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Historical Library

19 December 1951

My dear Bill:

That was a nice letter you wrote to George Blumer. I am startled to discover that you did not know the origin of the phrase "Captain of the men of death". I have often used it, and thought, of course, that it came from the "Progress" but I had never tried to track it down to the original edition. Be sure to let me know if you succeed in running it to earth.

I have sent the three Osler reprints to your friend, Mrs. W. I trust that she will realize that you put me up to sending them.

Not much in the way of news here. I am still trying to catch up, and also trying to edit the text of my Louvain monograph; I find it difficult now that I have no one to turn to for my French.

With all good wishes.

Yours ever,

John

P.S. Have you seen Henry Sigerist's paper "Living Under the Shadow" in the January number of the Atlantic? It is well worth reading. You could probably write something better ~~as~~ it is the first of a series of papers on the general theme of "When Doctors are Patients".

Dr. W. W. Francis
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11 December 1951

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

My dear Bill:

I have just been trying to find the top of my desk and in the process came upon a title in the Export Book Catalogue on 'Lawful Concubinage in a Case of Necessity'. The next thing I picked up was your priceless letter with the ditty from Marian about resigning in favor of concubinage. She comes by her wit, I think, quite honestly.

Mrs. Ruth Worthington will receive a copy of the G.R.O. paper, as you request.

I am still rather in the clouds after my final week at Louvain. There were six farewell dinners on succeeding nights, and they gave me an honorary degree after my last lecture and one of the King's Ministers tied a great dazzler around my neck, making me Commander of the Order of Leopold. Both things came as a surprise. J'etais sans paroles. We had three days' "rest" in Paris, and then flew back via Shannon and Gander, arriving in time for a dinner party that Lucia was giving at Mill Rock for Lew Weed. It was a little like jumping out of the frying pan into the fire.

I have conveyed your messages to the gals who are deep in proof and the index to the final number of the Journal of the History of Medicine. They refuse to be interrupted by anything, so your good friend Mary Wheeler is doing this letter.

Yours ever,



John Fulton

*Happy New Year! I remember
the time you, Lucia & John came
to lunch at my apartment
with much pleasure.
Mary Wheeler*

OSLER LIBRARY,
5 Dec., 1951.

Dear John,

Welcome home, if and when you are arriving. I sent your jolly Folies-Bergères-Notre-Dame letter to Marian. I think I wrote you, via Elizabeth, my rude pome "To an Annuali^apéra". Did it phase the Brat? Not at all. She WANTS four in rapid succession, hoping thus to return to medicine perhaps as soon as 1959. And the shameless hussy added:

For medicine I begin to pine;
After the next one I'll resign
In favor of a concubine!

The latest recruit to the Maudie-Rosie band of elderly Osleriolatrices is Mrs. Ruth Worthington, librarian of the Free Library, Saranac Lake, N. Y. She and her husband used to collect archery and horse literature. Since his death she has turned Oslerian. She wants a reprint of your "C.R.O., her influence" and deserves it, if you have one to spare.

We've just discovered the question papers of W. O.'s first year exams in Arts at Trinity. If he answered half the "Honour Latin" and Greek drama papers, he was thoroughly qualified for the presidency of the Classical Assoc. in 1868!

Love to the gals, including Lucia, and I hope you brought yourself and Madeline back whole, in the cabin, not like W. O.'s friend, "in the hold".

Yours ever,

Dr. John F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.



2.XII.51

Yale ✓

LOUVAIN. — Parc Saint-Donat.

LEUVEN. — Park Sint-Donatus.

Dear W.W.F., Here I am, on the very last day
here. Writing p.c.'s that have long been overdue —
It's been a busy month, but Friday was the last
lecture (on Vesale), followed by a gift of the Univ's
gold medal to a Doctorate honoris cause, followed by
the gift from the King of the designation — Commander
of the Order of Leopold I. Some university gent.
of our acquaintance said that John looked like
a Christmas tree! It was quite a day!! Now
however it's Paris until the 7th, then home
by air. It's been a strenuous three months for John
but I think he's all right, and much more calm
in his mind. Affectionately
I send you letters to H.-Schuman!

Madison

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D. W. W. Francis

1620. Cedar Avenue

Montreal. P.Q., Canada

VIA AIR MAIL

DR. JOHN F. FULTON
333 Cedar Street
New Haven 11, Connecticut
November 21, 1951

*Please
return
S. B. K.*

My dear Bill:

Your amusing letter of the 11th, addressed to me via Elizabeth, finds me following monkish pursuits here in this ancient Catholic seat of learning. I now know about High Mass, Cardinal Mercier, genuflecting, crossing myself, and yesterday I went to a Te Deum for the King in full academic regalia. You can now understand why when I went to Paris to meet Madeline I took her to the Casino de Paris, ^{one night} and the Folies Bergère the next. By way of contrast, I took her on All Saints' Day to High Mass at Notre Dame where there were five cardinals and at least twenty bishops marching around that gorgeous place in solemn procession. The pageantry was quite as good as that of the Folies Bergère, in some ways much better.

I was extremely sorry to hear the sad news about Donald McEachern. He was much too young to go, but on the other hand I am not entirely surprised because he always looked as though he were carrying a very high blood pressure. We have also had the unhappy news of Adson's sudden death out in Rochester, Minnesota.

Adson is my old friend. Not at all.

Madeline is working very hard getting my lectures ready for press. These enthusiastic Belgians announced after I arrived that they wanted me to publish my conférences as a monograph in la belle langue française, and I may say that it has been no simple matter. You will forgive me if I am brief, but I shall keep you posted from time to time.

