

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

3 December 1954

My dear Bill:

I was delighted with your letter which arrived yesterday with a new "pome" and a further report of your activities. The pome, as with all your other bits of verse, even though written in your tender youth is really most diverting, and I trust that this may stimulate you to put other things of this ilk on paper.

I came home rather late last night after doing my stint at the Institute for Advanced Study -- a meeting of the Academic Committee -- which I may have written you about earlier, and the stimulus of that most extraordinary man, Robert Oppenheimer, is, as far as I am concerned, as strong as ever. Lefty Lewis is also a member of the Academic Committee and he is a staunch cohort. I was lured into staying over for dinner to meet various members of the Institute faculty including Sir Llewellyn Woodward and his lady whom you probably remember from Oxford days. I also met Professor Cherniss and his wife; Cherniss, who enjoys the good things of life, talked to me incessantly all during dinner about Plato. I asked him about Plato's references to Hippocrates and he said rather categorically that there was only one in the Phaedo but I reminded him of the celebrated passage in which he reported about the lad who impetuously sought Socrates' advice concerning Hippocrates. Cherniss finally agreed that Hippocrates probably was an historical personage, but all this very grudgingly between sips of a beautiful red wine. It was a most amusing evening, and I know you will be somewhat diverted to hear about it.

I enclose a cutting about your friend, Maurice J. Lewi, aged ninety-seven. Having cut out cigars altogether you may yet achieve his vintage.

We were all thrilled by the Jenner manuscript not only because of its content but because it is the first contribution offered jointly by you and Lloyd. As you know, I can't accept it offhand without consulting my Board, but I haven't the slightest doubt that it will be approved with the greatest enthusiasm.

Yours ever,



Dr. W.W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University

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Write 4th.

sent Special letters.

Cousin. interests in legal Osler orig - T.C.I.

30 November 1954

Karpa - Smart at Lagos.

Garthwaite & Garthwaite at Spalding.

Smart & Eddie A's letter.

Write 4th hour, start for some time.

Dear Bill,

We were delighted to have yours of Thanksgiving, but I begin to feel for you every time I hear of the Worthyful descent. Is there not some club or hotel in which you could put her up? I am sure it would lengthen your days, whatever the expense involved, for as a house guest she would drive me nuts. But your Nickel-widow cousin sounds fascinating. I hope you had a list of things needed by the Library because people such as that would deem it a privilege to do something--but probably you were your modest undemanding self.

I remember John Kartfa-Smart extremely well; indeed I thought him a very intelligent fellow and I am glad to hear that he has taken unto himself a wife as black as he is who must have been a little difficult to find. Should this find the Black Prince still about do give him my felicitations.

Well, today is the Prime Minister's birthday, and we still continue to admire the verse which this event inspired you to write, and I say again that I hope you have sent it either to Punch or to Sir Winston direct. Few things would please him more.

All the best.

Yours ever,

John

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

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I expected your Florkin explanation. When I have catalogued a paid-for copy and then got a nicely inscribed one gratis, I cut the inscription and paste it in the boughten copy. Would you like me to operate on Florkin's?

OSLER LIBRARY,
29 Nov., 1954.

The Editors,
The Journal of the History of Medicine
and Allied Sciences,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John & Ceterae,

As Osler's pen said to Sigerist the other day, Lloyd has been goading me into print. Here are "Three unpublished letters of Jenner" two of which, here in the O. L., should have seen the light long ago.

We have not been able to find the title, &c., of the pamphlet on vaccination by "the ingenious Dr. Scully of Totnes", commended by Jenner on pp. 3 and 6 here. Would some kind person please see if it is in Callisen (whom we lack) or some other bibliography on your more capacious shelves?

I've let L.'s deference get the better of my modest sense of the fitness of things. He insists on having my name first, though he did most of the digging and practically all the writing.

Since you fancy my pomes, here's one that seems appropriate; I wrote it years ago on the flyleaf of a 300-page tome of local Welsh history, begun by G. G. Francis (D. N. B.) and finished by someone else years later:

WWF:ed
Encl:-

Grandsire, I owe to you my anti-
-aquarian tastes, much thanks!
But your less worthy genes have played
Me some less pleasant pranks.
You dropped this task when two-thirds through;
That trait has not diminished,
For one of my besetting sins
Is leaving things unfinished.
The title-page puts BAKER first,
Your name's first on the back -
The bindings's yours; I'm glad to see
Him get that well-earned smack.

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The package of reprints, about 70, of my Osler Catalogue has just come, sealed in one of these modern parcels (how about another Society?), that can be opened only with a razor. Contents most satisfactory, but the label says "no commercial value \$50." If the "no" is a mistake, tell them to send the bill before Xmas, while I'm still solvent!

I'm sending l'Information médicale et paramédicale, of 16 Nov., which copies on p. 11 that Papal clipping of yours from Osservatore Romano. They've been a long time digesting it since I "passed" it to the Editor. They head it "aux Pharmaciens", but didn't Sa Sainteté forget his infallibility and address that group in Latin? Our library spurns this tabloid, but I sometimes enjoy its para-medicalities.

Yours ever, and with uneditorial greetings to the "Ceterae",

WWF:cd
Encl:-

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Department of the History of Medicine
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26 November 1954

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for yours of the 24th acknowledging the Galvani and Florkin's Liège. We did send you the presentation copy, and quite intentionally, because the other copy had already been catalogued, and you know what happens when something has to be catalogued all over again -- I am told it costs \$1.22 -- so you see what you have saved us. However, I am sorry you had to cut the pages; I would gladly join your Society for the Flaying of Publishers of Unopened Books and Periodicals. I fear it would mean a major onslaught on most of western Europe; the Soviets have one virtue in that their publications are always cropped.

A good thing it was that you were ordered to prepare a "pome" for Sir Winston at eighty, and how well it was "put." You really must send this to Punch where it would be truly appreciated. I too should like to contribute to the birthday fund of the one to whom we owe more than to anyone living. I should also like to send him a little brandy but this might be unbecoming.

Which reminds me, yesterday was Thanksgiving. Lucia and I went up to Boston to celebrate with the Wheatland clan, twenty-three of them in all. We did not go to Topsfield this year because Mrs. Wheatland wasn't up to having us, so Steve and Dorothy took over, and it was a fine family affair but I'm glad such things come but once a year!

I forgot to mention your late and good friend Pariseau. What a colourful fellow he was; I had forgotten about his interest in Galvani and his prayers to Ste. Grenouille. I must somehow get that into my history of physiology if I ever finish writing it.

No further news about Sigerist, but how characteristic of you to have written him a line with W.O.'s pen.

All the best,

Yours ever,

John

Love to Hilda & all the offspring

Dr. W.W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University

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

OSLER LIBRARY,
24 Nov., 1954.

Dear John,

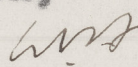
Did I ever thank you and Madeline (I'm sure not adequately) for the sumptuous Calvani which I've just got round to cataloguing. And here's another obligation, Florkin's "Liège", a presentation copy to you from the author, which roused Lloyd's suspicion that you may have sent us the wrong copy. I won't accession it till you give me the green light. I took it home last night and cut the pages. Would you like to join a Society for the Flaying of Publishers of Unopened Books and Periodicals? But I entertained Hilda (crime-club fan) with the shocking story of Madeline's unfortunate Warrimont name-sake on pp. 125-137.

I wish my lamented Pariseau could have seen the Calvani. I think I told you he had me bring our copy to a public meeting at the University of Montreal, where he re-did all the experiments as G. describes them, preceding each with a prayer in Latin to Sancta Rana or in French to Ste. Grenouille, a huge china frog! The black-coated seminarians laughed the loudest.

The four grands for the week-end. Pretty strenuous, and cardialgigenic. I may have to take to the Club when they come in force. I enclose a poem ordered by H. for Winnie's b'day.

Thanks, too, for the better news of Sigerist. I wrote ~~hden~~ a note, CAREFULLY, with W. O.'s pen. The Journal has come with my effort uncavil-at-ably printed.

Yours ever,



WWF:cd
Encl:-

8th wrote, please
send him for specimens info.

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Rev. Dr. Levenson

Historical Library

4 November 1954.

W.H.

Dear Bill:

We have another offering: to wit,
a copy of Marcel Florkin's Médecine et médecins
au pays de Liège (Liège, 1954) which Dr. Sarton
has just reviewed in J. Hist. Med. The Library
has had a copy for some time, and then the author
sent one to John; so if he didn't send one also
to you, and you would like a copy, it is yours
for the asking.

I wonder what next we may have for
you - but I hope it won't be Three strikes
and we're out!

L. & K.,

Tracy

OSLER LIBRARY,
2 Nov., 1954.

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

Dear John,

Many thanks for the three in two volumes of the
KAROLINSKA ... Historia. I hope to learn a bit of Swedish
from them. Thanks, too, for the quinine. I'll get Ray Brow's
imprimatur, or ecclesiastical nihil obstat.

If you are so indulgent to my doggerulities, I'll
have to inflict more of them on you.

Suggestions for a speaker for the Osler Banquet in
March. As usual lately, the boys have been corresponding with
the British Council which told us of R. Brain last year and
Critchley the year before being in the vicinity. Other proposals
are Barr of Cornell and Whipple of Rochester, N. Y. Do you
know anything of either as a speaker? W. and I were pathologists
together at J. H. H., 1904-5, but I've never seen him since!
Financially, it has to be done on the cheap.

Sighs - we wonder what to hope!

*Yours ever
RFP*

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Department of the History of Medicine
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30 October 1954

My dear Bill,

On returning from a meeting of my learned colleagues at the Philosophical last night I found your letter of the twenty-seventh which convinces me that you should read the lesson more often, even though you prefer Isaiah to Ecclesiasticus.

That valedictory to your Reverend friend 'Paddy' is a masterpiece, the kind of thing that only you could write, and I do appreciate your sending me a copy. I have shown it to Elizabeth and the gals, and they are all delighted with it, as I am.

You ask about cramps in the legs on waking. My long-suffering physician, Jack Bumstead, tell me that a little quinine is practically infallible. I am not quite certain about the dose, but whoever is looking after you will tell you--I hope it helps. It should be taken before you retire. I don't know the rationale, but it seems to work and since it is harmless I am sure it is worthwhile, even though it may give you a little buzzing in the ears.

