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9 Feb., 1956.

William Colgate, Esq.,
221 Belsize Drive,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Colgate,

Thank you very much for your cheque for \$5.15 for the purchase of a copy of W. W. Francis: Tributes from his Friends. The book will be mailed to you just as soon as it is ready.

I was happy to receive your letter and to know of your many ties with the medical profession and with McGill. I knew of your twenty years' residence in the Old Rectory at Weston and have examined some of the things which you generously presented to the Osler Library.

We have just seen proofs of the index of the Francis book, which I believe will go into production this week. I am not certain when the buckram-bound copies will be ready. All we are shooting for at the moment is the preparation of a single morocco-bound copy, printed on special paper, to be given to Dr. Francis at the Osler Banquet on Feb. 28th. Of course all the copies will be printed this month and it is only a question of binding 500 of them. I expect your copy will reach you some time in March.

With many thanks and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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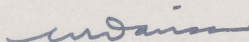
Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Stevenson:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of 20 October, and my apologies for the delay in answering, but I have just returned from a series of medical meetings.

There was nothing that I would rather do than be in Montreal for the presentation banquet on 28 February, but according to present plans, I am speaking at a medical meeting in Anchorage, Alaska on that date. I hope that you will convey personally my best wishes to Bill Francis on this festive occasion.

Yours sincerely,



Wilburt C. Davison

Duke University
DURHAM
NORTH CAROLINA

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October 15, 1955

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Montreal, Canada

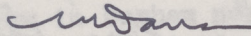
Dear Dr. Stevenson:

I enclose a letter of tribute to Bill Francis, but if it is not suitable, please do not hesitate to say so and I shall rewrite it.

I think the plan of honoring Bill at the time of the annual banquet in February is splendid, and I am very happy to have the honor of being invited to contribute the enclosed tribute.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,



Wilburt C. Davison

Dear Dr Davison,

Bravo! You have struck quite the right note and I am more than pleased, as I am sure Dr Francis will be, with your contribution. I am delighted, too, to have it in good time.

If you can possibly be in Montreal for the presentation banquet, 28 February, 1956, we shall be very happy to see you. If not, I shall look forward to seeing you in Durham next Spring, at the meetings of the American Association of the History of Medicine.

Yours sincerely,

OSLER LIBRARY,
20 Oct., 1955.

Dr. W. C. Davison,
The Dean,
The Medical Faculty,
Duke University,
Durham,
North Carolina, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Davison,

Bravo! You have struck quite the right note and I am more than pleased, as I am sure Dr. Francis will be, with your contribution. I am delighted, too, to have it in good time.

If you can possibly be in Montreal for the presentation banquet, 28th February, 1956, we shall be very happy to see you. If not, I shall look forward to seeing you in Durham next Spring, at the meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
5 Oct., 1955.

Dr. Wilburt C. Davison,
Duke University,
Durham,
North Carolina,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Davison,

Next year is the 35th anniversary of the foundation of the Osler Society of McGill. The student executive, with encouragement from Faculty and Alumni, is planning to honor Dr. Francis at the time of the annual banquet, 16th February, 1956. We intend to issue a small volume of tributes and I should very much like to receive a contribution of a few pages from you - between one and five, double-spaced.

Since you were familiar with the Open Arms in Osler's day, since you have known Dr. Francis for many years and since you yourself compiled a bibliography of the tributes to Osler in 1949, I am sure that you will be glad to have a part in this project. You may even be presumed to have some interest in the Society itself, since I believe that you were once the guest speaker at the annual banquet. If I am not misinformed, Dr. Francis opened the Osler ward at the Duke Hospital. Personal reminiscences seem to promise the greatest variety of material, but I leave it entirely to you and whatever you choose to send will be most welcome.

Since the time for editing, printing and binding is rather short, I shall be especially grateful if you can let me have your contribution by the 1st of December.

