

OSLER LIBRARY,
24 Nov., 1955.

Dear Sir Geoffrey,

Your beautiful letter to Bill Francis arrived this morning, in very good time as we are to have a meeting of the Editorial Committee at noon today.

No other contribution has delighted me quite so much, and I am sure the good doctor will be enchanted with it. What pleases me particularly is the "bibliographical Power behind the throne". The shadow of the throne has been pretty heavy and a little discrimination is a good thing.

We shall send you a copy of the book as soon as it is ready.

We look forward to seeing you in September 1956. In the meantime,

Many thanks and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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

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Sender's name and address:

Sir Geoffrey Keynes
120 Regent's Park Rd.
London NW1

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15 Nov 1955

Dear Dr Stevenson,

Yes, I had your letter all night, & it has been on my mind. It seemed some rather difficult - to do, and I am afraid my meditations have not yet resulted in anything on paper. But I will try to send something by the deadline, & you can use it or scrap it as you think best.

I do not leave for

Africa until Feb 12,
& shall not be in
Montreal until next
September.

Very Sincerely Yours
Geoffrey Keynes

OSLER LIBRARY,
27 Sept., 1955.

Sir Geoffrey Keynes,
Lammas House,
Brinkley,
Newmarket,
Suffolk,
England.

Dear Sir Geoffrey,

May I begin by offering belated congratulations on the well-deserved honor conferred on you by the Queen? This gave great satisfaction not only to surgeons everywhere but to all admirers of your literary and bibliographic works and to all medical historians.

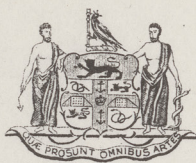
Next year will mark the 35th anniversary of the foundation of the Osler Society of McGill University. The Executive of the Society, with the encouragement of the Honorary President and some of the Alumni, has decided that it would like to honor Dr. Francis on this occasion. It is proposed to print a slender volume of tributes, to be issued at the time of the annual banquet in March, 1956. We hope to include messages from his friends and students at McGill and also from those who have been associated with him elsewhere. It was natural that your name should occur to us at once. I know that all concerned in this matter would be grateful to you, and I am sure that Dr. Francis himself would be very much pleased, if you could find time to send us a brief contribution, no more than a few paragraphs.

I think I need hardly add that the whole affair is "top secret," at least until a short time before the event.

Very sincerely yours,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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*Royal College of Surgeons of England,
Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W.C.2.*

1st November, 1955

Dear Lloyd,

Many thanks for your letter of 24th October. I am delighted to know that you are satisfied with my manuscript. Of course you must put in the additional sentences which you require. I had thought of putting in this detail myself but feared that it would make the page for which you asked me too long. I am perfectly satisfied with your draft and shall also not complain if you want to alter any other sentences in my manuscript.

As far as I know, H.C. Cameron's edition of Wall's Apothecaries has not yet appeared. I do not propose to give the letters of John Hunter which are in the Records Office, in full, I thought a ^{specimen} subsequent letter would serve for all.

I hope your paper will see the light before long.

Yours ever,

William

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

GERHARD R. LOMER
3698 PARC LAFONTAINE
MONTREAL

Oct. 4, 1955.

Dear Dr. Flörsch:

I shall be delighted to
provide a short (very short)
article in praise of my
colleague & many years
to proposed volume of *Trichtes*.

I am honoured by the kind
invitation and shall oblige
you secretly.

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

Gerhard R. Lomer.

OSLER LIBRARY,
29 Sept., 1955.

Dr. G. Lomer,
The Redpath Library.

Dear Dr. Lomer,

Next year marks the 35th anniversary of the Osler Society, and the student executive, encouraged by the Honorary President, Dr. Harry Ballon, and some of the alumni, has determined to make this an occasion for honouring Dr. Francis. It is proposed to print a small volume of tributes, to be issued next spring at the time of the annual banquet. Will you do us the favour of contributing a page or two? Perhaps something about his scholarship - nobody else seems to me so well qualified as you are to write something for us on Dr. Francis as a bibliophile. But whatever you choose.

Needless to say this is all top secret until spring.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
9 Dec., 1955.

Dr. W. B. McDaniel, 2d,
Curator of the Library's Historical Collections,
Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia,
19 South 22nd Street,
Philadelphia 3,
Penna., U. S. A.

Dear Walton,

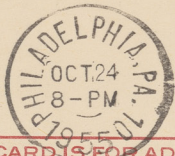
W. W. F. has always cherished his friendship with you and delighted in your letters. If this book had not contained a characteristic specimen of your wit, it would have been incomplete in a vital area. He will be so pleased to read the tribute you have supplied and we are grateful to you for buckling down to it under trying circumstances.

So much of our book is so serious! It is good to have a little spoofing in the vein you know he loves!

Written in the Shrine Itself, this 8th day of December, 1955.