Meanwhile, all good wishes from two of your most ardent admirers.

Yours ever,

John

Dr. William Francis
1620 Cedar Ave.
Montreal, Canada

NOV.
Dictated in Louvain
17 October 1951
Transcribed in New
Haven

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Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

3 November 1951

*11. Nov 51 J. via Elizabeth
acknowledging the method Bill's
+ sending him a small photo of John*

Dear Dr. Bill,

Your "pome" and your circular letter to Henry Schuman came at just the right time to dispel the gloom and emptiness that reigned after seeing Madeline on the train to NY and Paris. You have no equal anywhere when it comes to whimsy (and many other things!) and your communications, whether letters or scribbles, are something I dearly cherish.

For you I have one enclosure that you will probably find amusing since it offeres a picture of John chasing monkeys all over the Van Gehuchten institute--and 'tis no exaggeration--the people there don't know how to handle them and the day a number were delivered, they let everyone get away from them and they spent a day trying to retrieve them. John is so waited on and assisted here that he is having his troubles, but he seems to look on them with his ~~accustomed~~^{dry} merry sense of humor.

The other enclosure may or may not give you trouble--I'm sorry to burden you but John said you would know more quickly than anyone else.

Two days ago we went you a copy of John's Rosenbach Lectures which you were so good as to read over for him and give us much help and advice. John was disappointed with the illustrations, but they were the best they could do--he had to help pay for them as it was. He has seen the finished product because Madeline took a copy to him but we haven't heard his reaction.

The Sun Life Review with its piece about Sir William by Ian MacNeill has been added to the pile of things awaiting John's return. I wanted to read it immediately but finished only the first page before I was recalled to DUTY of which there is more than I like at the moment with J. and M. both away. I thought what little I read gave a very "alive" picture of Sir W. What do you think of it?

John is lecturing with more facility but until the end of his days he will use up quantities of adrenalin before a lecture. He continues to be wined and dined and has concluded that all the medical faculty of Louvain married wealthy wives. He stood the flying trip to Liverpool to give the second Sherrington Lecture remarkably well and I got a cable "WHO AM I LUNCHING WITH ON FRIDAY IN LONDON". Had another cable on Tuesday asking for NPH 40 insulin since he had inadvertently pulled the window down on his reserve supply and can get only protamine insulin over there which doesn't work so well for him as the combination of fast and slow acting. He and M. are having a fling in Paris this week.

Please write me again before too long.

Affectionately, Elizabeth

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3 November 1951

Dear Mr. Bill,

Your home and your circular letter to Henry Schuman came at just the right time to dispel the gloom and emptiness that reigned after seeing Madeline on the train to NY and Paris. You have no equal anywhere when it comes to many (and many other things!) and your communications, whether letters or scribbles, are something I dearly cherish.

For you I have one enclosure that you will probably find amusing since it offers a picture of John clearing his throat all over the Van Gogh Museum--and 'tis an exaggeration--the people there don't know how to handle them the day a number were delivered, they let everyone get away from them and they spent a day trying to retrieve them. John is so waited on and assisted here that he is having his troubles, but he seems to look on them with his accustomed merry sense of humor.

The other enclosure may or may not give you trouble--I'm sorry to burden you but John said you would know more easily than anyone else.

Two days ago we went to a copy of John's Rosenbach Dec-1950 which you were so good as to read and give us much help and advice. John was disappointed with the illustrations, but they were the best they could do--he had to help pay for them as it was. He has seen the finished product because Madeline took a copy to him but we haven't heard his reaction.

The Sun Life Review with its piece about Sir William Osler MacNell has been added to the pile of things awaiting John's return. I wanted to read it immediately but finished only the first page before I was recalled to LUTY of which there is more than I like at the moment with J. and M. both away. I thought what little I read gave a very "alive" picture of Sir W. What do you think of it?

John is lecturing with more facility but until the end of his days he will use up quantities of adrenalin before a lecture. He continues to be wired and dined and has concluded that all the medical faculty of Bouvier married wealthy wives. He stood the flying trip to Liverpool to give the second Sperry Lecture remarkably well and I got a cable "WHO AM I LUNCHING WITH ON FRIDAY IN LONDON". Had another cable on Tuesday asking for \$25.00 insulin since he had inadvertently pulled the window down on his reserve supply and can get only proteinase insulin over there which doesn't work so well for him as the combination of fast and slow acting. J. and M. are having a fling in Paris this week.

Please write me again before too long.

Yours truly,
Bill

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UNIVERSITÉ DE LOUVAIN
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CONFÉRENCES
données par le Docteur JOHN F. FULTON
STERLING PROFESSOR - YALE UNIVERSITY

ÉTUDES PHYSIOLOGIQUES DE L'ÉCORCE CÉRÉBRALE
CHEZ LE SINGE, LE CHIMPANZÉ ET L'HOMME

4 octobre 1951, à 17 heures

- I. Aperçu historique sur l'évolution des méthodes pour l'étude du système nerveux :
1. Les origines.

16 octobre 1951, à 16 h. 30

- II. Aperçu historique : 2. Les applications psychobiologiques aux XIX^e et XX^e siècles.

23 octobre 1951, à 16 h. 30

- III. L'écorce précentrale.

6 novembre 1951, à 16 h. 30

- IV. Le cerveau viscéral.

13 novembre 1951, à 16 h. 30

- V. Etude du comportement des primates à la suite de lésions frontales.

