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Dr. Harvey Cushing,  
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My dear Doctor Cushing:-

I received your enquiry yesterday through Miss Shepley, and am writing you direct instead of replying to her, because I have a rather lengthy explanation. I do not know what that reference refers to. It puzzled me when going over and checking my bibliography at Washington in January, but I have let it stand as a reference with question beside it, because I am under the strong impression that I found evidence to the effect that Sir William did attend that Congress, though I cannot put my hands on it now. There is a long report of it in the Canada Med. & Surg. Jour.,<sup>vol. 7</sup> but this is inscribed from the Boston Med. & Surg. Sept. 14th, 1876. On looking up this reference I find the report in question blocked out in part and an inscription below as above in what appears to be Sir William's writing. <sup>showing he probably prepared it for publication in 1876</sup> His name is not mentioned, in the report, but an article was presented <sup>for</sup> by a Dr. Johnson

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on "<sup>Microscopy</sup> ~~Red Corpuscles~~ in the Blood", which states that there are two varieties of Fish with circular red blood corpuscles. I think it would be worth while looking up the transactions of that Congress, which were published as such, but are not in this library, to see if he attended, as this would be of interest.

When in Washington I checked my bibliography and corrected all misprints. It went to press hurriedly and I did not have a chance of correcting the proof properly. I inserted also a few additional references. I am sending you a corrected copy, enclosed. I gave a similar copy containing all new references which I had found since publication to Miss Blogg, and she promised to acknowledge it, but I see she has made no reference to my work, although she has acknowledged to everyone else.

I hope the biography is progressing satisfactorily. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help. I will feel very deeply distressed if anything I have done with regard to the Osler Bulletin casts any shadow between us. You have been so very kind to me. It is greatly belated but I hope to bring it out in September.

Hoping to hear from you, and with very kind regards,

MEA/B.

Yours very sincerely,

Maudslayi Abbott