I need hardly add that we hope to give Dr. Francis a pleasant surprise and that the whole scheme is a secret.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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November 7, 1955

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

Dear Dr. Stevenson:

Enclosed is the "page or two" about
Bill Francis for which you asked. I hope it is
what you wanted.

Also enclosed are a few Canadian stamps
which I got last summer and haven't used. Perhaps
you will find use for them so they won't go to waste.

Sincerely yours,

Vaunt Dor

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Many thanks and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson

OSLER LIBRARY,
9 Nov., 1955.

Miss Janet Doe,
The Librarian,
The New York Academy of Medicine,
2 East 103rd Street,
New York 29,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Miss Doe,

Your contribution to W. W. Francis: Tributes from his Friends strikes exactly the right note, and provides exactly the information I wanted. Everyone will be pleased with it and W. W.F. himself will be enchanted.

Since Bill is the prince of quibblers in literary matters, our editorial committee (Dr. Bensley, Dr. MacDermot and I) has felt called upon to fine-tooth-comb every sentence and scrutinize every comma. (We don't expect to escape altogether but we want to make him hunt for his prey.) Your manuscript may therefore be subjected to very slight verbal changes; if, there is anything more to be done (I can't imagine that there will be) than the least of details I shall of course consult you.

Many thanks and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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P.S. Thanks for the stamps. But come back to Canada next summer - or sooner.

OSLER LIBRARY,
29 Dec., 1955.

Miss Janet Doe,
The New York Academy of Medicine,
2 East 103rd Street,
New York,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Miss Doe,

Thanks for your note of December 20th, with your free permission to make the slight changes in your manuscript which we have proposed. I regret the demise of the twins. Otherwise there is nothing of any importance. We are very much pleased with your contribution and delighted to have these aspects of W. W. F. so competently described.

All good wishes for 1956.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
30 Sept., 1955.

Miss Janet Doe,
The New York Academy of Medicine,
2 East 103rd Street,
New York 29,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Miss Doe,

I am delighted with your letter
of 30 September and so glad to know that
you are willing to contribute to our
little book. Unfortunately the date
of the banquet has been moved up three
weeks and time grows short. Could you
let me have something by 1 December at
the latest?

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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September 30, 1955

Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, P. Quebec
Canada

Dear Dr. Stevenson:

It is a joy to know that Bill Francis' unusual attributes are to be recognized. I will be delighted to contribute.

Sincerely,

Vaughan Dor

Dear Mrs. Doe,

I am delighted with your letter of 30 September and so glad to know that you are willing to contribute to our little book. Unfortunately the date of the banquet has been moved up three weeks and time grows short. Could you let me have something by December 1st at latest? 45

OSLER LIBRARY,
28 Sept., 1955.

Miss Janet Doe,
The New York Academy of Medicine,
2 East 103rd Street,
New York, 29,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Miss Doe,

Next year marks the 35th anniversary of the Osler Society of McGill University, and a plot is hatching to make this occasion an excuse for honoring Dr. Francis. It is proposed to issue a slender volume of tributes at the time of the annual banquet, late in February or early in March. Can you spare the time to write a page or two, with special reference to Franciscan activities in the M. L. A. (I find that you were Secretary when he was President, 1936-37), and with some mention of the close association between W. W. F. and the late Dr. Malloch? We want to hear from you on your own behalf, on behalf of the M. L. A. and on behalf of the Academy. (For three behalfs we'll be much beholden.) We intend to avoid any valedictory touches. Ave atque ave. It is all top secret until spring.

It was a great pleasure to meet you during the antibiotic jamboree. I hope to return and spend more time in your rare book room.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
16 Nov., 1955.

Miss Ruth Draper,
66 East 79th Street,
New York 21,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Miss Draper,

Thank you for your recent letter and the amended
copy of your (still secret) letter to Dr. Francis.