20 novembre 1951, à 16 h. 30

- VI. La lobotomie chez l'homme dans les états mentaux et la douleur.

27 novembre 1951, à 16 h. 30

- VII. Charles Scott Sherrington — Philosophe du système nerveux.

4 décembre 1951, à 17 heures

- VIII. André Vésale — Fondateur de l'anatomie moderne.

Les conférences du 4 octobre et du 4 décembre auront lieu à la Salle des Promotions, Halles Universitaires (rue de Namur), les autres conférences à l'Auditoire Central, Cliniques Universitaires (Voer des Capucins).

Les conférences III, IV, V, et VI seront suivies d'un colloquium.

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27 September 1951.

Dear Dr. Bill:

The "extract from Dr. Francis' 'Patter'" was sent off to the Exchange Professor under the Fondation Francqui now resident at the University of Louvain, and he has found it most amusing. I am not certain that he has told you so directly, for as yet he has done (at least to my knowledge) very little of the oldfashioned kind of letter writing. Elizabeth arranged for him to have a Soundscriber machine in Louvain so that the diary could be mailed back on discs and typed here. The result has been that he has done practically all his correspondence that way - even to Lucia! At first the gals could understand practically nothing, but gradually things have become adjusted and it is not too difficult to transcribe the records, though the Flemish names and the peppering of French are not always too easy. We all have turns at putting the headpieces over our ears and listening to what sounds to me like a very pontifical voice; we make notes about what is expected of us, and that is that. I am not sure the whole thing was not a great mistake!

Madame Massier (who was Mme. Doucet earlier - she now has a divorce, I believe, and goes by her maiden name) has gone down from Paris and is working full-time for him. He found when he arrived in Louvain that he was expected to publish his eight lectures, and in French at that, so he says he dictates most of the morning in rather awful French and it comes back to him in the afternoon all beautiful! I don't really have a very clear picture of exactly how he carries on or how he feels; and neither does anyone else. He has recently petitioned me to come over in November, and then of course I would know; but I have meanwhile raised a number of questions of a direct nature and until I have answers to them I shall not make up my mind. I don't think Louvain in November sounds very exciting, do you? And particularly to an ageing female with beginning arthritis and very little French!!

Besides the eight formal lectures, he is supposed to give weekly demonstrations in Prof. Van Gehuchten's laboratory. This is on the sixth floor of a new building, and the lift is proving recalcitrant and won't yet run! One of the lads from here, a Spaniard named José Delgado, has just gone to Louvain on his way back to the States from a holiday in Madrid and will stay there about three weeks to help get the Bovie apparatus set up and the various experiments under way. That will be an enormous help; but I do hope the lift gets fixed soon.

On the 10th of October there is to be some big celebration commemorating the centenary of Cardinal Mercier and John has been asked to be Yale's official delegate. It comes at an awkward time, for he has to be in Liverpool on the 11th to give the second Sherrington Lecture, but I trust the weather will be all right and he can fly without trouble on the afternoon of the 10th. He plans to spend a day or so in London afterwards and then return to Louvain, and so far as I know he has no other plans to wander - unless he should meet me in Paris on All Saints' Day. That would be fun, I'm sure; but I don't believe I can make the long journey solely for that.

Lucia has been off on a motor trip with Ellie Hunneman since last Friday. She telephoned this morning from the Natural Bridge Hotel and says they have had a lovely time. They'll be back on Saturday, I expect, and Lucia will be here for most of October, I gather, but then will go up to Tops again to be with her mother. Much to John's disgust, George Thorn told her he thought it was probably better for her not to go to Louvain as that would involve John in much more social activities which he could sidestep being alone. John is still trying to get her to change her mind, but she says she's made her decision and is concentrating on their trip next summer when John won't have any responsibilities. We shall see.

This is a terribly scrappy letter, written spang in the middle of the morning when I should be working, and in consequence has been interrupted about a dozen times. I wanted to get something off to you, for you have sent me two very nice letters which I cherish. With luck I shall hope to write you this week-end, but at present I'm being bedevilled by the necessity of dreaming up two exhibitions - one to coincide with the celebration of our 250th anniversary convocation on the 19th of October and the other for the meeting of the National Academy of Science the first week in November. I am not remarkably good at this, and I ~~am~~ miss John giving me a shove from time to time.

No more now, except for a goodly amount of l. and k.

Affectionately,

Madelaine

OSLER LIBRARY,
14 Sept., 1951.

Miss M. Stanton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Avenue,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear

When I get that threatened letter from you (thanks for the nice holiday p.c.) let me know John's ~~itinerary~~ (Oslo?) and how he went (flight alone or surface with Lucia?).

Here's a clipping "Lover of the Bodleian" of which I find that I pasted a duplicate in the Bridgesiana John sent me years ago. I'm glad to see its source is there given, the column by "Peterborough" in the "Daily Telegraph", 26 April, 1943. Perhaps John sent it to me and this is coals to Newcastle?

It was Lady O. who described Bridges as "the rudest man [she] had ever met". W. O.'s note reads: "Bridges was a nice man to see - so good looking - but a hopeless man to meet, either from constitutional shyness or from rudeness, I never could make out which." And W. O. wrote to Radin (your H. C. "1919" folder): "Bridges ... is a wonderful technician, but I wish he had more music in his soul."

Perhaps that has all gone to John before.

