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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

April 13, 1938

Mr. W. W. Francis
The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

My dear Mr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your letter in regard to Browne's Religio Medici, which proved to be annotated by John Peace instead of S. T. C. Your comments on Peace are delightful!

I am sorry that the item proves not to be useful for my work, but I am glad to have the information concerning the book.

Yours very truly,

R. Florence Brinkley

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March 1, 1938

8 March, 1938

The Osler Library
Miss R. Florence Brinkley,
Department of English,
Goucher College,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Madam:

My dear Sir: I am sorry to say that Haney's bibliography is wrong. The copy of Religio Medici in question is of the edition edited by Vincent, Oxford, 1851, # 4456 in Osler's catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana", Oxford, 1929, p. 400. Though the pencil annotations are in the hand resembling Coleridge's, Osler had recognized as long ago as 1905 that they could not be his as some of the notes are dated 1840. After Osler's death the notes were recognized to have been written by John Peace, a Bristol librarian, who used them for his own edition of the Religio, 1844. Under the circumstances I suppose you will not be interested in them.

Peace was apparently a quaint old bundle of prejudices who published a book called "Axiomata Pacis". He abhorred railways, penny postage and punctuation.

I am very anxious to get this material for a study of Coleridge and the seventeenth century. If the book is there, would it be possible for me to get photostats of the pages annotated? Perhaps some other arrangement could be made, such as having the material transcribed, but I feel that photostats would be safer for accuracy. If the photostats can be made, I should deeply appreciate having them. I could send a money order for them and for postage.

Very truly yours,

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March 1. 1938

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My dear Sir:

J. L. Haney's Bibliography of Coleridge states that a copy of Sir Thomas Browne's Religio Medici (1831) containing annotations by Coleridge was in the library of Sir William Osler. Our librarian thinks that she saw the volume in the Osler Library at McGill. Will you please write me whether or not you have the book?

I am very anxious to get this marginalia for a study of Coleridge and the seventeenth century. If the book is there, would it be possible for me to get photostats of the pages annotated? Perhaps some other arrangement could be made, such as having the material transcribed, but I feel that photostats would be safer for accuracy. If the photostats can be made, I should deeply appreciate having them. I could send a money order for them and for postage.

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R. Florence Brinkley

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British Dental Association

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING

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BERKELEY SQUARE,
LONDON, W.I.

May 1st 1950

Dr.W.W.Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
Montreal 2, Canada.

Dear Dr.Francis,

Our Honorary Curator, Mr.J.B.Parfitt,
has written telling me of his meeting with you and of
your interest in Dr.Lindsay.

Dr.Lilian Lindsay was born in 1871,
was educated in London and at the Edinburgh Dental
Hospital and School where she qualified in 1895, being
the first woman to do so in Great Britain. In 1905 she
married Robert Lindsay and accompanied him to London in
1919 when he was appointed the first Dental Secretary of
this Association, a position which he held until his death
in 1930.

She joined this Association in 1895
and has been Honorary Librarian since 1920; she was the
first woman President in 1946 and President of the
Metropolitan Branch in 1933.

She joined the Odonto-Chirurgical
Society of Scotland in 1905 and the British Society for
the Study of Orthodontics in 1923, becoming President of
it in 1938 and Northcroft Lecturer in 1948. She became
a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in 1926, was
President of the Odontological Section of it in 1945,
Honorary Member of that Section in 1950, Wallis Lecturer
1933, and is just about to be (although it is not yet
official) elected President of the History of Medicine
Section.

P.T.O.

Dr.W.W.Francis,

Joining the Johnson Society in 1937
she has just been made a Vice-President of it.
She was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries
in 1949.

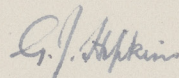
Her distinctions are :-

C.B.E., Hon.LL.D. Edin., M.D.S.Dunelm,
F.D.S.R.C.S., H.D.D.and L.D.S.Edin., F.S.A.

I am sending you a copy of her Short
History of Dentistry and some of her articles of
historical interest. She has written a large number
of articles on various topics and countless notes and
abstracts in the British Dental Journal.

If I can provide you with any further
information I shall be pleased to do so.

Yours sincerely,



Librarian.
(G.J.Hipkins)

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B.M.A. HOUSE
TAVISTOCK SQUARE
LONDON, W.C.1

15th June, 1949

Dear Dr. Francis,

Thank you very much indeed for your perfectly delightful and most interesting account of the Osler family. It will indeed go a long way to help us to make the symposium on Osler a credit to the Journal and a joy to its readers. I shall certainly not blue-pencil what you say about ~~quoting~~ "Brother Frank".

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

Hugh Clegg

23 August, 1949.

The Editor,
British Medical Journal,
B. M. A. House,
Tavistock Square,
London, W.C. 1,
England.

OSLER LIBRARY,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, CANADA

Dear Dr. Clegg,

That is an excellent symposium on Osler, and my remarks on the family seem to be approved by the survivors, as well as by you. I am being asked about Singer's suspicion of a youthful secret sorrow. Osler's response (not for print) would probably be, "Of all the old tomcat fools!"

I am anxious about the twenty-five reprints which were offered. I asked for them on the proof, but there is no sign of them so far, and I need them badly. I trust they are on their way and have not been overlooked.

