

76 EAST 56TH STREET

My dear Billy F -

I have a quotation which
I got in the course of reading,
but neglected to put down
my source - Can you help me?

The quotation reads -

" If you include a portion of an
artery between two ligatures, and
slit it lengthwise, you will find
nothing but blood. " -

This I have attributed to Galen,
but where did he make this

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statement-? The Autyllus Operation
must have been done after Galen's
time as Autyllus "fl. 250(?)".
Now here is another:

Do you know where the Rahn
and Gardiner Papyrus fragments
are? - In what institution?

In regard to the Galen
quotation writers say that
he proved ^{by experiment} that Artemia contained
blood, but a most important

Method of proof and a most
important demonstration for
his time, but no writer gives
the quotation from Galvani's writing
regarding the experiment - -

My quotation covers this
point; but I must have the
source. -

How are things with you?
Expected to be in Murray
Bay in August. My daughter
and her children are coming from
England to be with us -

Love to you all -

July 23/31

W. B. Cane

Dr C. N. B. Camac
New York

25 July, 1931

My dear Charlie Camac,

I think I've read the quotation from Galen somewhere in the form which you give it, but where? Doubtless it is ultimately from the same passage which Dalton translates thus: "... for, by securing the artery with a cord on two sides, and then opening it in the middle, we showed it to be full of blood". J. C. Dalton, "Doctrines of the circulation", Phila, 1884, p.72, and on p.253 he gives the original Greek from Kühn's ed. of the Opera Omnia, vol iv, p.723 (the part I have quoted above comes on the next page, 724). It is from the last third of chapter vi of Q's work "An in sterilis natura sanguinis continetur", or, "Whether the arteries naturally contain blood". 21

I find I haven't time today to look up your other question, about the papyri, but will do so on Monday.

We are flourishing at Como (P. Q.!) and I hope to take a couple of weeks off at the beginning of August. But if you should be coming through Montreal and need to look up anything here, I should be delighted to come in from Como any day, if you give me notice.

This typing is "a poor thing, but mine own", and easier reading than my pen.

Excuse haste,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

27 July 1931

Dr. C. N. B. Camac
New York

My dear Charlie Camac,

The word ateriis in my letter of the 25th should, of course, be arteriis

I have searched in vain for the whereabouts of the Kahun and for any mention of ~~KKA~~ a Gardiner papyrus, as such. The information ought to be given -- tho' after this morning's experience I doubt if it would be -- in a book which is listed in the Index Catalogue, but which is not available here: Holmes (Bayard) and Kitterman (P.G.), Medicine in ancient Egypt; the hieratic material. 34 pp., fol., Cincinnati, The Lancet-Clinic, 1914.

In the Postscript, p.196, ^{to} the 2nd ed. 1928, of his "Imhotep" J. B. Hurry quotes "the following note from Mr. Warren R. Dawson: 'Dr Alan [elsewhere A.H.] Gardiner has called my attention to the fact that one of the unplaced fragments of the Canon of Kings at Turin contains ... Dr. Gardiner, however, on reference to ~~KKA~~ his transcription of the words which he made from the original papyrus, ...'." Possibly that Turin MS. is called the Gardiner Papyrus?

I can only suggest writing to someone like Dawson (apparently not a physician, but a Fellow of the Royal Soc. of Med., 1 Wimpole St., which ought to find him) or J. H. Breasted. ^{so}

Remember me kindly to your English daughter. You ought to have a lively August with a few rejuvenating grandchildren in the house.

For Mr. L. W. F.

CAMAC

12 Feb., 1932.

My dear Charley Camac,

Many thanks for the finished product. I've already found "Imhotep to Harvey" useful, and the excellent List of Books helped me out of a tight corner the other day. When I've read it all through I'll send you a (short) list of errata, if wanted.

Surely you out-Boche the Boches in shoving back the maligned Middle Ages ~~100~~ to A.D. 200! The civilization of Galen and Plutarch was in many respects superior to ours. Even their science, though saving fewer lives and less slave-labour, didn't extend to bombing hospitals. And it is now 100 years too late to print "Middle Ages (Dark Ages)"--p. 92--as though they were synonymous. But of course it is impossible to fix these epochs, which are largely geographical.

All well here, and we hope we'll see you, not only hear your voice over the telephone, this summer.

Yours ever,

W. F.

CAMAC.

2703 Highland Avenue
Altadena, California.

Dec 15/37

Dear W. W. F.

Your most welcome note reached me. Delighted that you are lecturing on History of Medicine: Most fitting with ^{your} opportunities and training. Why not come out here for a visit to us and give a talk in Los Angeles or Pasadena or both?

On a recent visit to Seymour Thomas we saw the marvelous portrait of The Chief. There were but five of us, including Thomas in the studio - a small party - but when we had gone out to the garden I went back into the studio and spent a half hour alone with The Chief. Never have I seen such a living canvas. I had seen him again.

Thomas is deeply and genuinely devoted to his portrait and nothing would induce him to part with it during his life time. When I rejoined the party in the garden I had opportunity to talk with Thomas and I made bold to say that The Osler Library was The Shrine for the portrait. Wishing you all the
 There it should be and not in the great, busy pile of Johns Hopkins. Good Cheer
 You remember what The Chief wrote of this portrait: "not quite so mediaeval as Sargaut's" - a guarded comment - but so true, for this is the living, speaking personality and not an artist's ideal. Sargaut's ideal Osler is suitable for The Great Hospital, with its hurrying crowds, but Thomas's Osler - the man himself - should be among his books and manuscripts, that carry his immortal influence and message. Here the student and pilgrim should be able, in the quiet of the library, to look upon the man as he was in life. — Pass this thought along, Mr. Librarian, of an old-fashioned Merry Christmas
 (over)

and should you know of any who may visit Thomas,
suggest to them that they too speak of The Cedar Library
as the place for the portrait.