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August 28, 1951

My dear Bill:

*Hebbel is
back today*

How nice of you to write on the eve of my departure. I didn't realize that Hebbel was going up to see you. He and Helen, Joanna and Victoria paid us a visit down in the substacks of the Historical Library where Madeline and I were trying to sort out Klebs' duplicates. I always enjoy seeing him, and Helen is, of course, very special. I have never come to know the children, but I could scarcely believe my eyes when I saw Joanna who is about to plunge into adolescence. I refuse to have any word to say to anyone about my successor, but I can say to you in the privacy of the family that I would not be at all sad if they had the wit to appoint Hebbel. He has Oxford and McGill behind him; he has a keen historical perspective in physiology and he is probably the best teacher I have ever had on my staff.

stet ~~more~~ Your advice about Louvain is warmly appreciated. I feel rather uneasy about entering a Catholic university when I don't know how to genuflect or when to cross myself than I do about my deficiencies in the French language. I am importing my good friend Madame Massier-Doucet who helped me so much last winter in Paris for five or six weeks in Louvain. She will keep me grammatical, at least so long as I put myself on paper, and I am also having José-Manuel Rodriguez Delgado, of the Cajal Institute, who spent two years in New Haven to help me organize the new experimental surgical laboratory in Professor Van Gehuchten's institute. I was most amused by your tale of your maiden sister asking for a brasserie in a lingerie shop. This reminds me of a Swiss gal, a most elegant and aristocratic young woman, who when she first came to the States was asked on a hot day in a watering place in Maine what she would like before dinner and she said a very cold douche. Apparently she had not quite distinguished between a cold shower and a French convenience. This also reminds me of a story about Haile Selassie who was said to have referred to Mussolini as "ma enema, il douche". Have you heard the story of the Scottish peer who decided to marry a much younger woman and when he consulted his Edinburgh physician he had an excellent report upon the state of his health, but the physician said: "If you take a young woman to that castle you ought to have a paying guest." He said: "Yes, yes, my mon. A very good idea, I shall do that." Several months later when he met his physician he was asked how things were going and he threw out his chest and said: "Her Ladyship is pregnant," and after some desultory conversation the physician asked: "Did you follow my advice about a paying guest?" He said: "Oh yes I did. It probably was good advice, but she's pregnant too!"

And one last dart before I cross the Atlantic.

Margaret Truman: "Mother, why can't we persuade father
to say fertilizer? instead of manure?"

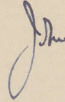
Mrs. Truman: "Margaret my dear, it has taken me thirty
years to persuade him to say manure."

You ask about Elizabeth and Madeline. They are both back and
have been trying earnestly to get me off for Europe. The day after I leave
they are both taking a British weekend with Ernest Sachs up in Keene Valley,
New York. I don't know when they will return, but I think they will be
fairly well chaperoned by Mrs. S.

her wife!

All the best,

Yours ever,



Dr. William Francis
1620, Cedar Avenue
Montreal, Canada

P.S. I was very glad to be reminded about Poperinghe. I have
never seen Revere's grave, and I shall certainly making a point of doing
so.



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April 26, 1951

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of 23 April enclosing the check for \$44.10 covering my air return trip to Montreal for the Curators' meeting. The Trustees are generous to make this reimbursement and I shall try to invest it in something useful for the Osler Library.

Did I tell you that I am flying over to London next week en route to Oslo where I am attending an academic ceremony on May 10 all of which is very pleasant. Lucia will not be going with me as Joan Liddell is coming over from Oxford to be with Lucia for the month of May. Pat Liddell, as you no doubt know, succeeded to the Chair of Physiology at Oxford, and I hope to see something of him while Lucia is entertaining Joan.

I am glad that you identified some of your birthday cards, but following your example I think it is never entirely wise to identify all of them in one's wife's eyes. It might give her wrong ideas.

I am sorry about Hilda's rebroken arm. Tell her that she has reached the brittle age and that at her time of life she should really be more careful.

I shall be interested to learn what Archie decides to do about the H. C. letters. I can't think that they would have been too acrimonious, but of course he and Archie did not always understand one another.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,



Dr. W. W. Francis
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OSLER LIBRARY,
23 April, 1951.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

I have an uneasy feeling that I've neglected you in other matters besides the enclosed N. Y. cheque for \$44.10 for some of your expenses. Notice the grand official designation George III's 1800 charter legally saddled us with. The necessary came later from J. McGill!

Assumed it. / that it was

As W. O. said, I was thoroughly be-birthdayed, such popularity, twelve cards, the three raciest (much admired) apparently from you (assuming that the Elizabethan inscription on one of them was forged by you!). My Pegasus isn't working, or the gals should have a jingly response.

Hilda's broken arm is still painful and not very useful. She fell on it again as soon as it got out of the cast! Incurable.

Archie is sending me his letters from W. O., Allbutt, & al. I told him I thought those from H. C. should go to you. Perhaps I shouldn't have. They may be acrimonious? We'll see.

My best to you all, with apologies for the financial delay (my fault).

Yours ever,

Rich

WTF:cd
Encl:-

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9 March 1951.

Dear Bill:

With regard to the Culpeper Bartholin, H.C. had the 1668 edition, and apparently when John Beattie learned that he lacked the 1663 edition of the same work he presented it to him, and I find the following note:

John Beattis has given me a 1663 copy of the Culpeper book with a different title-page but the same blocks and same number of pages, much of it reset but by no means all; a preliminary leaf of advertisements. [Actually this is a page on the verso of the title-page. MS]

There is also a note from you in the Beattie copy, dated 24.iii.31, which runs as follows:

Re Editions in English of Thos. Bartholin's
recensions of Caspar's Anatomy.

