

Letter from F. William Cock.

(Letter Script).

19 Randolph Road,
Maida Hill, W.9.
Jan. 31st. 1918.

My dear Osler,

I am glad you are pleased with the stick. The Sam Gurney M.P. was S.G. the younger. He was M.P. for Falmouth and was very fond of putting his name on the various personalia which he possessed. He married Ellen Reynolds daughter of Wm. Foster Reynolds. She was the Aunt of the two ladies, the Misses Reynolds, from whom the stick came. They cannot tell whether it came to their Father or Grandfather. When the goods of S. Gurney Jr. came to be divided among his relatives at his death. These ladies are of the same family as the late Russell Reynolds tho' not closely related, all of good old Quaker stock. I don't know of any paper or work on physicians' canes. The little knowledge I have has been picked up here and there for many years past. "Munk's Ed. of "The Gold headed cane" might have a reference. There is Hogarth's "Consultation" print. I think there is a reference in the Percy Anecdotes subtitulo "Doctors or Physic". Then someone said a little at the R.S.M. when the two worry headed specimens were shewn last year. The old ladies were very pleased with the cheque which was promptly sent off to the R.C. Sale, Sec?

Yrs. Sincerely,

F. William Cock.