Yours ever,



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

P.S. The latest on Sigerist comes from my friend Bluestone of New York who wrote on the twenty-seventh: "Dr. Sigerist's daughter, Mrs. Jack Beeson, says that a message from her mother tells her that there is slight improvement and that her father is in the Clinica Sant'Anna in Lugano. Mrs. Beeson says that he is unable to read and is not permitted visitors. She has decided therefore to wait for further advice from her mother before proceeding to Lugano."

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

OSLER LIBRARY,
27 Oct., 1954.

My dear John,

Sad news, indeed, about Sigerist. Let's hope he makes a Pasteurian recovery.

Thanks for sending (and giving) the medallion. I must try to identify the coat of arms, and I would guess that it was let into the top or bottom of a snuff-box. The inscription must mean, The wood that used to support the house built by our forebears now thrives (really shines) as a little box of magic powder.

I enclose an ecclesiastical poem for your possible amusement. I hear it has been reprinted in "The Northland", about which I can get no information even at our Arctic Institute. Archbishop "Paddy" and his brothers, my schoolmates, all born up there and hereditary Arctic missionaries are as Irish as they come. I've seen him once in sixty years, but once seen, never forgotten.

Isaiah came off with a bang. I wanted to read Koheleth, but the Rector would have none of it.

Have you an infallible remedy for cramps in the legs on waking? I get them not infrequently, and two days ago terribly, rigor mortis, with calf muscles like a rock, and extravasation of blood, and leg still sore. Calcium, plaster off the wall, parathyroid, frontal lobotomy, or just yell and bear it? My step-grandmother had to have a basin of clean water under the bed - the usual wouldn't suffice. My mother by way of experiment once, but only once, substituted dirty water and got wakened early for condign punishment.

Heureux Toussaint!

Yours ever,

Bill

WFF:cd
Encl:-

OSLER LIBRARY,
21 Oct., 1954.

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

My dear John,

The meeting hasn't been broached yet. Since you undertake not to excite the Principal's cupidity by flaunting your attractive report, we might set the date to suit your convenience, preferably after Xmas.

No, it would be cruel of Sigerist to name his successor, but if Hippocrates takes him before the 8th volume is finished, some capable and enthusiastic worker (like yourself) will surely volunteer. As for bad spots, if any, in Garrison, I'm too old and too swamped with sins of omission to do any volunteering. A Toronto cousiness, a good writer, is publishing a book on the Osler brothers, "featuring" the non-Williams, and has demanded my reminiscences and an account of my mother in a hurry. Marion has dunned me for the latter for years.

It was a treat to see the gals. Today comes a print-worthy letter from Madelina kindly offering 3 in 2 vols. of the history of the Stockholm medico-ch. Inst., 1910. Many thanks; we haven't it.

I am utterly mystified by the silver medal to W. O. of which M. sends me a rubbing. I should like to see a drawing of it. Is it a coat of arms in the middle? The initials of the three donors suggest no names I know. And the Latin couplet looks impossible to parse, since "nitet" is intransitive and the scansix shows the parvula arca is nominative.

On Sunday I do my annual St. Luke's Sunday chore of reading one of the lessons, and an ultra-conscientious, but aphonic, X-ray, golfing, president of the Med.-Chi. Soc. will be seen, if not heard, in the pulpit.

If you don't hear from me again before the 1st, many happy returns of All (you~~x~~) Saints' Day.

Yours ever,

WWF:cd

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Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

October 18, 1954

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

Dear Bill:

Does the Osler Library have a copy of the Karolinska Mediko-Kirurgiska Institutets Historia (Stockholm 1910, three volumes in two)? If not, we would be glad to send you a bound set which has recently been sent to John.

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If I had had my wits about me, I should have carried in my purse a fortnight ago, a silver coin which John brought in from Mill Rock a few months ago along with some odd pieces which he says came from Paestum. The silver coin definitely did not. I enclose a rubbing which is very poor and a typed transcript of the printing of the coin; the verso is plain. Can you identify it for us and do you suppose that John ~~can buy~~ it legitimately?

send a drawing

Came by

With warm greetings to you all,

Yours ever,

Madeline

Madeline Stanton

MS/rk
enc.

We had such a good time with you! I was dizzy for three days after our return to N.H. - Eliz. says I'm not to mention it as it might be interpreted as a commentary on her driving, but I think all the pleasure of my visit just went to my head - In any event, order has been restored -

MS

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14 October 1954

My dear Bill,

Madeline and Elizabeth give glowing reports of their visit with you all--I had just come back from Atlanta. You could not have been nicer to them.

Elizabeth has just shown me your letter of the eleventh returning proof for the Journal. I am glad that there were no miscarriages of Editorial justice on this occasion, because you are the last one we would ever wish to upset. Thanks for your nice remarks about the Annual Report. I promise not to bring it to the next meeting of the Curators, but, by the way, when is that meeting? Perhaps the date has been set in my absence.

But the point of this letter is to tell you that I had a number of conversations with Henry Sigerist in Rome about his plans. Whit Bell was also a little horrified by his section of our Annual Report, but the situation is this, that he, like you, has made an excellent adjustment to his coronary warnings of last year. His spirits seem to be good, and while Ilza, Genevieve, George Rosen, et al., are willing to step in if his health fails, they all feel that he should adhere to his original plan and get things as far forward as possible. Perhaps he should suggest one who should be a successor absolutely, as you have proposed. But who in God's name could do it? The only one I can think of is Tenkin.

I am beginning to make some progress with the new Garrison, but I should hate to do it with a large team. We do, however, plan to seek help in various special fields, and from time to time we shall undoubtedly turn to you for special advice. Would you like to volunteer help in any areas in which you think Garrison is particularly bad?

All the best.

Yours ever,

Jan

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

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JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND ALLIED SCIENCES

Historical Library, Yale University School of Medicine
333 Cedar Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut

8 October 1954

Revised 11/4.
& returned proof
asked for 50 reprints.
x no corrections!
WJS

Dear Dr. Bill:

We shall be chuckling for weeks to come over your stories and remembering our visit with nostalgia. It was wonderful to see you again and visit the Library and find you and Lloyd and Cécile so pleased with life in general with the exception of course of ^{the prospect of} the Library being turned around! Perhaps you will have to go through the Looking-Glass or something to make things seem right.

John was very envious of us and has questioned us closely about our doings and conversations with you. He instead of rain had ninety-degree temperatures for several days and said he felt when he returned that he had earned his D.Sc.! He has a resplendent hood of yellow velvet and blue silk. We were so irreverent as to notice that it is made in a peculiar fashion so that it looks as if the wearer had more than the remnants of a tail!

We have been busy with the Journal since our return and send you herewith the proof. It is of course not yet properly spaced and the little red marks mean nothing except that this copy was used to make an attempt at early indexing. It always takes so much time if we wait for the whole process until page proof.

We hope that we did not tire you with our concentrated visiting. I am afraid we even wished we could have stayed longer even at the risk of wearing out our welcome! We hope we can come again before too long but, as I told Mrs. Francis, we promise not to make it every holiday.

Affectionately, I wish L+K

Elizabeth

JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND ALLIED SCIENCES

Historical Library, Yale University School of Medicine
333 Cedar Street New Haven 11, Connecticut

8 October 1954

Dear Dr. Bill:

We shall be chuckling for weeks to come over your stories and remembering our visit with nostalgia. It was wonderful to see you again and visit the library and find you and Lloyd and Carol so pleased with life in general with the exception of course of the library being burned down! Perhaps you will have to go through the looking-glass or something to make things seem right.

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Attectionately, Jack Lin

Bill

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Handwritten notes:
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9 July 1954

OSLER LIBRARY,
26 July, 1954.

The Librarian,
Historical Library,

333 Cedar Street,
New Haven, Conn., U. S. A.

Meaning to write to you from 281 Edwards Street for months and have not yet succeeded. If Elizabeth and I at the end of this month to California, I am hoping that we shall be able to do a lot of sitting and I promise myself of writing letters without some demon constantly whisper-
Dear *W*, dear what I should be doing instead!

Service! Elisha Bartlett (Discourse, 1852) arrives pronto and in what looks to me like a perfectly good pamphlet binding, though perhaps as a rare masterpiece is in the category of one of my 5 year-old brothers who when asked why he was looking so glum in such a lovely new (home-made) suit, muttered, "I should be dressed in velvet and satin!" I'm not about what you may have cut out when you read it back in 1928, and he insists that I ask you whether you can remember what you actually refuse to commiserate with John and Lucia. If the sea-water remained at 84° they must have taken the Gulf Stream with them! They'll freeze all night over there. It's like the summer when Hilda's pet upholsteress returned to her native Yorkshire for a year or for good but came back in a month, "I was that cold, I had to go to bed with me 'at on!"

Bon voyage to you three gals, if Eliz's mother will excuse the familiarity. I hope you still mean to return via Montreal. Another of your admirers, Lloyd, will be joining me in Sept.

Drat the annual report. Such things should be abolished, and yours particularly. It is always held up to us as a model that I can never equal.

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

Lots of Ellen Kay, all the same.

Alfred Bill

P.S. To salve your N. E. conscience and justly refund the inter-library postage, I enclose 24¢ in your variety.

WWF:cd
Encl:-

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9 July 1954

My dear Bill:

I have been meaning to write to you from 281 Edwards Street for the last two months and have not yet succeeded. If Elizabeth and I actually go off at the end of this month to California, I am hoping that we shall be able to do a lot of sitting and I promise myself the luxury of writing letters without some demon constantly whispering in my ear what I should be doing instead!

Meanwhile, I shall send you a brief acknowledgement of yours of "the glorious 4th." I read parts of it to John and he says that he had, of course, heard about W.O.'s secret history of the J.H.H. but he is very vague about it all and does not remember having committed to paper any statements about the book. At the present moment he is more concerned about what you may have cut out when you read it back in 1928, and he insists that I ask you whether you can remember what you actually did cut out and whether it should not be reinstated!

From all this you will gather that you have a free hand to go ahead and write your introduction. If you want to try Julia S., she is still at the same old address -- 186 Warren Street, Brookline -- but I am not certain that she would be able to recall anything about the book -- unless, of course, Aunt Sue told her about it at the time.

L & K,

Madeline

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

*A dictated letter -- and a den-coloured
one - I shall hope to do better later -*

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Historical Library

23 July 1954.

Dear Bill:

Your cry for help, launched into the great Unknown on the 21st, arrived on my desk this morning, and as the Bartlett item you want is no more than a pamphlet I am going to enclose it with this - and damn the expense! Someone in an excess of zeal has recently put the pamphlet in a binder, and not the way I do such things. I am rather upset about this but shall wait till it comes back before doing anything about it. I hope it will prove of some interest to Dr. Penfield.