No, the only occasion for this tribute is the
35th anniversary of the Osler Society at McGill. Bill
is now seventy-seven and will not celebrate another birth-
day until April 2nd, 1956. We like the idea of doing
him honour on the Society's birthday rather than his
because the reminder of advancing years is less obvious.
Also his service to the Society since 1929 is the chief
reason for this volume of tributes, but we wanted to give
a picture of the man and his work, as well as his friendships,
at the same time, so we invited about a dozen "outsiders"
to say a few words.

Your message will hearten him very much I know,
and it will also enliven our little book for other readers.
We shall be pleased to send you a complimentary copy as soon
as they are ready.

Yours sincerely,

RUTH DRAPER
66 EAST 79TH STREET
NEW YORK 21

Nov. 21st

Dear Dr. Stevenson

So glad you liked my
letter to Dr. Francis.

Of course change the "young
Italian friend" to shall we
say "my young friend"?

My best wishes for the
great occasion. Thanks
for letting me share in the
nice tribute to Dr. Francis.

In haste - yours sincerely Ruth Draper.

Nov. 6th

Dear Dr. Stevenson

Enclose a brief
greeting to Bill Francis.
Tho' his return here
since 1918 I think, has
not seen much of him
save at long intervals,
but my memories of
his W^m. ~ Norham Gardens
are a rich part of my
life - & so must count
on those for my chief reason

OSLER LIBRARY,
10 Nov., 1955.

Miss Ruth Draper,
66 East 79th Street,
New York 21, Street,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Miss Draper,

Thanks so much for your delightful contribution to the little book of tributes to Dr. Francis which we plan to publish early in the new year. We are very pleased to have it and I know that it will add very much to Bill's pleasure in the book. Since this is to appear in print, though privately issued and not actually "published", I wonder if it would not be better to substitute "a young friend of mine", or something equally vague, for "my young Italian friend".

Your three paragraphs about Oxford are particularly charming. I am so glad that it occurred to us to ask you for this letter.

Please ignore the note I mailed to you yesterday. It was part of a general campaign to get all the contributions in on time. I am grateful to you for your prompt reply and your very satisfactory message.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
8 Nov., 1955.

Miss Ruth Draper,
66 East 79th Street,
New York City,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Miss Draper,

I hope that you received my letter of 18th Oct. 1955. You will remember that I asked you for a brief reminiscence or greeting, anything you might choose though no more than a paragraph, for inclusion in a book of tributes to your old friend Dr. W. W. Francis, which is to be published early in the new year. I am sorry that the time is so short, but it has been necessary to set Dec. 1st as our deadline.

I am afraid that I have not been able to follow the news of the theatre as closely as I would like to do. It occurs to me that you may be on tour and may not have received my letter. While we are doing our best to meet the deadline which has been set, it is more than likely that we will be forced to change it; so that should you find my letters on your return to New York, or receive them somewhere on your travels, please be good enough to let me know. To secure a paragraph over your signature, which would delight Dr. Francis enormously, we will hold up the printer to the last possible moment.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
18 Oct., 1955.

Miss Ruth Draper,
66 East 79th Street,
New York City,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Miss Draper,

Your old friend Dr. Francis continues in reasonably good health, considering his age and ailments. Next year marks the 35th anniversary of the Osler Society of McGill University, which he has watched over for a generation, and we are planning to have a banquet in his honor about the middle of February. Arthur Lismer is doing a pencil portrait to be presented to him at that time. In addition (and this is top secret) we plan to publish a small volume of tributes from old friends and associates. We want to include people who have known him in all sorts of capacities, so that the book will have enough variety to be really interesting.

Would you be good enough to send us a brief reminiscence or greeting, whatever you choose, from one to five pages in length, double-space? I know that he would be thrilled by anything you might send us and the presence of your name among the contributors would crown his delight.

Unfortunately our great idea was dreamed up a little late, and the time for completing the editorial work, printing and binding is now rather short. We have been forced to set December 1st, 1955, as our deadline.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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