

OSLER LIBRARY,
23 Feb., 1956.

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

Dear Dr. Batchelor,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for five dollars for one copy of W. W. Francis: Tributes from his Friends. A specially bound copy to be presented to Dr. Francis next Tuesday will be delivered tomorrow. I expect the rest of the edition will be ready in about two weeks and we will mail your copy as soon as possible.

Your very interesting letter I am putting aside until the celebration is over on Tuesday. Then I will give it to Dr. Francis, and I am sure that he will be more than delighted to have it. I'm afraid I can't answer your questions myself but I am certain that he can do so.

We expect a large attendance at the banquet and nearly 300 of the 500 copies of the book we are printing have been sold already.

With kind regards and best thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
26 Jan., 1956.

Dr. E. H. Bensley,
The Montreal General Hospital,
Montreal.

My dear Director,

When you said you could tell a 12 on 14 at a glance were you by any chance thinking of sweaters?

It gives me very great pleasure in my capacity as an extra non-official member of the banquet committee of the Osler Society of McGill University to invite you (unofficially of course) to buy another ticket to the Osler Banquet and bring your wife. I understand that this will entail the purchase of a dress as well, but as J. A. F. S. has often explained to me, expense is no object. Or, as the editorial committee members always say, we want the binding to be as elegant as the content.

Your offer to hustle duckets at the M. G. H. is much appreciated, and as soon as there are any duckets to hustle we shall see that you get an ample supply.

Before filing it (despite the appearance of my office and the central table in the Osler Library, I do file things from time to time) I re-read the copy you sent me of your letter to Rosen. I think you are probably wise to postpone your debut before the Association, but I hope you won't be too much disappointed in the quality of the papers you will hear in Durham. The symposia at least are likely to be very good. I am going to ask you one day, after the Osler Banquet, to read the manuscript of my treatise on "The Meaning of Poison". Perhaps you will be able to tell me what it means.

I apologize for sending a letter with no cheque enclosed.

LGS:cd

P.S. This morning's mail contains your usual daily contributions - for J. W. McKay and McIver Smith. Your note says "If Dr. McKay has already subscribed to the volume, please put him on the list for a banquet ticket." He has already paid for both. What do we do now? Obviously there is no reason for you to conclude that your canvassing job at the General is over. Just start collecting

P.T.O.

from everybody a second time. Tell them they can have extra helpings of potatoes at the banquet!

OSLER LIBRARY,
26 Jan., 1952.

Dr. E. H. Bensley,
The Montreal General Hospital,
Montreal.

My dear Director,

When you said you could tell a 12 or 13 at a glance were you by any chance thinking of assistants?

It gives me very great pleasure in my capacity as an extra non-official member of the banquet committee of the Osher Society of McGill University to invite you (unofficially of course) to pay another visit to the Osher Library and bring your wife. I understand that this will entail the purchase of a dress as well, but as J. A. F. C. has often explained to me, expense is no object. Or, as the official committee members always say, we want the thing to be as elegant as the content.

Your offer to invite guests at the M. G. H. is much appreciated, and as soon as there are any chances to invite we shall see that you get an ample supply.

Before filling in (besides the experience of my office and the central table in the Osher Library, I do this thing from time to time) I reviewed the copy you sent me of your letter to Rosen. I think you are probably wise to postpone your debut before the Association, but I hope you won't be too much disappointed in the quality of the papers you will hear in Durham. The symposia at least are likely to be very good. I am going to ask you one day, after the Osher banquet, to read the manuscript of my treatise on "The Naming of Poles". Perhaps you will be able to tell me what it means.

I apologise for sending a letter with no sheets enclosed.

Yours truly

P.S. This morning's mail contains your name duly mentioned for J. W. Huxley and Walter Smith. Your note says "If Dr. Huxley has already subscribed to the volume, please put his on the list for a banquet ticket." He has already paid for his. What do we do now? Obviously there is no reason for you to contribute your own conversational job at the General is over. Just start collecting

OSLER LIBRARY,
4 Nov., 1955.