Lucia and John sailed on the Elizabeth on the 14th with the temperature at 94°. According to John the temperature of the sea water was 84 or 86, and as that is what they use on board to run over the coils for the air cooling system, there was not much cool air during the voyage. However, someone recently read in the paper that England was cold and people were sleeping under two blankets, so I trust all is well. It was evidently quite rough the first couple of days, but Lucia wrote that she took a dose of dramamine the first night and that all was well and the sea had had no effect on their appetites. I'm glad for her sake, for she is usually highly susceptible and two years ago, in all the heat, she was completely miserable and actually ill for a fortnight after their arrival in London. She sounded full of beans last Sunday. She said John was marvellous.

Eliz. and her mother and I are off to California a week from to-day - if I can finish my annual report which is giving me great perturbation of spirit. It is so deadly dull, and I often wonder why so much time and energy - and cash - are expended in such a fashion. Pray for me.

Your devoted *Wladimir*

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Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

23 June 1954

Dear Dr. Bill:

You gave our three lads an unforgettable experience. They came back with a colorful account of their visit, giving back to us practically everything you had said to them so we knew they had been attentive! You were good to give them so much time and I only hope you enjoyed it too.

Madeline and I enjoyed our trip to Baltimore to the conference on the teaching of medical history much more than we expected to. It wasn't too terribly hot, the group was small, the papers good in general, and the discussion helpful. Although I had been at the Institute before, neither Madeline nor I had ever been at the Hospital and we were thrilled to walk around the corridors where Sir William, Popsy, Dr. Halsted, Dr. Cushing, and you had been familiar figures. We found the statue in the front entrance hall somewhat breathtaking at first. We also saw the portrait of Diamond Jim Brady in the new wing! Several meals were served in the private dining room at the Hospital and that is why we were over there. The dining room is very modern, air-conditioned, and the food was excellent--nothing like it when you were there, I'm sure!

We are coming to Montreal in September and look forward to seeing you. We are going to California in August to visit my sister and to show Madeline some country new to her--and of course to visit a few libraries!

Affectionately,

Elizabeth

CP

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

333 CEDAR STREET · NEW HAVEN CT · CONNECTICUT

Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

22 June 1954

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for yours of the 20th. Your devoted ^{gal} ~~girl~~ friends find the "revised virgin" of your first paragraph excellent. I think it was only the spiral staircase that worried them; they undoubtedly feared that someone might be coming upstairs behind them!

You and Cécile were awfully nice to our three young ambassadors and they came back glowing with pride and delight. They were naturally thrilled to meet you and see the Library, about which they had somehow heard a good deal, and I can't think from whom; they were also greatly touched that Cécile should have entertained them afterwards. If you ever send us any of your boys, I hope that we shall be able to do as much.

I am glad you were not put off by the decision to abolish our Advisory Board. As you know, it had been constituted originally along the lines of your Curators at McGill but after the first two years we had great difficulty getting the Board together for meetings, and our Library Committee thought it more realistic in the circumstances to abolish the Board and invite the members to become Honorary Trustees of our Medical Library Associates. It relieves my mind not a little to learn that you think so well of this move.

The President
greatly appreciates
your letter

I should have put your mind at ease about the dreaded "Devotee". The poor old girl had a strong right elbow which she bent at frequent intervals during her twenty-four hour day. Early one morning, so my informants told me at the time, she inhaled a large piece of cork and thus your dreaded devotee quite literally died corked!

Your cutting about Wilder Penfield has put us all into stitches. Were he given to bending the elbow -- my God, what a thought -- one might have ^{concluded} ~~thought~~ that he had been having a high old time in the Library chasing W.O.'s ghost through panels and around the stacks. Heaven forbid, and I'm sure everyone was relieved to learn that his Trinity College speech ~~was~~ ^{represented} merely his most sober and Presbyterian meditations.

All the best,

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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16 June 1954

My dear Bill:

Your charming undated missive, received on 12 June and giving us the go-ahead on the note on the Osler Catalogue for J. Hist. Med., has greatly pleased all of us. You have completely re-written it, and I like its final form, especially the tribute to H.C. and the apostrophe to Leonard Mackall. There has been some friendly and most gentle grumbling on the distaff side about your first paragraph because they seem to think it a bit local; we like the idea of your blowing your horn for once, but they insist that the wide world would not understand the reference to the spiral staircase or the genial allusion to your staff news-sheet if no acknowledgement is made of ultimate source. Would you think us ungrateful if we altered these local allusions? Those not close to McGill could not possibly understand them; but all the rest is superb. In making these suggestions, I am merely the voice of your warmest feminine admirers!

Yes, everything has been delayed by that blasted Baltimore Conference on the Teaching of Medical History. I managed to get there a little late, but I liked it except for the fact that I came home to a desk piled high with unanswered correspondence. Elizabeth and Madeline won't catch up for another week.

Your friend, A.W. Franklin, not only wishes to put up a plaque at 13 Norham Gardens, or, on 13 Norham Gardens, but Alastair Robb-Smith wishes to do something more substantial in the financing of the house to make it suitable as a domicile for any future Regius Professor and to provide six flats for North American medical couples. I have tried to suppress his enthusiasm for this undertaking because it is really an affair for Oxford and Christ Church and not for former medical Rhodes Scholars and the various Foundations. I have, however, referred the matter to our mutual friend, the Dean of Duke, for advice. It seems that there is to be a new Regius from this side, as yet unnamed, but I suppose it is Wilder Penfield. If you have any information, let me know; if this is really in the wind, Wilder, the rascal, should have informed me.

All the best from your most affectionate and devoted admirers, *and from me*

Yours ever ~~devotedly~~,

John

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9 June 1954

My dear Bill:

As I wrote you yesterday, I do hope you will feel up to doing a review of the Servetus Bibliography for J. Hist. Med. When Mr. Reichner sent you the volume, he was not aware that we had you in mind for the Journal, but Madeline and I certainly hope you can take it on. We had this in mind long before we learned that you felt so favourably disposed toward it!

All the best,

Yours ever devotedly,



P.S. Our citation of W.P. was used on Monday only in part, but the President pulled out some of your best phrases.

Copy to Mr. Reichner

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7 June 1954

Dear Cécile Desbarats:

With this I enclose a letter which I have just written to Dr. Bill about three Yale medical students who are about to descend upon you. I have suggested that they call you at the Library as soon as they arrive and find out if and when it would be convenient for you to receive them at the Library. They know that Dr. Bill has been ill and though disappointed not to see him, they will understand if you tell them he isn't up to it. Don't let him make the effort, if it would overtax him in any way. They are all nice lads and I hope you enjoy them. We shall greatly appreciate anything you can do for them, but don't put yourself out either if this is holiday time for you. They are just having a final fling together before starting internships and their plans are fluid.

I can't tell you how much all of us down here have enjoyed and appreciated your letters about Dr. Bill. We were so glad to hear that Lloyd has already made a place for himself for it will mean so much to Dr. Bill to have someone he likes there to learn about the Library. Lloyd, as you have already discovered, has the same quiet, yet devastating sense of humor, and the same whimsy that Dr. Bill has, so they should enjoy one another--not the same of course, for that is heresy, but like enough. He is so thrilled to be having the opportunity to be in the Library and since almost everyone looks upon him as being the most promising young scholar in medical history today on either side of the border, I am sure he will make good use of them.

Madeline and I look forward to a trip to Montreal in the not too distant future and to seeing you again. In the meantime our kind regards and warm thanks for looking after our young friends,

Sincerely ,

Elizabeth Thomson

Miss Cécile Desbarats
The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

7 June 1954

Dear Dr. Bill:

It is happy news that you are up and about and going to the Library again, at least for special occasions. Western Union must have real imagination up there--the border around your telegram sounded surrealistic.

This letter is to announce the arrival in Montreal somewhere probably between the 14th and 18th of June of three of our medical students who are being graduated this morning. They are special friends of us all in the Library and are genuinely interested in medical history. For years I have been talking about taking them to Montreal to see you and now they are coming without Madeline and me. Possibly you will not feel up to seeing them even for ten minutes but I hope it will be possible for Cécile Desbarats, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter, to show them the Library.

You might like to know a little about them. One is Robert John Thomas Joy, winner of the Osler medal for 1954--the first Yale student to enter the competition. His essay was on bonesetters, particularly the Bonesetter Sweets of Rhode Island which is his native state, and included some of the early history of orthopedics. He is very bright, of independent mind, with the poker face and dry wit of his Yankee forebears. His father is not living and he has largely put himself through medical school with the help of his wife who will be with them, although she had to leave off wage earning when they had a son on Christmas Eve. (The son will not be along!)

Another is Jacques M. Quen, whose ancestors were driven out of Spain during the Inquisition, his father's family finding refuge on the Island of Rhodes, his mother's in Turkey, so they speak many languages. Jacques had a master's degree from Brown before coming to Yale and is also an outstanding student. He is a serious medical historian, has even contemplated adopting it as a career. He did his thesis in our department on Elisha Perkins--he of the metallic tractors.

The third is Nicholas Alexis Halasz who has a glint in his eye not unlike Sir William as I imagine him. His family are not even in this country - being well-to-do and high up in the Hungarian government when the Communists took over and of sufficient value to the economy of the country that they were virtually made prisoners. Nick has not heard from or about them since his first year in medical school but when he came to this country about six or seven years ago he came to an uncle in Norfolk, Connecticut, who had married an American. His uncle is Pál Kelemen who has written a number of beautiful books on medieval art in America, baroque and rococo in the Americas, etc. Nick has just won the Campbell Prize given to the student with the highest average in course. He came to Yale at the age of nineteen and has probably done as much in an extra-curricular way as any lad in his

class. All three have been on the Board of the Journal of the History of Medicine, all three belong to the Nathan Smith Club, our student medical history club, and all three could always be depended ^{on} up to support any venture of the Department or Library in a very substantial way. John, Madeline, and I are extremely fond of all three of them and if you find it at all possible to grant them an audience, I think you would enjoy them, and they, it goes without saying, would be thrilled to death. However, knowing that you might not feel up to seeing them, we have promised them nothing except that Cécile would probably show them the Library if they will get in touch with her when they arrive and know something more definite about their plans than they do at this moment. They leave on Wednesday, the same day that Madeline and I, and later John, go to Baltimore to attend an institute on the teaching of medical history at the Hopkins. What M and I are doing there, we aren't sure, since we do no teaching by that name but are only accessories before and after the fact, but John thought the Department must be represented and at first he thought he couldn't go.