There are none recorded in the following catalogues: Royal Coll. of Phys., Lond., 1912; Bodleian printed Cat., 1843-51; Hunterian Lib., Glasgow (1917); or in Watt's Bibliotheca Brit., 1824; or in Portal's 'Histoire de l'Anatomie,' 1770; 1668 is the only one in the Index Catal., S.G.L., or mentioned in any of the French or German biographical dictionaries.

We ought to look in the Brit. Mus. Catal. (Univ. Library) and in Haller's Bibliotheca anatomica (not accessible here).

The Beattie copy, as you will recall, was in rather a sorry state, with many badly mounted figures and a number of missing pages, but H.C. had it put in a full leather, tooled binding. In the circumstances I don't quite know what to suggest as the Beattie copy has been duly catalogued and recorded in the S.T.C. I thought that I had a copy, but apparently I don't, so I shall keep my eye out for one for the B.O. As a new Curator I am very eager to make some suitable gift, and this would be most fitting.

Yours ever,


John Fulton

Dr. W. W. Francis,
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6 March 1951.

My dear Bill:

This is just to report that I had a good ride to New York with Brad Rogers. He is most enthusiastic about the Library, and with the resources that he has at his disposal I am sure that over the years he will be of great help to the Library and to the Curators.

I have never before seen you in action at a meeting, and I was of course most thrilled with the systematic way in which you do things, everything being lightened by your inimitable flashes of humour, and I can only say that for me the day was a most memorable one. All I need now are the exact names of those who were in attendance and of those curators who were not present. I guess Miss Desbarats will have this information in my hands before too long. I should also like sometime to have a copy of the minutes of your last meeting as I was much touched by your most generous references to the new curator from New Haven.

I thought your Librarian's Report also was excellent, and I think we did some helpful spadework on lending W.O.'s books. It would enormously extend the influence of the Library if you are given discretionary power in this direction, and I think it would also encourage gifts, for which you will have ample space when the Library is moved.

The gals all join in sending most affectionate greetings.

Yours ever,



John Fulton

P.S. Madeline is looking into the matter of the English Bartholin.

*Anatomy, Dr. Culpeper 1663 or 1664? (B. 105 or 106)?
I don't remember that Bartholin's copy, which he gave to H.C.
after promising it to H.D., was for a folio.*

W.W.F.

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17 February 1951

My dear Bill:

I am just back from Baltimore where I spent one night and two days with your good friend Dorothy Stimson (who among the undergraduates of Goucher is known affectionately as "Hot Dot.") I gave the first Stimson Lecture in History on the general subject "The Impact of Science on American History," and I think it went off quite well.

The fifth of March will be much better for me than February 26th and I am glad the Principal has made the change.

With best wishes,

Devotedly yours,

John

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
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Montreal, P.Q., Canada

OSLER LIBRARY,
13 Feb., 1951.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

I had forgotten to ask about your
sister. I hope she is not suffering severely.

The Principal has just raised some objec-
tion to the 26th and wants the meeting postponed
a week to Monday, March 5th. I will probably
be able to let you know tomorrow.

Definitely.
Those are good stories about Henry and
Danny.

Yours ever,

Bill

WWF:cd

Long yesterday

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12 February 1951.

Dear Bill:

I have just had a note from your secretary asking whether I could attend the meeting of the Curators on the 26th. I indicated that I would, but I write to tell you that my plans are subject to change on short notice because my sister Laura is desperately ill with pulmonary malignancy, and I don't know how long she will be able to hold out. I am going to Minneapolis on the 21st to stay several days. If things are all right, I shall fly to Montreal on Sunday night, the 25th. If, on the other hand, things are going badly, I shall stay on in Minneapolis; but in any case, you will be kept informed.

But to end on a slightly more cheerful note. Henry Viets went down to visit Channcey Leake in a Palm Beach suit and light overcoat just at the time of the railroad strike and the arrival of snow and subzero temperature. Everything in Galveston was frozen, including Henry, and they had to go out and melt snow in order to flush the toilets. Henry brings back the following tale:

"The story was going around Texas of Danny Kaye, who made a great success of the show that he gave in London. After a command performance he invited the King and Queen and the rest of the Royal Family to his dressing room. He brought out a bottle of Scotch which the King appreciated, and he told Kaye that it was the best Scotch which he had had in years and wondered where it could be obtained. Kays is said to have remarked, 'The trouble is, Your Majesty, that you don't know the right people!'"

Many thanks for sending me the copy of Gretchen Trost's letter to Aunt Sue. It is a pleasant tribute to *Rue*

Yours ever,


John Fulton

Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

OSLER LIBRARY,
9 Feb., 1951.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Fulton,

Dr. Francis is at home today
(10° below zero). He telephoned me to let
you know that the meeting of the curators will
probably be held on Monday, the 26th, at
noon.

If that is not convenient for
you, please let him know at once, and he may
be able to change the date.

Yours very truly,

Cécile Desbarats
Secretary

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9 February 1951

Dr. W. W. Francis
1620, Cedar Avenue
Montreal, Canada

My dear Bill:

I have just received yours of Sunday the 4th with its postscript of the 5th, which of course has delighted me and brought no end of amusement. I understand your feeling about participating in the celebration to inaugurate the new Chair. Our plans are still very nebulous, but I shall keep you informed even though it may be impossible for you to attend.

I was glad to hear the report about Archie's improvement. The last report I had before Christmas was that he was in a rather precarious state.

