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December 5, 1955

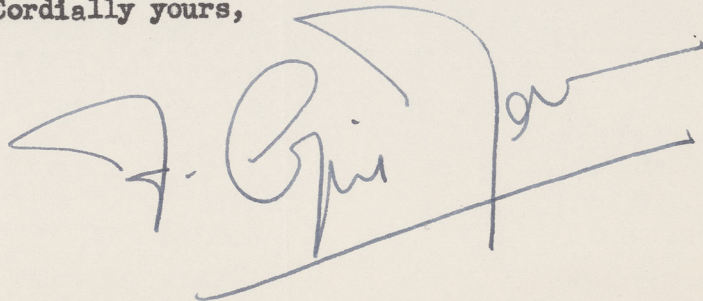
Dear Dr. Stevenson,

In response to your note of November 17th,  
I shall certainly come to the Osler Banquet on the 28th February  
if possible, and am making a note on my calendar that on this  
occasion the volume in honour of Dr. Francis will be presented to  
him.

With best wishes meanwhile, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson,  
Osler Library.

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F. CYRIL JAMES

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MONTREAL 2

November 7th,  
1955.

Dear Dr. Stevenson,

In response to your suggestion, I shall be glad to write a paragraph or two to be included in the book of tributes to Dr. Francis, and since this must be done before I leave for England I should appreciate it very much if you could let me have some data on which I can base this message.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson  
Osler Library

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. G. Stevenson', written in a cursive style.



The Principal,  
McGill University.

OSLER LIBRARY,  
8 Nov., 1955.

Dear Mr. Principal,

Dr. Francis, a cousin of Sir William Osler's but regarded by him as a nephew, was born in Montreal seventy-seven years ago, brought up in Toronto, educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, and at The Johns Hopkins, where he was graduated A. B. and M.D. Post-graduate work at the Royal Victoria and the Johns Hopkins was followed by a Wanderjahr in Europe, in preparation for paediatric practice in Montreal. This practice was terminated by an attack of tuberculosis. After his recovery he served as assistant-editor of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, under Sir Andrew Macphail, and as secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Medical Association. He went overseas with the No. 3 General Hospital (McGill) which he served as Registrar. After the war he lived for about two years in Geneva, where he was editor of the International Journal of Public Health, published in English, French, Spanish and Italian. Next he went to Oxford, where he spent a number of years as principal editor of the Bibliotheca Osleriana. He accompanied the books themselves to Montreal for their installation in the Osler Library, which was opened in May, 1929. He has presided over this library ever since, showing it to visitors and students, giving lectures in the history of medicine, and answering questions through a world-wide correspondence.

Thirty-five years ago the Osler Society, an undergraduate body devoted to the pursuit of the history of medicine, was established at this University. For nearly a generation Dr. Francis has been the friend and mentor of the students of this Society. He has seldom missed a regular meeting or a banquet and has generously assisted the members in preparing their historical papers. His bibliographical guidance is invaluable, and the great catalogue, the Bibliotheca Osleriana,



is considered to be a monumental contribution to medical bibliography. His knowledge of Greek, Latin and several modern European languages has enabled him to range widely through medical literature.

I hope that this information will be satisfactory for your purpose. Thank you very much for your willingness to contribute to the little volume of appreciations.

Yours respectfully,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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James  
OSLER LIBRARY,  
17 Nov., 1955.

The Principal,  
McGill University.

Dear Mr. Principal,

Many thanks for your very charming  
contribution to the little volume in  
honour of Dr. Francis. It couldn't be  
better. I have a short letter to await his  
reply.

I hope that you will be able this  
year to attend the Osler Banquet (28 February  
at the Ritz Carlton) when the presentation  
to Dr. Francis will be made. Your presence  
would crown the occasion for him and for  
all of us who have worked on the book.

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

Respectfully yours,

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Encl:-  
Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,  
17 Nov., 1955.

Mrs. D. McMurray,  
McGill University.

Dear Mrs. McMurray,

This is to acknowledge with thanks  
receipt of the Principal's manuscript.  
I enclose a short letter to await his  
return.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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Encl:-



OSLER LIBRARY,  
19 Dec., 1955.

Mr. P. A. C. Ketchum,  
Trinity College School,  
Port Hope,  
Ont.

Dear Mr. Ketchum,

Below is the copy of your contribution to the book of tributes to Dr. Francis. Please let me know if there is any mistake which requires correction. We are a little bit puzzled by "rei studiosus" which is undoubtedly good Latin but does not seem perfectly applicable to Dr. Francis if I understand what you mean by it.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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Magni doctoris umbra, iustus et rei  
studiosus vir: filius delectissimus Collegii  
Trinitatis Scholae.

"His torch was lighted at the infinite and  
steadfast will remain."



KETCHUM



This is perfect

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL  
PORT HOPE, ONT.

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dr. Stevenson

Thank you for the  
opportunity you have given me  
to pay tribute, however unworthy,  
to Billy Francis.

I have only a few moments  
but suggest the following:

Magni Doctoris umbra, iustus  
et rei studiosus vir: plius  
delectissimus Collegii Trinitatis  
Scholae.

His Torch was lighted at





TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL  
PORT HOPE, ONT.

The infinite and steady fast  
will remain."

I am thinking of his devotion  
to Osher and Osheriana.

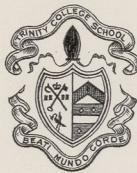
This is a happy thought  
of yours

Philip Ketchum

[KETCHUM]



P. A. C. KETCHUM, M.A., B. PAED.  
HEADMASTER



TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL  
PORT HOPE, ONT.

January 9th, 1956.

Dear Dr. Stevenson,

Many thanks for your further letter; I am quite willing to let 'rei' stand especially if Cicero felt that was good grammar! "in re" seemed on further consideration to be better but probably that is not the case coming after an adjective. It would be all right, I think, after an adverb.

Yes, Philip Ketchum I prefer to P.A.C. Ketchum.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Philip Ketchum*

Dr. Lloyd Stevenson,  
Osler Library,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.



SECRET FILE

OSLER LIBRARY,  
28 Nov., 1955.

Dr. A. P. C. Ketchum,  
c/o St. James Club,  
675 Dorchester Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

Next year marks the 35th anniversary of the Osler Society of McGill. Entirely unknown to Dr. Francis (we are trying to keep it a secret until the last possible moment) we plan to issue a little book to be called W. W. Francis: Tributes from his Friends on the Occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the Osler Society of McGill University. There is, by the way, no question of retirement: we hope that he will continue his work here for many years. I noticed in this morning's paper that you will be in Montreal to speak to the Old Boys of T. C. S. tomorrow. I wonder if you would be good enough to send me in the enclosed envelope a few sentences only to be included in this book. I think T. C. S. may take just pride in having laid the foundation for Dr. Francis's humanistic studies in the history and bibliography of medicine.

I apologize that I did not think to write to you sooner. I address you now at the Club because the deadline for our book is December 1st.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.,  
Assistant Librarian.

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