It is a day for the gods here and with about ten thousand Yale students, faculty, and fond parents gathered on the Old Campus this morning, it is a day doubly to be appreciated. If it rains, only the graduates without families can get into Woolsey Hall, so large has this university become. John went off in his beef-eater hat, his scarlet and gray Oxford gown with a blue and white schärf liberally trimmed with ermine fastened to one shoulder with a pin with the seal of the University of Louvain or some other insignia on it. Since the blue was very bright, he made quite a colorful figure. After the festivities over there, the medical students return here to receive their diplomas from the Dean in the Library which now is crammed with uncomfortable wooden chairs. Fortunately, it is a short ceremony! Also fortunately for those who must march in woolen suits with woolen gowns on top of them, it is cool with low humidity. I am writing to you instead of hearing the President intone the citation which you and John composed for "your" countryman as well as for those others (always a dark secret) on whom Yale is bestowing her favours this day. I love to go but one can never park anywhere near the place and it means a very long walk.

You'll be all tired out from reading this letter and quite unable to see anybody if I don't stop. We are filled with nostalgic envy of the boys who are going off without us, but we shall surprise you yet. I hope the new apartment is ~~stirring~~ shaking down" and that you begin to feel you belong there.

With affectionate greetings to Mrs. Francis, Cécile, and to you,

Ever yours,

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

7 June 1954

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My dear Bill:

I have been tardy in answering that charming letter of yours of 31 May, but I have not been tardy in sending your warm-hearted message to the Nathan Smith Club, and also the "Joyous Osler Medalist." They were all enormously pleased, as were your friends in the Historical Library. Meanwhile, Fred Kilgour has also shown me your letter of the same date which gave an account of your activities on the 29th. Fred was as pleased as we have been with your warm message.

But to return to your letter, I am, of course, immensely pleased by the things you said about the Lower volume, and also the more than generous remarks which you have set down about the Servetus Bibliography. Madeline was equally stirred. As for a review, I had not quite realized that Reichner would have mentioned the fact that you were receiving a review copy, but, naturally, nothing would delight us more than to have a review, and I hope a completely critical one, from your pen for J. Hist. Med. There is no hurry, but perhaps you could do it sometime within the year, and not embarrass yourself as you did with the Tagliacozzi by waiting three years! However, you will probably regard me as slightly wicked.

As for your quarter century note, we still wish to publish it, but we shall not do so until we have your authority; however, it could be easily masqueraded as something that had landed on our desk without obvious authorship. Anyone who loves you and knows your style would, I think, recognize the source, but if it is done anonymously -- and this we can arrange readily -- there would be no recrimination in your direction.

Don't worry about George Blumer's asparagus skit. We have decided to forget it; but I love your story about the gal who

DR. JOHN R. FULTON

117 Cedar Street

New Haven, Connecticut

broke the silence with, "It was quite right what you told me about asparagus!" This reminds me of several other stories which I think are better not recorded because if I did put them down, I might lose all of my junior secretarial assistants.

All the best,

My dear Bill:

Yours ever devotedly,
John

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20 May 1954

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My dear Bill:

Yours of the 16th which you apparently typed yourself -- bad boy -- reached me Tuesday, and I gather that Lucia has also had a letter from you which has been forwarded to Topsfield where she is this week spending some days with her mother. Your amusing letter is warmly appreciated, whether you had seconal or not, or whether Richard Lower had put you to sleep cordeal-wise. Lower was a great contributor to physiology and I don't think his De corde has ever been fully appreciated; certainly his book was the most outstanding discourse on the circulation between Harvey and Hales.

Don't worry about Kitty's letter; I did not send it either to the Principal or to the Dean, for the good reason that I was sure she was mixed up and had forgotten about your acknowledgment of the stethoscope which, in fact, had never been put on W.O.'s coffin in Christ Church. I remember that the Ticknor and Fields edition of the Religio Medici was the only thing on the coffin. I shall write Kitty on this point, but perhaps you will put some words into my mouth with your usual grace for I have not yet acknowledged her letter.

With regard to that fine piece which you wrote about the quarter-century of the Osler Library, would you and Mlle. Cécile revise it as you think it should be revised? But I ask you most sincerely not to emasculate it because it is so good as it is. Don't worry about Harold Jones; he may or may not see it, and if he sees it as it is he will probably be vastly amused.

You will no doubt hear from Lucia shortly.

All the best, and our particular greetings to Mlle. Cécile.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

P.S. Geo. B. has sent me his two W.O. Centennial whimsies. The asparagus test of renal function is really not bad, but his intestinal lucubrations were certainly not up to E.Y.D.'s standard!

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20 May 1954

*Carroll 3/12
Dear Dr. Jones
I am very sorry
to hear of your
illness*

My dear Bill:

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put some words into my mouth with your usual grace for I have not
yet so finished her letter.

With regard to that fine piece which you wrote about the
quarter-century of the Galen library, would you and Miss Gellie
revise it as you think it should be revised? Let I ask you most
sincerely not to emendulate it because it is as good as it is.
Don't worry about Harold Jones; he may or may not see it, and if
he sees it as it is he will probably be vastly amused.

You will no doubt hear from Lucia shortly.

All the best, and our particular greetings to Miss Gellie.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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12 May 1954

My dear Bill:

How right you were! Such a warm, appreciative letter from Kitty. I have not sent it to anyone else but I am enclosing two extra carbons in case you wish to pass them on to the Dean or to the Principle.

I can't believe that you or Cécile failed to acknowledge the precious stethoscope -- Kitty has probably just forgotten; but it is a very nice letter even so, and I am glad we didn't send her something that had been "spread" on the Minutes.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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11 May 1954

Dear Bill,

I kept a diary of the things
that happened last week and have had an
extra copy made for you, Henry Sigerist,
and George Blumer. I enclose it herewith.

Yours sincerely, + aff^r


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10 May 1954

My dear Bill:

A thousand thanks for that superb revision of the citation which I sent you. You have improved it vastly. I discover that we are trying a new experiment now -- indeed it was started last year but I had forgotten -- of not having a public orator as such, and the only citation comes from the President himself after the candidate in question has been presented by name only, so with the changes necessary to make it a presidential affair, the "revised virgin" is now in the hands of the President for such action as he may deem fit. I have done my bit, and you certainly have done yours.

Well, the meeting is over, also the Silliman Lectures, but I am still alive to tell the tale. Rather than writing you a long letter telling you all about everything, I shall send you in a day or two a diary description which covers the chief points. Meanwhile, I am sending you a menu which I passed around first to the high table and then to some of your particular friends at the dinner Saturday night. Don Wing gave a most amusing address on Howell, and considering the fact that he was scared to death, it went off very well. I don't know why a group of medical historians seem to put the fear of God into people, but even Deane Keller and Theodore Sizer had the jitters Thursday night. They both came out to dinner beforehand and Sizer, who ordinarily loves his beverages, didn't even have a cocktail. Nora also reported that he ate almost nothing, and Deane Keller also lost his appetite. Aren't people funny? But I know the feeling; one time in Chicago when I was giving a somewhat formal lecture, I lost my appetite at a luncheon given beforehand, and old James Herrick, my host, asked me if I was ill. I said "No", and that I didn't like to eat before speaking, and he replied that it reminded him of Cal Coolidge who had a guest who didn't eat before his lecture. It so happened that he gave a rather poor lecture, and when Mrs. Coolidge, on Cal's return, opened one eye and asked him how the lecture went, he deliberated and then responded finally, "Well, he might as well have eat!"

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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5 May 1954

My dear Bill,

We have all been delighted by your letter, and I am sending this to your new abode; I only hope that your period of protective custody in Ross Pavillion, fifth floor, did not result in the inadvertent loss of any important part of your anatomy. I too should have been a little apprehensive if I landed in a prostate ward.

Things are getting off to a good start with the Association; also with Granit's Silliman Lectures. He has given four thus far, and we had the official Silliman dinner last night, at which it fell to me to propose the health of our Scandinavian guest. I might have written you that Granit's selection this year was really most appropriate because it marked the fiftieth anniversary of the series given by Sherrington in 1904, and Granit is one of Sir Charles' most distinguished pupils. In his remarks last night he said that he had had the great privilege of working with Sir Charles during the 'glorious evening of his life'.

That piece which you wrote for the Library Staff News, "A quarter century," is a superb thing, and I do hope you will allow us to reprint it in J. Hist. Med. because while your staff news is known locally, an inspired statement such as this really should be more widely known. I hope you will not object.

Guthrie arrives today and starts our proceedings with a special lecture on "The three Alexander Monros, their influence and their writings." George Corner, the President Elect of the Association, will be here and I hope he will move the vote of thanks. If you do not hear from me for a week you must not conclude that I have succumbed to the rigors of the meetings. I feel in better shape than I have for several years and I think everything will go smoothly, thanks to all the help I have had from my loyal harem.

All the best, and much love to Hilda. I trust she is quite intact after the move.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

P.S. I have written to Kitty on the lines that you had suggested, and Dr. Duff has agreed to shelve the formal resolution.

[From the Diary of J.F.F., 3-9 May 1954]

The official Silliman dinner, given by Ed Silliman, as Chairman of the Silliman Committee, was held Tuesday night. There had a dinner party.

The four-minute mile. For more than fifty years followers of sport have speculated as to whether anyone would ever run a mile in less than four minutes. The nearest approach to it was made in 1945 by Gunder Haegg of Sweden who did his great mile in 4:1.4. Two months ago Haegg boldly predicted: "The four-minute mile will be run this year. It's overdue. And the man to do it will be Roger Bannister, that British doctor who has so much brains." On Thursday evening every radio station on the dial came booming forth with the announcement that the twenty-five year old Oxford medical student, Roger Bannister, had achieved the great feat of doing the mile in a race that afternoon at Oxford in 3:59.4. All four timepieces were checked and found accurate, the track was re-surveyed by a group of engineers who pronounced the distance accurate. Actually Bannister had run a mile and one inch. Through a final sprint he had run the last quarter in the phenomenal speed of 58.9 seconds. I called the first formal session of our American Association of the History of Medicine to order that evening, and instead of introducing the first speaker immediately, I announced that an Oxford medical student had broken the four-minute mile that same afternoon in Oxford, for it was obviously something that the medical historians should know about. It got the meeting off to a good start, and no one exceeded his time allowance!