Your comments about your 'oestrogenic wonder lad' is also a source of great interest. I had not heard previously about his various matrimonial ventures, but when you go in for oestrogens you are generally involved in important sequelae. I didn't meet Number 1, but Number 2 would distract anyone with tendencies such as you and I share - or at least I think we do.

I am glad you sent your snorter to Henry Schuman because he has moments of not appreciating what we are all talking about. The point is that he is worth saving, and we must somehow get under his skin.

Congratulations on Stephen William. You refer to him almost as if you were responsible for him - but that, of course, is a grandfatherly privilege. After all, you started the chromosomes on their way and you must accept the consequences.

I was glad to discover that I had crashed the Montreal Daily Star. Next week I may even penetrate the Baltimore Sun as I am giving a Stimson Lecture there next week. The gals all join me in sending affectionate greetings.

John

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24 January 1951.

Carried from 4th to 11th

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your cheering words about my new job. I haven't quite decided what we should do by way of inaugurating the Department, but I hope if you are able to travel next Spring we can arrange something around you, with two or three short papers and a short statement from me about our aims and aspirations. Let me have your thoughts in the matter. I always feel that something of a ceremony is indicated on such occasions as it serves to arouse interest, and also I like to keep the Library on the map.

I haven't seen any obituaries as yet of Rosie; indeed, I have had nothing much beyond what Herbert Evans has written; but I am sure you could concoct something really appropriate, especially about her student days in which you shared!

As for Tagliacozzi and your question, 'O Lord, Dear Lord, how long?' it is clearly an important book and deserves all the attention you can give to it. We have no set rules about reviews but try to adjust the length to the importance of the book. I should think you might write two or three thousand words if you felt you wished to use as much space as that.

We are all sad that Archie has had another setback; but this should not cause you to talk about approaching the cinerarium. You may be impatient to see Rosie again, but pray restrain yourself! There are some nice gals down here who love you just as much.

That charming fellow, Hans Selye, spent the night with us at Mill Rock with his cute blond wife - née Grant and speaks with a strong French accent - and I nearly lost an eye over her. If you have not met her, you had better get Hans to bring her in one day; she would improve your coronary circulation. Hans captivated the students in a most brilliant address last night on his pet topic of the general adaptation syndrome which he abbreviates as "G-A-S" - insisting quite vehemently on the hyphens. He says that the word stress has no equivalent in any language and that he has given the same lecture in ten languages, including Russian. The word now has international currency. I thought this would interest your philological neurones.

Congratulations on the eminence of Steve and/or Stephanie.

Yours ever,

John
John Fulton

Dr. W. W. Francis.

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Dr. Fulton Gets New Sterling Chair At Yale

Dr. John F. Fulton, Yale physiologist, author, and historian, has been named to fill the newly created position of Sterling Professor of the History of Medicine.

Dr. Fulton's appointment was announced yesterday by President A. Whitney Griswold, who said that it is "most gratifying that at such



DR. JOHN F. FULTON

a critical time in world affairs the University has been able to emphasize this important influence of the humanities on medicine.

"This new chair," he continued, "is intended to make an important contribution to undergraduate pre-medical students as well as those pursuing the M. D. degree. It is particularly necessary now when it seems apparent that interest in the humanities may be weakened in the future.

"We are fortunate to have as the first incumbent of the new professorship a member of our faculty, Dr. Fulton, who has long demonstrated special qualifications to fill such a post."

Dr. Fulton assumes the new professorship of the history of medicine on February 1, relinquishing his present duties as Sterling Professor of Physiology and Chairman of the Department of Physiology in the School of Medicine. He will, however, be at liberty to continue with certain phases of his physiological research. Donald H. Barron, Professor of Physiology, will serve as acting chairman of the department.

Rich, Varied Career

Dr. Fulton has had a rich and varied career in medicine and his chosen field of physiology. At the time of his appointment to the Yale faculty in 1929 he was considered the outstanding man in the field of neurophysiology, and in the following years he and his co-workers mapped out many areas of the brain and did fundamental experiments that underlie the basic concept of the operation known as frontal lobotomy—a phrase of research which he summarized in the Thomas W. Salmon Memorial Lectures given at the New York Academy of Medicine, January 9, 10, and 11 of this year. During World War II he headed the Yale Aeromedical Research Unit which still continues its work on various problems connected with high altitude flying.

His many affiliations with the National Research Council included membership in the Committee on Aviation Medicine and chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Decompression Sickness. Late in 1940 he flew to England to establish

liaison with the British Medical Research Council. For this work he was later decorated by the British Government as an Honorary Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Numerous Publications

His publications are numerous and cover many spheres. They include "Muscular Contraction" (1926), "Physiology of the Nervous System" (1936; revised in 1943, 1949) of which there have been French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian translations, and revisions of Howell's well-known Textbook of Physiology (1946, 1949). In 1946 Dr. Fulton published a biography of Harvey Cushing, and in 1947 his life of Benjamin Silliman, written with Miss Elizabeth H. Thomson, was issued in conjunction with the Centennial of the Sheffield Scientific School. He is also the author of bibliographical and historical studies of Robert Boyle, Giralomo Francastoro, Joseph Priestley, Richard Lower, John Mayow, and Sir Kenelm Digby.