Yours on behalf of the High Priest
and with the heartfelt good
wishes of the Acolyte,

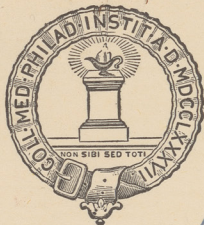
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Dr. Lloyd G. Stevenson
Oster Library
McGill University
Montreal
Canada



Please put this in the same file, so that we will have his name, degree & position.

THE SECTION ON MEDICAL HISTORY
OF THE

College of Physicians of Philadelphia

invites you to attend the Semi-Centennial Meeting at the Hall of the College,
19 South 22nd Street, Phila., Pa. on Tuesday, November 22, 1955 at 9:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

WALTON B. McDANIEL, 2nd, Ph.D., Curator of the Library Historical Collections.
"Expanding the Use of the Library's Historical Collections"

There will be a short business meeting of the Section for election of officers immediately after Dr. McDaniel's address.

Preceding the meeting there will be a subscription dinner at the Hall of the College. Dress optional. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to attend the dinner please forward check for \$5.00 to Dr. Samuel X. Radbill, M.D., 7043 Elmwood Ave., Phila. 42, Pa. before November 19, 1955.

SAMUEL X. RADBILL, M.D.
Chairman

NICHOLAS PADIS, M.D., *Clerk*

LIBRARY OF THE
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS
of Philadelphia

19 SOUTH 22nd STREET
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

18 Oct. 1955

Dear Steve,

OSLER LIBRARY, AM.
18 Oct., 1955.

Of course I shall be glad to contribute to our
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Dr. W. B. McDaniel, II,
Curator of the Library's Historical Collections,
Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia,
19 South 22nd Street,
Philadelphia 3,
Penna., U. S. A

Hail McD.,

As Willie, I believe, is wont to begin.

I am glad that you stand ready to contribute to our little volume. Having lured you into the contributors' column, I can now smack you with a deadline. In order to get everything put together, printed and bound in time for the banquet, December 1st is the latest possible date. I have a committee of dynamic practitioners to satisfy and I expect to be confronted with a new idea every ten minutes from now until the day of publication.

Rid yourself completely, I need not say, of the obituary mood. I want the book to be neither facetious nor solemn, but better the former than the latter. I know you will hit precisely the right note.

We are struggling to arrange a date that will suit Fulton, as nobody else would be able to do quite the same job on the Big Day. Of course you will receive an invitation to this affair and if you can possibly come (about mid-February) you will add joy to the proceedings.

As ever,

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LIBRARY OF THE
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of Philadelphia

19 SOUTH 22nd STREET

Philadelphia 3, Pa.

10 Oct. 1955

Dear Steve,

Of course I shall happily contribute an orphan's mite to the W. W. F. Festschrift. It has - sadly, in my view - been only an epistolary connection that we have had (I have seen him in the round only 2 or 3 times, and then but briefly), but the letters are the man, or largely so, and I welcome any opportunity to join in homage to him. I am weak and trembling at the moment, having just yesterday sent off a lengthyish obit. on James Francis Ballard - but that is a horse of a different color.

While I have your ear, thank you for your charming bread-and-butter letter of some months back. If, when you and Mrs S. come for that tourist visit, you don't take me around with you a fair part of the time, I shalln't love you any more.

Yrs etc.

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I am sorry to say another word on your account because I know that you are bothered by requests of this kind, but your old friendship with W. W. F. makes that of course will not be questioned. Of course the affair is a dark secret.

With kindest regards,

OSLER LIBRARY,
6 Oct., 1955.

Dr. W. B. McDaniel, II,
Curator of the Library's Historical Collections,
Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia,
19 South 22nd Street,
Philadelphia 3,
Penna., U. S. A.

My dear McDaniel,

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Next year we mark the 35th anniversary of the Osler Society of McGill. Dr. Francis has been, as he says, the wet nurse of this group for nearly a generation. With encouragement from Faculty members and Alumni, the student executive plans to make the annual banquet, 16th February, 1956, a special occasion for honoring the good doctor. We plan to issue at that time a small volume of tributes, not only from past presidents and former members of the Society, but also from friends who have known W. W. F. in various capacities over the years. May I count on you? I hope to get from LeFanu, and perhaps from Keynes, testimonials to the merit of the great catalogue. I might have asked this of you equally well, except that I knew that you would be able to give me instead, as I hope you will be willing to do, something a little more personal and more amusing. Anything from one page to a top limit of five, double-spaced. I should like, if possible, to get all the material together by December 1st, since the arrangement, printing and binding will take a fair length of time, and since unforeseen delays are always foreseeable, so to speak.

I am sorry to lay another burden on your shoulders because I know that you are pestered by requests of various kinds, but your old friendship with W. W. F. makes me feel that my demand will not be unwelcome. Of course the whole affair is a dark secret.

With kindest regards,

Yours ever,

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