The Silliman Lectures. Granit's lectures continued throughout the week from Monday through Friday. I picked him up each day at the Lawn Club and brought him down to Strathcona Hall for the usual preliminaries of trying out his slides and his microphone. Although the audience dwindled somewhat there were between forty and sixty in attendance every day, mostly senior people interested in the physiology and psychology of perceptual processes. Alex Forbes of Boston turned up one day, Dave Lloyd and Hsiang-Tung Chang came up for several of the lectures, and on Thursday Sylvia and Derek Denny-Brown came down from Boston. Their efforts to attend pleased Ragnar greatly. Between times, the Granits have been entertained in generous, but I fear exhausting fashion, but as a sturdy Swede Ragnar, and also Daisy, his wife, have taken it quite easily in their stride. Among other things they enjoy walking together and during their two-week sojourn in New Haven they became familiar and very picturesque figures strolling jauntily down Whitney or Hillhouse Avenues, Ragnar carrying a handsome stick which he manages with quite an air of the old world, and when someone was bold enough to comment on it he retorted genially that he felt quite undressed without it. Daisy Granit, as I mentioned last week, is a warm and out-going person who, when seen in profile, might have come out of a Botticelli canvas. Although they tease one another rather unmercifully, she about the things he does wrong when he is lecturing, and he about her weak-mindedness when it comes to food, they are utterly devoted - indeed, they remind me of George and Betsey Corner, for they make an inseparable and wonderful team.

American Association of the History of Medicine. The President of this Association, in accordance with custom, for the year, last year we had an excellent meeting in Columbia, in which I had few responsibilities except to extend an invitation to the Association

The official Silliman dinner, given by Ed Sinnott as Chairman of the Silliman Committee, was held Tuesday night. Lucia had a dinner party the same evening for Daisy G. and some of the ladies of New Haven, including Kay Angell, Peg Ippard, Dorothy Blake, and a half-dozen other of Lucia's more lively gal friends. At Ed Sinnott's request I spoke informally about Ragnar, mentioning that his presence here as Silliman Lecturer was gratifying for many reasons, but more especially for the fact that Mr. Sinnott had mentioned when introducing him on the first day, that the lectures for 1954 marked the fiftieth anniversary of Sherrington's lectures given in 1904, and that no more fitting person than Granit could possibly have been found to celebrate this great event in Yale history. I likened him to the rugged individualists which have always characterized science in Sweden—Olof Rudbeck, Carl Linné, and Carl Scheele, who, like Granit, had all begun to create when in their early twenties. Riggs, a psychologist from Brown who had been invited to meet Granit because of their common interest in colour vision, also spoke briefly, and Ragnar, as one could have anticipated, replied in most charming fashion in perfect English, starting off with a good story or two to make the odds even for Sinnott's several rather atrocious ones which he had picked up at the American Philosophical and which he had related in the course of the introduction. I had tried to forewarn Ragnar about everything and had told him that everything would be quite informal, but Swedes always have so much ritual about any dinner—formal or informal; however, he took it in the spirit intended—or perhaps I should say 'water,' for Ed, being a teetotaler, had forgotten to order any wine.

On Friday night, Lucia and I gave a farewell dinner party for the Granits at Mill Rock, prior to the evening session of the Association of the History of Medicine, at which Deane Keller and Theodore Sizer were speaking and Tom Forbes presiding; we all went down afterwards to the Library to hear Deane and Tubby talk about Vesalius and art in the Renaissance. The papers were both excellent, but none of us was prepared for Tubby Sizer's whimsy; he centered his paper about a row which Carl Rollins, Fred Kilgour, Billee Ivins, the iconoclastic curator of prints of the Metropolitan Museum, Dean Keller, and I have been having for some ten years over the Vesalian plates, Ivins concluding that Vesalius was merely a hack and that all credit for his great illustrations should go to Jan Calcar and other students of Titian. The comedy was staged in a tavern in Florence in the 1540's and consisted of an imaginary conversation being held between Ivins, Kilgour, Rollins, Fulton, and Keller, the artist. Tubby is a perfect actor and he gave the whole thing without cracking a smile and with a dead-pan expression on his face. Our legs were all pulled unmercifully, and the audience were all but rolling in the aisles before he had finished. I think the Granits were vastly entertained, even though they didn't know quite the background of the literary row.

And so wound up a great series of Silliman Lectures which have brought pleasure and instruction to many people in the University. The published volume, which is already in the hands of the press, will carry this brilliant exposition to a world-wide audience.

American Association of the History of Medicine. The President of this fine body serves, in accordance with recent custom, for two years. Last year we had an excellent meeting in Columbus, at which I had few responsibilities except to extend an invitation to the Association

to meet in New Haven in 1954. The invitation was accepted, and since then we have been busy as beavers planning all the details. I had asked Sam Harvey to act as Chairman of the Program Committee and, working with our local group - John Blake, Tom Forbes, Fred Kilgour, Paul MacLean, Henrietta Perkins, Madeline Stanton, Elizabeth Thomson, and Bill Walker - we had decided to have three general symposia, one on medical statistics, the second on chemistry and medicine, and the third on curative medicine and society, with general papers between the symposia. The speakers at the symposia were to be invited, the other general papers offered by members of the Association. Sam Harvey, who had taken such a lively interest in the forthcoming meeting, died most unexpectedly on 22 August 1953. I tried to find someone to take his place here in New Haven because it would have been convenient to have a local chairman, but all members of the Yale Medical Faculty held Sam in such deep respect and they were all so much involved in other things that no one would take over, so, with the approval of other members of the Executive Committee, I approached Lloyd G. Stevenson of the University of Western Ontario at London, Canada, and he took over and really made the program what it was by implementing Sam Harvey's general plan. Between us and largely through his initiative, we chose the speakers for the three symposia, and there was no difficulty at all with the general papers - indeed, there were more than we could handle. Meanwhile, Elizabeth Thomson became Chairman of our Committee on Local Arrangements and she and Madeline looked after all the endless details of food, registration, and visits to points of historical interest.

The meetings commenced unofficially Wednesday night when Dr. Douglas Guthrie, formerly Professor of Otolaryngology at Edinburgh and now Lecturer in the History of Medicine at that ancient seat of learning, gave a Woodward Lecture, which had been announced on the Association program, at the Historical Library, on "The three Alexander Monros, their influence and their writing." He and his wife, who have been traveling for ten months on a lecture tour of the Empire and the United States, arrived Wednesday afternoon in time to augment the Silliman Lecture audience. I gave a small dinner for them at the Lawn Club that evening, at which Dorothy Blake was hostess since Lucia had succumbed to a cold (Fred Kilgour and Perky were also there, thank heaven!), and then I introduced him before the lecture. There was a good audience and we were all well pleased with the lecture itself. It reminded me of the days thirty-five years ago when I spent a summer in Edinburgh studying anatomy at a time when one still felt acutely conscious of the Monroe tradition. The Granits, who had dined with Alec Witherspoon and Mary Wheeler in Berkeley College, were present, Ragnar as a gesture to Guthrie for having attended his Silliman Lecture that afternoon.

On Thursday, 6 May, I spent a quiet morning in the office, and then presided at two at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association, at which we decided to have the next meeting at Detroit in response to an invitation from the Michigan State Medical Society. There had been two other invitations, one from Duke and the other from the New York Academy of Medicine. Other business will be recored in the minutes. I escaped in time to get Ragnar to his Silliman Lecture, while the others visited the University Library and had tea at the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

The first official session of the Association took place Thursday evening. I welcomed them as President and urged strict adherence to time schedules, and reminded them that there was a Yale laundry chute immediately under the rostrum and that anyone that spoke overtime would automatically disappear and continue his lecture in the atmosphere of soiled linen. I then announced that Roger Bannister, the Oxford Medical student, had broken the four-minute mile, and apparently in the same breath congratulated Lloyd Stevenson on the work of the Program Committee and upon his McGill appointment. One of the most epicurean members of the Association congratulated Lloyd afterward on having run the mile in less than four minutes! Richard Shryock presided and we had four top-flight papers on the rise of statistics in medicine. I was especially proud of that of John Blake, who gave a lively and most informative discussion of "The early history of vital statistics in Massachusetts." I sat beside Dorothy Blake while John read his paper, and she was obviously beaming with pride, as well she might.

On Friday, 7 May, Joe Fruton presided over the second symposium on "Interrelations of chemistry and medicine," the speakers being Temkin, Multhaupt, Klickstein, and Duveen, and we wound up with a fourth and really superb paper by Perrin Long on "The history of chemotherapy." Perrin had been responsible for introducing prontosil and some of the other sulphonimides in this country shortly after their effectiveness had been announced by Domagk in Germany. Perrin had a well-prepared manuscript, but he was so familiar with his subject that he spoke extemporaneously directly into the microphone and everyone was delighted with him. I brought him out to lunch with Lucia immediately after the meeting. We had hoped that Elizabeth Lond might be with him, but at the last minute she was ill. Perrin had always been a protégé of Lew Weed, so we had a fine talk about old days in Baltimore. I had left the Council meeting in George Corner's able hands and missed the later afternoon session since I was taking Ragnar to his Silliman Lecture, after a good nap. As was mentioned earlier, we had a farewell dinner at Mill Rock for the Granits.

On Saturday morning, the eighth, there was another symposium, again with four top-flight papers by Bill Glenn, Jack Peters - both of Yale, Iago Galdston, and the genial Dutch professor, now of New York, Dr. I. Snapper. In the afternoon, Fred Kilgour presided over some good papers by Chauncey Leake, E.G.D. Murray of Montreal, and we wound up with a beautifully timed soporific paper of Simon B. Chandler of West Virginia, entitled "Shakespeare and sleep as a medical problem." I think Elizabeth was responsible for having placed this as the final paper of the session, and there were a few audible snores before it ended. I opened all the windows immediately afterwards and got the place aired out in time to introduce Esmond Long, our Garrison Lecturer for this year, who spoke on "The decline of chronic infectious disease." Afterwards the Association's awards were announced: The Welch Medal to Jerome Webster and M. Gnudi for the Life of Gaspari Tagliacozzi, and to our great satisfaction the Osler Medal went to our own man, Bob Joy, for his paper on the Bonesetters of Rhode Island.

