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THE GRANGE,  
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19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1914.

Dear Sir William Osler

I am very sorry to have to trouble you again - but I have been studying, with a strong lens, the lettering on the open book in the portrait of that crooked-nosed man. From what I can make out of it he

seems to have been a  
writer on leprosy and  
Elephantiasis (which  
latter, I am surprised  
to find, means "a particularly  
virulent form of leprosy"  
and not some sort of  
"swollen head" - which I  
had always imagined  
it to mean!) Can  
you tell me the name

of any early writer on  
that subject - say in  
the 16<sup>th</sup> or early 17<sup>th</sup> century?  
In case they are any guide  
to you I may mention that  
the books in the background  
are labelled - Plato - Celsus  
Galenus - Serapio - Plinius;  
Paulus - Avicenna  
and Attius Actius.

I am almost certain  
that one of the other medical  
portraits (the one engraved

by "F. V. W." [Lyngeaerde] is  
of a man named "Crollus"  
or "Crollius" or "Croll".  
I hope to find a suitable  
man of that name in the  
library "Biographie  
Universelle" when I am  
next at the Club.

Yours very sincerely  
John Channington

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Sunday. Many thanks for Spielmann's  
address. I will write to him.