Drs. Bensley and MacDermot,
The Montreal General Hospital,
Cedar Avenue,
Montreal.

Gentlemen:-

Here is a letter from Shryock which I think will serve our turn very well. I wanted a few words from him simply because he is Director of the Hopkins Institute.

Etziony's piece, also enclosed, is good in essence but all fouled up. I have tried a first-person re-write (the business about "the student" is just too coy) which you may wish to revise still more. I hope Mordecai won't be too sensitive to accept this as a basis for his final version. Final, that is, until the Committee gets it.

Yours in the name of The Cause,

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Encls:-

December 6/55

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

MONTREAL 25, QUE.

Dear Lloyd:

Dr. MacDonnell gave me the enclosed memorandum
yesterday and asked me to forward it to you after I had
read it.

To borrow a favourite phrase of Bill Bauld - "I
couldn't give more." However I do feel that we have
made a determined effort to raise the maximum amount
of the personality of each contributor right from the start of
our editorial work. I told Dr. MacDonnell that he
is not no rule. But of course I would give that

Please not - miss - not miss

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

MONTREAL 25, QUE.

Should go over the miss again and think that we must fix
it in. I presume this means going over them together and
making and not circulating them again. I'd be glad to
find some evenings between now and the New Year for a
number of meetings if you wish. Better that I should be
doing that than running down cocktails and looking
at immovable Christmas trees. - but don't say anything
to my wife about that either.

John

(over phone)

Dr. Penfield's essay contains the abbreviation

W.A.A.C. I have tried to find with absolute certainty

what the reports had carried which is a reference to the

Hansen to the best of my knowledge and that of several

others I've consulted it is "Women's Auxiliary

Army Corps."

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

MONTREAL 25, QUE.

TELEPHONE
GL. 6011

Memo on the Francis memorial booklet

an editorial trinity is really no more comprehensible than a religious one! I think they both can be made to work, but only with great care. Our chief problem is how to retain the maximum amount of the personality of each contributor. Of course Bill is the central figure, but the contributors have been hand-picked, and the book will have a value also in showing at least dimly what sort of men they were.

Now I have done my own share of omissions, or suggested omissions, but unless there is bad English, or poor taste, or crudity, or unnecessary stuff, I feel we ought to bend backwards to retain whatever will identify the men. I am even wondering whether I wasn't a bit harsh with Etzinger.

We ought to go over the ms again if we can possibly fit it in.

Suggestions

- ① at the risk of clogged files I would like to keep all the ms, with all our corrections. Certainly they should have an interest later on.
- ② all the covering notes and comments from Cecile must be kept.

H. E. Draeger mdt

Dec. 4/55

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

MONTREAL 25, QUE.

TELEPHONE
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October 20th, 1955.

Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

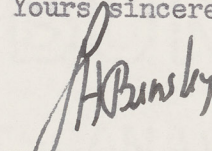
Dear Dr. Stevenson:

My contribution to the volume of tributes to Dr. Francis is enclosed. I hope it will be suitable. I also hope you will use your editorial pencil freely; I know it would be much improved thereby.

The choice of a title I have left to you, since this may be governed to some extent by editorial policy. For example, it could be entitled "The opening of the new Biology Building of the University of Toronto" or "The joy of discovery" or perhaps something between those extremes.

With my kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



E. H. Bensley, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
28 Sept., 1955.

Dr. E. H. Bensley,
157 Morrison Ave.,
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Bensley,

Next year marks the 35th anniversary of the Osler Society. The executive, encouraged by Dr. Harry Ballon, the Honorary President, plans to use the occasion to honour Dr. Francis. We hope to issue a small volume of tributes at the time of the annual banquet, late in February or early in March. Please pick up your facile pen and write me a page or two of whatever comes to mind to fill the bill - on the history of medicine, on the "Oslerian ferment," on what you will as long as it sums up in some sort of tribute to the Osler Librarian. No valedictory tone. "Accentuate the positive."

Needless to say this is all top secret until spring.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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