The Annual Dinner had been arranged for the Lawn Club at seven, and an excellent meal it was with cocktails beforehand. Lucia, the darling, had had flowers put on every table. Madeline and Elizabeth

had arranged the seating, with nine at the high table: Dr. and Mrs. Corner, Dr. and Mrs. Lippard, Dr. Esmond Long, Mr. and Mrs. Wing, and Lucia and I. At the end of the meal I spoke briefly on my tour of duty as President, mentioning the help which had been extended to me by all the officers, and especially by Sam Radbill, our indefatigable secretary. I then made brief mention of the menu which had been arranged around Don Wing's address of the evening, "James Howell and medicine." I then turned the meeting over to the new President, George Corner, who picked up the ball and carried it with the utmost grace, speaking of his plans as President, and he, as director of an institute of human embryology, made one priceless slip of the tongue which I am sure had not been planned when he began by saying, "During the period of my pregnancy," but he quickly caught himself, but the audience by that time were in spasms. He then proceeded to introduce Don Wing who, oddly enough, seemed to have a little stage fright, but he read a most excellent paper, and so ended the meetings of the Association. Lucia had quite recovered from her cold, and to my slightly prejudiced eye was certainly the most striking woman at the gathering.

OSLER LIBRARY,
28 April, 1964.

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

Dear Dr. Fulton,

The Senate met last Wednesday afternoon and, thank goodness, put their final blessing on Dr. Stevenson's appointment.

Here are the two clippings from our morning and evening papers. The one for the Star was written by a Mr. Macfarlane who reports all the McGill "doings" and who is notorious for his great powers of inaccuracy! As a matter of fact, this item is better than most of his efforts although he omitted "of the history of medicine" after associate professor. This might have been a deliberate omission, though I would hardly credit him with that much "finesse". He and Dr. Bill have waged many a merry battle over his past blunders, but I doubt if he shall be reprimanded for this particular error! The Gazette merely condensed the former and left out the Osler Library part of the appointment. I really think the McGill authorities should have a competent person to write, or check, their press releases. No wonder Osler was suspicious of the Delilah's (or Macfarlane's) of the press!

Dr. Francis is now wandering around his apartment and I found him looking much better when I paid him a visit yesterday afternoon. It shall be a blessing once their dreaded move is a thing of the past. The mere thought of it has been a terrible "bête noir" to them both for several years.

As you must be very busy (to put it mildly!) arranging the fast approaching meeting next week, please do not bother acknowledging these clippings.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Cécile Desbarats

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*Rec'd kind
4th*

27 April 1954

Postmarked 30th

My dear Bill,

Although it is still an official secret, Wilder is coming down to us on 6 June, and I have the tough assignment of doing the citation. I am limited to roughly a hundred words, and the Public Orator originally stipulated seventy-five. The reference to the Sussex accident can probably be cut down, but if you are feeling up to it I should much appreciate your going over with considerations of fact, taste, elegance, and brevity in mind. It is to be given in English. I enclose a self-addressed envelope so that you can do your scribbling and get someone to drop it into the post.

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,

Jim

Rec'd 30th

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27 April 1954

My dear Bill,

Your peppery letter of 29 April [sic] reached me three days before it was written and it delighted me because you sounded just like your old self. If the Dean insists upon a formal resolution (my tongue slipped and I said 'revolution'), I shall revise it incorporating the additional information which only you could so easily pull out of your memory. However, since your feelings about having formal resolutions spread on your laconic minutes are rather decided, I should prefer to drop the whole thing and write a letter for the Curators on the lines indicated in the excellent draft which you enclosed. I have of course already written Kitty, but this was some time ago and for myself rather than for the Curators. I shall do anything that you and the Dean may between you decide. Meanwhile keep up the good work and since you are a good Oslerian I know that you will not worry about the future for everything is certain to come out all right and as you wish it.

I have just spent three days in Philadelphia attending meetings of the Philosophical, and Wilder quite covered himself with glory on Friday afternoon; he read a most excellent paper on the brain and the mind, which was followed by a twenty-minute discussion - in fact, George Corner, who was presiding and was beginning to worry about time schedules, had difficulty in stopping the Philosophical questioners. Wilder seems to be pleased as punch about becoming a Curator, and I know we are all going to enjoy his presence at future meetings.

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,

Jim

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

COPY TO MISS DESBARATS ✓

26 April 1954

My dear Dr. Duff:

Our good friend, Dr. Bill, seems to be recovering rapidly! He dislikes the idea of having a formal resolution about Dr. Malloch, and raises a number of questions about the one I had drafted, several of which are very much to the point and should be heeded if the resolution is re-written. However, in view of his rather strong feelings about "spreading" such a thing on the minutes, I think perhaps it might be best to forget the idea.

He has suggested instead that I write an informal letter to Mrs. Malloch for the Curators and has outlined what might be said. In the circumstances, I can only leave the decision to you and to the Principal. The text of the proposed letter to Mrs. Malloch from the Curators is enclosed.

Yours very sincerely,

John F. Fulton, M.D.

Dr. G. Lyman Duff, Dean
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q., Canada

P.S. I had thought that the resolution might pass in view of the fact that it did not employ a single "Whereas!"

Enclosure: Draft of letter to Mrs. Malloch

OSLER LIBRARY,
29 April, 1954.
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Dr. J. F. Fulton,
Historical Library,
533 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

Re Archie: it was a shame to give you this task, and I refuse, unless overruled, to "spread on" my laconic minutes any lengthy obituaries of even the best of curators. The minute book is not the place for them. Nor can it go to Kitty like this. She knows it all better than we do and a personal letter from you or me would be the proper thing. If the Board insists on an obituary, here are a few suggestions: Archie spent months as a boy in the J. H. H., everybody's pet (and chattering pest) and had his knee joint excised by Halsted for tb. During the war he served in the Red Cross in Belgium (in 1914!) and in England where he worked up that fine biographical study of "Finch and Baines", before the Canadian (not R.) Army Med. Corps would accept him. His leaves were spent with the Oslers. While I was in Geneva, 1920-22, he was doing clinical work in London, spending long week-ends at Oxford; in 1922-26 at McGill, the best of the younger chest men. It was the supposedly advancing hereditary deafness that made him drop the stethoscope and accept the N. Y. Acad. job in 1926. Meanwhile he had married W. O.'s great-niece. She of course should be mentioned as such.

I don't know what to advise you about it. I had hoped that my note would be enough for the minutes and that a personal letter of sympathy to Kitty which I shall write anyway, would do.

As the British telephone girls say, "Sorry you've been "TRRROUBLED"!

Distracted with moving plans, but recovering all the same.

A copy of this goes to the Dean.

Yours ever,

WWF:cd

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19 April 1954

My dear Cécile:

Many thanks for yours of the 15th which reached me at the house on Saturday. I don't mind having things sent to the house but you will have replies much more promptly if letters go to 333 Cedar Street because my accomplishments are rather limited in that I don't type and my handwriting is almost as unintelligible as my voice when I have lost it!

I'm glad Dr. Bill approved of my announcement of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Library, and I have made the changes suggested. I had thought that the member of the Osler clan who is now a Curator representing the family, and who lives in Montreal, is the same gentleman who attended the original meeting, but I gather that this cannot be the case. I'm so glad the correction came through in time because I should not like to have anything of that sort go into print. We have also corrected the date of Dr. Stevenson's appointment from 1 June to 1 July. I remember distinctly 1 June being mentioned at the meeting but I guess the extra month was to help Dr. S. make moving easier.

It distresses me that the teaching title which L.G.S. has received is viewed with some misgivings by Dr. Bill. In some English universities the title of lecturer implies a degree of seniority that is next to the professor himself, and tell Dr. Bill some time that Henry Sigerist is a research associate in the history of medicine at Yale; we might have made him a lecturer except that he wasn't here to lecture in the flesh. Also, when Dr. Cushing retired, we were put to it for a title; lecturer was preferred by most, but he finally emerged as "Director of Studies in the History of Medicine" which didn't mean much because he didn't really direct anything. However, he did give some lectures which were all very much appreciated. Dr. Bill's Hopkins contemporary, Dr. Charles H. Bunting, is a lecturer here in our Department of Pathology. But you know the psychology of the man of whom we are both so fond so don't tell him anything that you think wouldn't please him.

Meanwhile, I have sent you a suggested resolution about Dr. Malloch. I found it a desperately difficult thing to write because I knew much too much about what went on behind the scenes between Dr. Bill and Archie M. when they were working on the catalogue.

Miss Cécile Desbarats
Osler Library

19 April 1954
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But much more important than these trivia is the report about Dr. Bill's health and his having the green light from his conservative physicians.

Thank you again so much for your welcome bulletin.

Yours sincerely,

John Fulton

John F. Fulton, M.D.

Miss Cécile Desbarats
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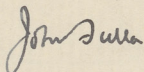
14 April 1954

My dear Cécile,

Herewith the suggested resolution about Dr. Malloch. If you think it is appropriate, would you ask Dr. Bill for his comments? I requested the Dean not to send it until we have had word from all those who were present at the meeting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



John F. Fulton, M.D.

Miss Cécile Desbarats
Osler Library
Montreal, Canada

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9 April 1954

*Ans's with her
R.L.S. 2*
My dear Bill:

I thoroughly enjoyed my brief visit to Montreal even though I did lose my voice. I was losing it when I saw you, but I am glad to report that it has now been found again and I am once more quite articulate.

Such a nice letter yesterday from Cécile who is able to turn phrases, French and English, just about as cleverly as you do. She apparently liked the idea of having my written messages to Chairman Duff but they were not as detailed as they might have been had I been able to speak.

I hope she has told you about our problem of finding something appropriate for the new Harkness Memorial Dormitory -- one to two hundred words sort of thing over the fireplace. I wrote it all out and asked Cécile to show it to you sometime when you were feeling up to such activities. I hope the boys who are looking after you will let you sit up a bit because in my experience as a physiologist, it is less of a strain on a heart than lying flat but undoubtedly this is already being attended to.