I am glad I said, on p. 45 of July 9th, that Edward Osler's well-known hymn is almost the sole survivor of many, for in the same issue, on p. 40 of the Supplement in the account of the official religious service at Harrogate, a much better known hymn, "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him," is ascribed to him under the disguise of "Ostler." The two authentic verses of that hymn are anonymous but derived from the Foundling Hospital's 18th-century collection, and to that extent medical. In some books, e.g. the "English Hymnal," Oxford, 1906, no. 535, a third verse, by Edward Osler, is added; in some other books it is entered as a separate hymn. It begins, "Worship, honour, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer to thy name."

The name, which a Greek scholar once fancifully derived from Oiseleur, fowler, is, of course, the same as Ostler, though W. O.'s family pronounce the o long, like owe-slur. The word has descended in the scale of respectability. In the 13th century, when names became hereditary, it meant a hosteler, from hospitalarius, appropriately having to do with guests.

If either or both of the last paragraphs would be of interest you are at liberty to print them as Correspondence or Points from letters.

Yours sincerely,

L. K. Francis

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copy sent also to R. H. Hill with note.

OSLER LIBRARY,
30 Jan., 1951.

The Deputy Keeper of Printed Books,
British Museum,
London W. C. 1,
England.

Dear Scholderer,

I have found some old book bills, including one from Olschki, Florence, 9 avril, 1915, for the (still unique?) Rhazes, Liber nonus, Padua, 8 June, 1476, for "Ls. 40", evidently sterling — B. M. Inc. vii, p. 906, pressmark I B. 29829; no. 110 in your Osler Inc. Med. list; no. 451 in Osler's "Bibliotheca", where it appears although left by him to the B. M. With the bill is a letter from Olschki which helps, I think, to explain the absence of that last printed leaf 167 with the cynical Valdezochius motto, "Sola miseria caret invidia". Here is the relevant paragraph:

"I thank you very much for your kind telegram, in reply to which I am sending by mail registered the unique copy of the Rhasis edition described in my catalogue sub N° 105 which was not yet known until to-day. I am very glad that you have secured it to your library and I informed at once the Leipzig client to have it already sold. In order to send the book by mail I detached the binding which is being of no value sparing hereby trouble and big expenses for sending in another manner. Close-by you will find the bill."

I bet those last two leaves remained behind with the binding of no value!

I hope you are still at work in the wonder-house. They have mercifully let me stay on here long after my term. I enclose our local pamphlet on Osler's Centenary, in case the B. M. notices such.

My kind remembrances, please, to Sir Henry Thomas and may the years deal kindly with you and keep you both in a state that Valdezochius could heartily envy.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Librarian.

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Encl:-

GUY'S HOSPITAL
S.E.1

London, England.

9th February 1953.

Mr. W.W. Francis,
Osler Librarian,
McGill University,
Montreal.

OSLER LIBRARY,
4 March, 1953.

Dear Mr. Francis, R. C. Brock, Esq., M.S., F.R.C.S.,
Guy's Hospital,
S.E. 1,

At a recent meeting of the London Osler Club I showed a letter which is in the possession of Guy's Hospital, of a witness's account of Sir Astley Cooper's ligamentum abdominale aorta; the writer was Edward Osler, an uncle of Sir William Osler. It was suggested that the handwriting at the bottom is actually Sir William Osler's. It was also suggested that you might be able to confirm this. I would be very grateful, therefore, if you could do so.

Dear Mr. Brock,

Yes, that sub-scription is certainly in Sir William's hand, though "writ large", with unusual care, and with a positively uncanny profusion of crossed t's and dotted i's. I can even swear to the genuineness of the last line, in spite of the three medial "Greek" e's (see and Gazette); they drove me to one of his manuscripts in which I find two of them in three closely written pages.

The following might but must not be added to the inscription: And with the hearty acquiescence (after the fact!) of the real owner, Dr. W. W. Francis, grandson of E. O. and infinitely W. O.'s debtor.

This will confirm Guy's ownership in the very unlikely event of my medical daughter or her heirs ever claiming it!!

I return herewith the enlarged inscription, certified on the back, but am gratefully retaining the other photo to file with the rest of Edward Osler's notes on Cooper's lectures (no. 7604 in "Bibliotheca Osleriana", Oxford, 1919, p. 682).

It is good to hear from various sources of the prosperous resurrection of the Osler Club.

Yours sincerely,

W.W. Francis

W. W. Francis, M.D.,
Librarian.

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Encl:-

GUY'S HOSPITAL
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London, England.

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RCB/MG.

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With anticipatory thanks,

Yours sincerely,

R.C. Brock

R.C. Brock, M.S., F.R.C.S.

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Dear Dr. Francis

Your kindly review in the Journal of the
History of Medicine gave great pleasure to my
aged Father. As a token of my gratitude I
am enclosing something that will show you that
the Younger Generation is keen to carry

OSLER LIBRARY,
15 April, 1953.

Dr. W. Brockbank,
2 St. John Street,
Manchester, 3,
England.

Dear Dr. Brockbank,

I'm glad your father liked the review.
The Journal annoyed me by degenerating my English in spots.

Many thanks for your hereditary master-
piece-"portrait" of the Infirmary. Another friend gave it
to the Library a couple of months ago, so I can keep yours
with its kind inscription to me. I've looked through it
all and read enough of it to want to read it all.

With kind regards to you and your father.
I hope he is being spared the more disagreeable infirmities
of eighty-seven.

Yours sincerely,

LWR

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With kind regards and renewed thanks.

Wm Brockbank