signed "E. Y. D." In the card catalogue of the College of Physicians there is a card with "Egerton Y. Davis" on it which also contains the note - "see Osler."

I hope I have not inconvenienced you by holding up the material I have but I think in the end I will be able to furnish you with a great deal more information on that particular phase of his career.

Very sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature: H. R. M. Landis

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