All the best from us both, and love and kisses from all the gals who so adore you,

Yours ever devotedly,

Jim

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

Rec'd 26th.
16 April 1954

My dear Bill,

We are all so delighted to have that nice letter from you written on the eleventh and in your own fair hand, suggesting, among other things, that first paragraph of the dedication to Robert Louis Stevenson's Underwood. It is really a marvellous sentiment, and Dean Lippard seemed quite enthusiastic about it. He would like to have something a little shorter, but this I think would be high on his list of preferences, and he asked me to thank you particularly for the trouble you have taken. W.O.'s climax to his "Master-word" is awfully good too, and I don't have any compunction about an exhortation to medical students to work. They need the urging and the urge. I think there are probably a few good passages in Stephen Paget's volume of essays, and we are combing this as well.

It is good news that you are sneaking to the toilet occasionally. This will be much less strain on your heart and respiratory system than hoisting yourself on a bedpan - a most unphysiological process, may I say. Quite apart from the physical effort involved, the operation generally has the effect on me of complete sphincteric paralysis.

That Minnesotan sass from the Brat, as you call her, is really priceless. I think southern Minnesota is doing her good!

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

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18 March 1954

My dear Bill,

I have an uncomfortable feeling that I have never properly acknowledged yours of 5 March in which you draw my attention to that masterful note about Bayle in W.O.'s catalogue, i.e., the note to 3316. This is really worthy of James Atkinson, only a little more subtle.

It might amuse you to know that about eight months ago we loaned an archbishop, who shall be nameless, our copy of Knight's account of the oldest of human cults and it has just come back rather the worse for wear and we have had to send it to Ray Maltby for suitable repairs!

All the best.

Yours,

Jn

D R A F T

Dear Kitty,

At the meeting on 5 April of the Curators of the Osler Library, which Bill was unable to attend, the Board passed a resolution asking me to convey to you their sympathy and their appreciation of the incalculable services of Archie, a protégé of Sir William's since boyhood, his faithful attendant during his last illness and a great-nephew by marriage; one of the editors of the "Bibliotheca Osleriana", and an original curator since the opening of the Library at McGill, never missing a meeting until his long illness incapacitated him. As Bill put it in his report to the Curators, "The Library could have had no better friend and helper."

Bill, who is now well enough to have a hand in this, was sure a personal message would please you more than a formal "Whereas ... Whereas ... Be it resolved."

Yours faithfully,

[Sgd.] J. F. Fulton
for the Curators of the Osler Library.

THOMAS ARCHIBALD MALLOCH, 1887-1953.

~~dedication~~ In September 1912, Dr. A. E. Malloch, an old friend of the Osler family, brought his son 'Archie' to Oxford to meet Sir William. The elder Malloch was ill at the time, and Archie recorded in his journal that Sir William "had an extraordinarily cheering effect upon Papa, so humorous and full of fun; and they had been twice to Frilford Heath for golf and had been all over the Clarendon Press, and the Bodleian, the Radcliffe Camera, the Museum, the Laboratories, and the book-stacks below the grass-plots--- wonderful!" Late in October 1919, Sir William became gravely ill with pneumonia, and his devoted young friend, Archie Malloch, who during the war period had been studying pneumonia, moved into the Osler household at Oxford on Lady Osler's request and remained at Sir William's bedside until his death, writing letters for him and observing the course of his fatal illness with insight and deep human sympathy.

Malloch had been graduated from McGill in 1913, and during the war had served with the Canadians in the ^AA.A.M.C. At the end of the war he joined Dr. Francis in helping to carry out Sir William's plans for an annotated catalogue of his library. It was a formidable task in every respect; Malloch did much to expedite it, but when he was called to assume the distinguished appointment as Librarian of the New York Academy of Medicine, he left Oxford, and Francis was obliged to finish the undertaking without his help. The Bibliotheca Osleriana was published by the Oxford Press in time for the formal

dedication of the Library on 29 May 1929.

As soon as the Library was established at McGill, Malloch became one of the original Curators and served in that capacity until his death. Prior to his illness he never missed a Curators' meeting and, as Dr. Francis has said, "the Library could have had no better friend or helper." Malloch's loyalty was unswerving, as were his devotion and affection for everything relating to William Osler and his books.

OSLER LIBRARY,
5 March, 1954.

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

My dear John,

We're making it Monday, 5 April, at noon in the earnest hope that you (and Lucia) can be here. Would you drop a line to the Surgeon General about Rogers's travelling expenses? (See Geo. E. Armstrong's letter to you of 7 Apr., 1953, a copy of which you sent us.) I'm reminding our Principal, F. C. James, to do the like.

✱ That eponymic tale from one of your "British" recte Hollywood?; correspondents has had me guessing ever since yours of the 19th ult. Somewhere in the Bibl. W. O. quotes a similar case in medieval Latin from Bayle, and I can't find it -- another proof of old age. The Scotch never know how to spell their surnames, so the difference between Secundus and Mrs. Di Maggio doesn't invalidate the argument.

Take your time and it easy, but try to get air-borne by the 5th.

Yours ever,

Recl.

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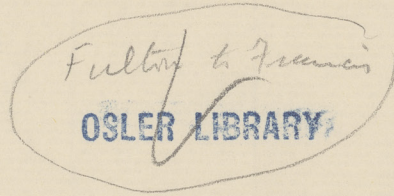
✱ Not comparable - with to 3314
I forgot that Bayle has a full index.

Stevenson

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*For the Dean
"Personal"*



4 March 1954

My dear Bill,

Madeline has shown me your letter of 2 March, asking for particulars about Lloyd Stevenson and mentioning that 5 April may be selected for the meeting of the Osler Trustees. I think it may be possible for me to be there and I have talked with Lucia. She of course insists upon getting clearance from my doctor folk, but I think this can be done. We would like to come up quietly, perhaps the day before the meeting, stay ~~quietly~~ at the Ritz without any social responsibilities, and I can then turn up at the meeting on the fifth. I should especially like to be there if there is to be any discussion of Lloyd Stevenson, the more so as you tell us that he might possibly be considered as your successor at the library.

Lloyd is a gifted fellow, and I share the view of many others that he is probably the foremost medical historian of Canada, apart from yourself. He teaches well, inspires students, and contrary to the thought expressed in your letter he has a gay wit which sometimes isn't entirely apparent when he is worried about the discharging of public responsibilities. When Sam Harvey died, who had been Chairman of the Program Committee of the Association for the May meeting, we appointed Lloyd in his place, and his letters about some of the trials and tribulations in getting speakers and in refusing certain self-appointed orators that he didn't want have been a perfect riot. If he came to the B.O. he would establish a center for the teaching of medical history which would enable him to do much more than he has at London because there he does not have a library to work with. He has a great reverence and affection for you and also for W.O. If you introduce him with a few shafts of humour, as you do so well and with so little effort, I think you will put him at his ease and that he will respond accordingly. He will of course never replace you in our affections - but who could; the gals are devoted to him and think very highly of him.

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,

Jm

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Historical Library

2 March 1954

My dear Bill,

Many thanks for yours of 25 February. I don't quite know how long they will ground me but Lucia the other night had a spell of talking to herself, I think for my benefit, about how nice it would be to see Montreal in the spring. I agreed with her and I am optimistic enough to hope that should you settle the date for the meeting of the Osler Trustees sometime late this month or in early April I might be able to put in an appearance. But please realize this is only wishful thinking. Your meetings have the great virtue of lasting for only about an hour and they do not involve an excessive amount of physical effort, so I am hoping that something can be arranged. I shall not be able to attend the Osler dinner, much as I should like to hear my good friend, Russell Brain. I trotted around with him last summer in Portugal and Spain. By a curious coincidence he represented Britain and I the States at the official Centenary Celebrations for Don Santiago Ramón y Cajal. It was really a most interesting occasion.

I don't recall ever having seen the laudatory letters written in 1929, and I certainly don't remember mine. Some day I should like to see them.

All the best, in which the gals join,

Yours ever,



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

OSLER LIBRARY,
2 March, 1954.

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

Dear III,

Ask John if Monday Apr. 5th will suit him for the Osler meeting. He should be ungrounded by then, and on the loose again.

Can you give me particulars about Lloyd Stevenson? He may be here to lecture three weeks hence, and I'll have to introduce him. He says he's been in the O. L. twice but I was away and he didn't make himself known.

Did I hear that he made a good impression on you all? He's said to lack humor.

I expect he may succeed me, if they can find him a respectable salary, but I do not expect him to supplant me in the affections of you and others.

I feel much less flaccid than last week, but am no great shakes yet.

Ellen Kay,

Ellen

WHF:cd

OSLER LIBRARY,
25 Feb., 1954.

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

Dear John,

Good report from Madeline this morning about your scheduler docility with hopes that the miracle may persist. Knowing your relish of our meetings I suppose I shouldn't raise the question of a date for the Osler curators. How long are they likely to ground you? Or have you any prospective commitments whose dates I should avoid?

The Osler Soc. dinner is Tues., Mar. 30th, with Sir Russell Brain as speaker. It would be a bit hectic for me to have the meeting that day of the day before. It should be some day between Mar. 21st and Apr. 6th. I must consult the Dean.

Cécile recently dug out a cache of the best butter, laudatory letters, 1929, about the "Bibl. O." The best of them bear your pencil initials. I wonder did we have them copied? They look edited for that purpose, with extraneousities scored through.

If it weren't for A. D., insomnia and post-undiagnosed depression, I'd be a bright young fellow, as I hope this finds you.

Yours ever,

RUF

WUF:cd

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11 February 1954

Miss Desbaretts
Osler Library
Montreal, Canada

Dear Miss Desbaretts:

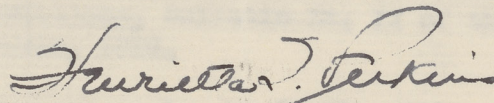
I am sending this request to you since I learn that Dr. Francis is a bit under-the-weather, but there is no particular haste in sending the reprint to me should you have an extra copy. We find our Osler collection is lacking the following and would like very much to have a copy to place in that file.

Canadian J. M. & S. March 1920, 49: 157-3 - 1920

McPhedran, A. - Sir William Osler's influence on medical education in the U.S.

Our holdings of this journal lack this particular year, and right now I am checking a bibliography which includes this reference. If nothing more could you possibly give me the volume and the page as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,



(Mrs.) Henrietta T. Perkins
Assistant Librarian

HTP:eyf

Please tell Dr. D. that Percy sends her best

OSLER LIBRARY,
18 Feb., 1954.