Dr. Fulton has occupied a number of distinguished lectureships in this country and abroad. He gave the Heath Clark Lectures (on Aviation Medicine) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

(1947), the William Withering Lectures at the University of Birmingham, England (1948), a Ludwig Mond Lecture at the University of Manchester (1949) on Humanism in an Age of Science. He also gave the Logan Glendening Lectures on the History and Philosophy of Medicine (1949) and the A. S. W. Rosenbach Fellowship in Bibliography (1950).

Dr. Fulton was born in St. Paul, Minn., on November 1, 1899, the son of John Farquhar and Edith Stanley Fulton. He was a student at the University of Minnesota from 1917 to 1918, and in World War I was stationed at Fortress Monroe. He received his B.S. degree from Harvard in 1921 and his M.D. in 1927, also from Harvard. He was named a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford from 1921 to 1923 and a Christopher Welch Scholar for the next two years. He was granted the B.A. in 1923 and M.A. and D.Phil. degrees from Oxford in 1925 and was a Fellow of Magdalen College from 1928 to 1930. He was made a demonstrator in physiology at Oxford in 1923, and an associate in neurological surgery at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, in 1928. He has been professor of physiology at Yale since 1929 (Sterling Professor since 1931).

Dr. Fulton was president of the

Association of Honorary Consultants of the Army Medical Library from 1944 through 1947 and president of the History of Science Society 1946-1950. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University since 1942. Since the establishment at Yale in 1940 of the Historical Library he has been chairman of its Advisory Board. He is also Keeper of Medical Collections and chairman of the Yale Medical Library Committee.

Many Honors

Many honors have come to Dr. Fulton. He received honorary degrees from Yale (M.A.), Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio (LL.D.), Oxford (D.Sc.), and Birmingham (LL.D.). In 1945 he received a citation from the War Department for his "patriotic service in a position of trust and responsibility." In September 1949 he was named an Officer of the Legion d'Honneur by the president of the French Republic.

He is a member of many scientific bodies throughout the world and belongs to: Phi Beta Kappa, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Philosophical Society, the American Association of the History of Medicine and similar societies in Sweden, France, Roumania, and

Britain, of the American Physiological Society and other professional societies, and of bibliographical societies in America, London, Oxford, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Cambridge.

Elks Honor Fire Dept. Members



City Teachers Due To Study

Numerous Bids Under Study For School Supplies

George F. Robinson, director of purchases for the Department of Education, yesterday began reviewing and studying 56 bids which have been submitted by firms seeking contracts for about \$22,000 worth of instructional supplies.

The director said the bids are placed on some 1,200 items. He expects a report of his study will be presented on Monday to the Board of Education. Also being studied are bids which will replace some 64 typewriters in the school system.

Opened yesterday was a bid for the purchase of a jeep with a snow plow attachment. It will be the first such vehicle in the department's motorized equipment and will be used by the maintenance unit at any school upon demand. The New Haven Willys, Inc., of this City has offered the low bid of \$1,950.

Robinson also said a bid has been opened for the demolition of the building at 77-99 Gregory Street. The apparent low bid has been submitted by the Merberg Wrecking Company who seeks \$173 for this work.

Bradley St. Man Is Bound Over In Traffic Death

John Foley, 23, of 186 Bradley Street, held in the death of Dr. Theodore L. Watson, 69, of 267 Orange Street, was bound over to Superior Court yesterday when presented before Judge Charles Henchel on a charge of misconduct of motor vehicle operator.

Dr. Watson, a New Haven dentist, was struck and killed by a car on Dec. 23 as he was crossing an intersection at State and Pearl Streets.

An hour and 35 minutes after the tragedy, Foley reported to police that he may have been the driver.

Police said Foley reported hearing a thump while passing State and Pearl Streets at the time of the accident. Foley, according to police, said he stopped his car but then drove on when someone told him he had hit a barrel.

Later, while shopping, Foley said he heard of the death and reported to the police.

Charges of reckless driving and evading responsibility placed against Foley were both continued nisi until June 1, 1951.

12 Requests Up For Zoning Board

The Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to hear 12 appeal requests and one application for a certificate of approval of location, tonight at 7:30 in the Public Hearing Room, Hall of Records.

Israel Hillman, secretary, has scheduled the following requests: Estate of Maria Concilio, 1171-1173 Townsend Avenue, for extension of business use into an adjacent area. Dr. R. B. Seabury, 58 Trumbull Street, permission to use second floor of building as medical offices for two doctors. Marion Nelson, 256 Edwards Street, permission to use second and third floors for lodging purposes. Drs. L. L. and M. K. Jaffe, 641 Whitney Avenue, permission to use a portion of first floor as medical offices for two doctors not residing on the premises. Joseph Mauriello, 65 Huntington Avenue, side yard and front yard encroachments on recently built one family house.

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22 Jan., 1951.

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Dear John,

Murrah! It is good to hear that Medical History is corraling you young. Doubtless you are a perfectly good physiologist, but other people can be that. We had some fine Griswolds in Baltimore; your new Pres. is true to type. When I can think up some suggestions for your new Dpt. I'll let you have them.

I should much rather criticize admiringly your account of Rosie. I only saw her once since student days (when I haven't the foggiest remembrance of her!). Apart from her Osleriolatrous correspondence her life to me is a blank. Any decent obituaries of her?

Letters from Reichner and Schuman's this a.m. that they are sending me Tagliacozzi for review. Tell your REAL editress to set me some hints (time and length) and I'll try to conform.

Amir!
Archie is laid up again, and sounds as if he was getting rid of things, preparing to leave either house or planet! I'm getting overwhelmed with unfinished business, sins of semi-omission, as I approach the cinerarium.