Mrs. H. T. Perkins,
Yale Medical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven 11,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear Perky,

You started something! We apparently have not got the Osler number of the Canadian J. M. & S., March, 1920, in the Osler Library; only the bound volume in the Medical Library.

The McFhedran reference is in that same number, namely, vol. 47, pp. 151-3. You can usually pick up these Osler references at the back of Maude Abbott's Appreciations, Bulletin No. IX of the International Assoc. of Medical Museums, 1926.

I am very weary and going home early, so Cécile will sign this for me.

Love to you all.

P.S. Aren't you swanky - we envy you your printing typewriter!

WWF:cd

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

333 CEDAR STREET · NEW HAVEN CT · CONNECTICUT

Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

3 February 1954

My dear Bill:

I have been a little slow in acknowledging your letter of 27 January because, accustomed as I am to deciphering your handwriting, I couldn't read your pencilled foot-note -- you must use a sharper pencil! I gather that someone of the Jewish faith is about to make a present to the Library, and that you are worried for fear that you will not know the mores of his race unless you appeal first to a Rabbi with a painless, sharp knife. My dear fellow, you do receive your gifts in the hard way; I don't think even Jim Babb, who has received countless treasures from Mr. Rabinowitz, has altered his basic physique to this extent. Madeline had a hand in deciphering your enigma, but there were several gaps and she has asked me to fill in the missing parts. So I have tried to restore you, in the eyes of future readers, to the status of a Christian gentleman.

I was sad to hear of your illness. I know exactly how it feels, and I am glad the death-rattle is only a pseudo.

All the best,

Yours ever devotedly,

Jon

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INCLUDING THE COLLECTIONS OF HARVEY CUSHING AND ARNOLD C. KLEBS
333 CEDAR STREET · NEW HAVEN · CONNECTICUT

21 January 1954

Dear Bill:

Perky is getting steam up about John's S.T.C. , and we had a brief confab the other morning about various problems connected with it. Since you are one of our ablest advisors as well as our severest critic, we want to let you know about some of the forms which we are contemplating adopting. If you have definite reactions about any of these, please let us know.

1. Size of volumes. I raised the question of leaving off 8° and putting size only when it was something other than 8°. Perky wondered about listing the size in centimetres which is the way ~~size~~ is entered on the catalogue cards, but I do not much care for this myself although I can see the advantages.

2. References to other copies. We all agreed it was useful to cite BMC, BN, LC, SGO, Osler, etc. Do you agree with this?

3. Publishers, printers, and so forth. This offers the biggest head-ache. In Dr. Cushing's S.T.C. John insisted that the names of the publishers be entered in their vernacular form. This involved an unconscionable amount of time and practically wrecked the undertaking at more than one point. We all would like to include the publishers in John's catalogue but we are looking for some simple way in which it can be done, and are turning to you for some panacea. Of course, the easiest way would be to take the first name after the date and (horror of horrors) leave it in exactly the same form in which it appears -- dangling genitives and everything. Now don't let your blood pressure go up or anything like that. We won't make a move without your blessing, but do try to make your solution an easy one!

Perky plans at the moment to do all the typing at home out of hours. Anyone else would quail at the prospect, but she is very eager to be on with it and is full of enthusiasm over the prospect of actually putting something on paper.

John is housed for the moment at the top of Mill Rock having had a bit of fibrillation which began on Monday. He has read the Howell on this point -- I should say again, I think, though I pulled his leg about this the other night -- and he feels that the account therein is quite satisfactory. I don't quite know when they will let him out again, but so far he is possessing his soul in patience.

Ellen K.

My new name.
The letter was dictated & what
I said at the end was L. & K.
Toujours. Teddies

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

333 CEDAR STREET · NEW HAVEN 11 · CONNECTICUT

Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

18 January 1954

Dear Bill,

I am glad that the Wren-Willis prints have reached you, and I must say that our dilatory photographer did a rather better job than usual; I am also pleased that you received the Francqui monograph. If the French text has any virtue you of course are in large measure responsible, although I must not fail to mention Yvonne Massier who lived with me for two months at Louvain recording my bad French and sending it back to me sounding like Voltaire - and I mean "lived" in the literal and most chaste sense. Madeline was there to chaperone us, but we really didn't need it because Yvonne, charming creature that she is, had her fiancé, M. Fog, in the offing. I had moments of slightly resenting the presence of both M. Fog and my beloved Madeline - however, any resentment that there might have been was not real.

I am glad you have been having more brown ink letters from Lammas House and that you had fun twitting Geoffrey about the typographical slip in his dust-cover and title-page. He is really terribly upset about it, and I have been rather unmerciful in pulling his leg.

We have a portrait of Samuel Beaumont, but I don't think it is the one you mention and I would very much like to have a photostat of yours.

Sorry the gripes laid you low; I had to get up from a bed of pain the other night and give a paper on H.C. as we knew him, at a Cushing program at the Historical Section of the New York Academy of Medicine, presided over by Dean Curran. Mary, Betsey, and Barbara swept in before the lecture, with two of their husbands, Jim Fosburgh and Bill Paley. The three little devils covered me with lipstick just as I was getting up on the platform - but I really couldn't object because I was so utterly delighted to discover that they had made the effort to come. Jock Whitney would have been there, but he was discharging his important civic responsibilities by presiding at a local town meeting in Manhasset. I was glad for another reason that the gals were there because the audience was rather more interested in looking at them than in listening to what I had to say!

All the best.

Yours ever devotedly,

John

P.S. The gals send their affectionate greetings, as always.

P.P.S. I am late in getting this letter off because just after I started to I had a sudden attack of auricular fibrillation & lay here for two days. Dig it along and "Gummed" - I am a nuisance, but I find "we" have an admirable description

of the syndrome in our 16th E of Textbook of Physiology, p. 653. It is accurate on all accounts!

OSLER LIBRARY,
15 Jan., 1954.

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

Dear John,

Thanks (every letter begins thus!) for the two Wren-Willis pictures, much handsomer than our folded octavo copy; also for the Franqui masterpiece "Physiologie des lobes frontaux." What a versatile bundle of capability you are!

I've just had a new old brown ink letter from Keynes, Lammas House, Newmarket. I had objected to his making Harvey 5 years my senior on the title-page of his new Bibliography. H. and I were born the same year '78, so it had hit me in the eye. G. K. congratulates me on having the rare first issue. The t.-p. was promptly cancelled. Have you seen a perfectly delightful book by his wife's elder sister, I forget her name, daughter of Sir George and married to a Frenchman. Such a picture of Darwin's sons and grandchildren!

Do you know of a portrait of Samuel Beaumont? (Mrs.) "Worthy" has left with me a quaint "Essex Co. Republican Annual", Keeseville, N.Y., 1893, containing "Sketches and portraits of noted men and women of the Champlain Valley and Adirondacks." There are pugnacious old woodcuts of Wm. & Sam. side by side. I'll get some photostats, if they would be of interest.

Gripes this week which gave me a good excuse to stay in bed while the /5 below breeze whipped through our walls. Back at work today. No 5th cervical neuritis for ten days.

WWF:cd

Love to the family

*Yours,
Mutt*

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21 Jan 1940

Historical Library, Yale University School of Medicine
333 Cedar Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Bill,

You were good to return your proofs so promptly especially when you had been in bed for a week. We have ordered the Note on E. Darwin and the Tagliacozzi bound up together in one reprint - 25 copies of it. And we are glad to know about air mail vs. regular mail. Goes faster and saves money - what better argument do we need.

I sent my Christmas cards early so that people would have our new address since last year having moved just before the holidays I sent few if any cards, but many people did not notice or use it even when I mentioned that we had moved. We have one of these houses that is all on one floor since neither Mother nor I is good on stairs. Best part of it is that we are surrounded by woods on two sides - a bit spindly, to be sure, but better than curious neighbors if you've lived in the country all your life and aren't used to being so close to people. Madeline has been staying with us for ten days because she had a painful and swollen knee. Best she could get out of the orthoped was that it was caused by Wear and Tear and now she's provoked to think she'll have to pay him for telling her the obvious!

John's physician has advised him to rest up a bit so he is fretting, mildly, at Mill Rock, sending out a few sparks but not so many as formerly. Winter is a struggle for anybody and he's been getting stuck in snowbanks, etc. and has apparently tired himself out too much.

Affectionately,

Elizabeth

*Journal is now being printed
reprints should come
about middle of Feb.*

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9 January 1954

John

1. Plumbum ac. lba putans
+ ferri.

5 January 1954

OSLER LIBRARY,
7 Jan., 1954.

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

Dear John,

Garrison, ed. 4, p. 421

We have only Saliceto's *Ciroxia* (no. 7485) which doesn't include the passage unfortunately, for an Italian version might help. The Klebs reference to "O-S" under 487.1 means the Inc. Med. not the Bibl. O.

I'd be tempted to leave the passage in "the decent obscurity of a dead language". It looks to me like our besetting sin, a sort of ex-post-facto naïvete, to think that MY 13th-century namesake could associate hardening of the anatomical kidney with dropsy. Surely only a series of autopsies, which he probably never made, could let him judge of the relative hardness of actual kidneys! I suspect that his durities in renibus is more likely to have meant lumbago, stiffness in the loins, than induration of the renal organs. The "gravitas renum et spinae" suggests too that he uses "renes" for "lumbi", the reins or loins. And then he has to bring in that bugbear "apostema" - the induration usually follows an abscess (hot swelling) in the loins and after the fever of it (has subsided?). 'T'ain't reasonable!

But your guess may be as good as mine. Their pathology was even vaguer than their language. Haeser thinks it is genuine and discusses it in (the copy you gave us of) old *Janus* (1848), 1931, iii, 372. The word "quid", as I suspected, should be "quod".

I hope Madeline has now got all the Servetus proofs and has even got rid of the old incubus.

Yours ever,

WFF

WWF:cd

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Department of the History of Medicine

Historical Library

5 January 1954

My dear Bill:

On page 421 of Garrison, 4th edition,
a quotation is given from the 1476 Salicet,
and I am trying to verify it. We do not
have this edition, but I see that you do,
so would you be good enough to run it down
in your copy and let us have the exact
page (or folio) $\times$. Garrison should, of course,
have given the over-all title of the book
rather than a title from something in the
middle of it.*

and verify the
wording

Yours ever,

John

Gulielmus de Saliceto. Summa conseruationis
et curationis. Chirurgia.

Piacenza, 1476.

It is a short passage & even I can read it,
but would you like to give us an elegant
English rendering?

H