Its Imminence, Steve or Stephanie, is not out yet. The one-year-old little bundle-of-Heaven, chez nous, is raising HELL. Millie has her days and hands full!

Congratulations to Yale and History.

Yours ever,

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17 January 1951.

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for yours of the 11th. I am once more more or less in my right mind [Madeline is doubtful!] as the Salmon Lectures have come and gone and the MS. goes to the printer to-day, laus deo.

Do keep the Evans letters as long as you wish. He was evidently very fond of Rosie in his quaint sort of way. We are wondering whether you might not write a short appreciation of Rosie for the Journal of the History of Medicine. You have known her much longer than we have, and you would give it just the touch that such a notice should have.

You ask who is really editing the Journal these days. Madeline does all the hard work, and George pontificates without doing much of anything in connexion with the actual editing. He arranges the sequence of papers in each number and whenever possible starts with a paper on some phase of socialized medicine; all of which makes me faintly ill, but I do not breathe this above a whisper. By all means I think you should review the Tagliacozzi; Jerome would be very disappointed if you didn't. He has asked me to do a semi-popular one for the Book Section of the Herald-Tribune.

I have an item of news for you which I should like you to have before it is announced publicly. Our new President, Whitney Griswold, summoned me just before Christmas to say that the Corporation had given him a new Sterling professorship which he proposed to assign to the Medical School if I would take it as of February 1st as a new chair of the History of Medicine. This involves resigning from physiology, which I was not quite prepared to do just yet, but it seems that I shall have an honorary appointment in my old Department and shall have opportunity to wind up during the next year or two a number of research projects in which I am still actively involved, and I shall be relieved of all the headaches of teaching and administering a large department. I finally accepted, and the appointment was approved at the meeting of the Corporation on January 13th. They have given me a nucleus of four people to start the department and the promise later of funds for one or more scholars with historical training. The roster at present includes Madeline as Librarian of the Historical Library, Elizabeth as full-time Research Assistant (she has been editing the Yale Journal which takes up most of her time and she will be relieved of that), my personal secretary,

Mrs. Macy; and they have given me Mary Wheeler to make possible carrying on with some of my physiological commitments during the next two or three years. Now that I have gotten used to the idea, I am becoming very enthusiastic about it, and I hope we can build up a small but really productive department. Details of its organization have not yet been worked out. I can't quite decide how the new Department should articulate, budget-wise and in other ways, with the Historical Library. I am going down to Baltimore in February and hope to find out what really happens as between the Welch Library and the Institute. I think there is a good deal of overlapping both of personnel and of budgetary allocation for books. If you have any suggestions, I hope you will let me hear of them.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



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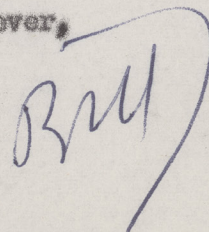
May I keep the Evans letters of Dec. 17, 21 and 22 a few days more to show to Onesti, president of our Osler Soc.? He spent Xmas in S. F. and is very sore at their not having given Rosie the O. S. telegram, which would have pleased her so much. He seems to have snooped around and gathered that she had several lucid intervals after that, and thinks she suffered from too many doctors.

We spent yesterday with Marian on her 29th birthday. She's a bit uncertain when this imminent "foal" is to be dropped, which story reminds me of a French attaché's remark to my sister at a dinner at the Hague when she expressed admiration for a charming young duchess - "I tell you a secret; she is in ze family posection, but she do not look so swell!" Your other indiscretion reminds me of the epitaph on good old Charlotte, which I must have told you.

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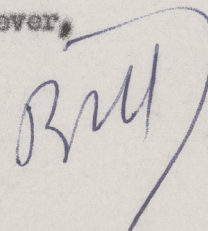
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Xmas printed letter.

5 January 1951

My dear Bill:

Just a line to thank you for yours of the 30th returning the two Evans letters of 14 and 15 December about Rosie. I thought that I had also sent you the one about the funeral, but Elizabeth says no and so we shall dig it up and enclose it, herewith.

I appreciate your remarks about the Clendenning booklet; the binding makes me a little sad, especially the lack of any lettering on the back strip. I should have been a little more voluble and then they would have had room!

It is very cheering to hear of Marian's prospects. A few weeks ago, we went up to visit Lew Weed at Reading and discovered that he has a great many horsy friends who live and think about little other than racing mares and virile stallions. In the midst of a cocktail party another horsy gal arrived who was obviously about eight months along - one of the horsy young gentlemen dashed up to her saying, "Hello, Darling! When are you going to drop that foal?" Little by little, one does become educated!

I heard a good story the other day which I think you will enjoy: it is about the farmer who sent his gal to college for four years and then had a celebration when she returned with a B.A. The party was a great success until he proposed his daughter's health saying that she was the first member of the family to have the advantages of higher education, ~~and~~ that she had acquitted herself very creditably during the four years and had succeeded in coming back to the old homestead a virgin! The daughter indignantly leaned over and whispered in her father's ear, "No, I ain't!" It wrecked the evening for the poor old boy and he became very grim and morose; and finally one of his old cronies tried to cheer him up and said, "For Heaven's Sake! What is the matter?" And the father replied despondently, "After four years of college, she still says ain't!"

At the moment I am tearing my hair over the Salmon Lectures which come on the 9th, 10th and 11th of January at the New York Academy. Some day I'll learn not to accept such invitations! With all good wishes in which Lucia and the Harem join enthusiastically,

Yours ever,

Jon