Love to Mrs. Willis and when you write - tell me
about that little flower I saw growing in your home.

I see I have written all over the printed wishes
for the season but perhaps you can read behind
and between the lines -
Lovingly
J. H. B. Gamm

Seasons Greetings

*Dr. Albert
K. B. C.*
2703 Highland Avenue
Altadena, California

June 12/38

Dear Willie Francis,

I met recently Dr. Paul Z. Hebert, classmate of The Chief in the Class of '72 at McGill. He is coming into his 90th year but is interested and interesting, alert and keen. We met in the Library of the Los Angeles County Medical Association where he was busily making notes from several volumes spread out on the table before him. He ^{is} rather deaf so that, though I was introduced to him by the Librarian, Mrs. Irish, our conversation in the Reading Room had to be brief. I looked in Cushing's Life to see if any letters or reminiscences had been obtained from this "Classmate" but found no reference to him in the index.

You may have been in correspondence with him but if not I thought it might be of interest to get some recollections from ^{him} before it is too late. Why not write him? His address is 5813 South Haas Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

Another item: Have you "The Practice of Medicine" by William Osler. "The Book of Greatest Influence upon My Life" by Elmer Belt, M.D. Address before The Zamorano Club, 1937. ?

Much of this Address is quotation from the Biography but it records the reaction of a student to the "Practice." Belt I know would send you a reprint. He is at 1893 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles.

Love to the family

C.N.B.C.
C.N.B. Camac

7 September, 1938

Dr. C. N. B. Camac,
2703 Highland Ave.,
Altadena, Cal.

Dear Charlie Camac:

I and the rest of my trinity, as you call us, are just back from a month in England, where we had a very good time, even in Oxford which of course for me was pretty empty.

Thanks for your kind words in your letter of August 22nd. I had already sent a "Shrine" reprint to Belt and had just been writing to him again about E. Y. Davis etc.

I don't know when Maudie's new edition of the classified bibliography will be out. She still has a good deal of work to put in on it.

The only list of the unpublished manuscripts is that in the Osler catalogue on pp. 688-690, particularly under # 7664. I have often thought of going through them systematically and making notes. Of course you know he forbade their publication.

I am glad to hear that you are in the Zamorano Club. I have always been gratified by the interest Californians take in Osler. I don't think there is any part of the country where he is so affectionately remembered, especially by a generation which did not know him personally. I am sure you could interest the Club in your storehouse. I shall try to think up some suggestions.

Yours ever,

Rul

2703 HIGHLAND AVENUE
ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

August 2nd. 1939.

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

Dear Willie Francis,-

I am sending to you for the Library two specimens which The Chief gave to me at the time I was giving the course in Clinical Microscopy to graduates at Hopkins Medical School. These specimens did service subsequently when I was teaching what was then called Clinical Pathology at Cornell Medical School in New York.

I feel now that the specimens should be in the Osler Library - My wife's sister from Calgary is visiting us and she has kindly offered to take the package containing the specimens into Canada and mail them from Calgary early in September, thus obviating any trouble with customs you might otherwise meet with.

It is such a satisfaction to feel that there is a safe repository in the Osler Library for things associated with The Chief.

Love to the family,

C. N. B. Camac

C. N. B. Camac.

2703 Highland Avenue
Altadena, California

August 22nd 1938

Dear Willie Francis,

"At Osler's Shrine" reached me long since. The PRESIDENT in his ADDRESS was at his best. Give us more. You are surrounded by rich fields and orchards calling for the reapers and pickers. Will you send the "Shrine" reprint to ^(Dr.) Elmer Belt of Los Angeles? *(Copy has already been sent to)*

I sent Maudeie a subscription for last Osler output. Have you a published list of the titles of the unpublished manuscripts now in the Osler Library? Such a list, with notes by yourself and others who know the story of the manuscripts, would be of value to researchers visiting the Library.

I was recently elected to the Zamorano Club (Los Angeles) which consists of men of all professions and was impressed by the interest of the members in all things pertaining to Osler. They are all lovers of the BOOK and its making. I am thinking of giving them, next winter, some gems picked out of my little storehouse of Osler treasures. Any suggestions will be welcome.

Love to the little trinity.

Camac

Two microscopic slides, posted from Calgary, Alta., 27 Sept., 1939, and received 2 Oct.,

- 1) With flat, square cover-glass & 2 labels: (a) "Hydatids from Human liver" (in ink, not definitely in Osler's hand) and numbered in pencil, "469"; (b) A printed label, "Histological and Pathological Laboratory of Bellevue Hospital" (probably added by Camac who taught at Columbia after leaving Johns Hopkins).
- 2) With raised, circular well & cover-glass; and paper label, "Hydatids of / Liver / case." (in ink, apparently in Osler's more careful hand, in spite of an uncrossed "t") followed by the almost illegible word "Bladders" in pencil, characteristically Osler's!

2 October, 1939

Dr. C. N. B. Camac,
2703 Highland Avenue,
Altadena, Cal.

Dear Charlie Camac,

Many thanks for the two microscopic slides of "Hydatids of the liver". They were posted to me from Calgary by Miss Fraser on the 27th and reached me today. I am of course delighted to have them, particularly as none of W.O.'s old slides seem to have survived the fire here in 1907.

One of these slides of yours has a printed label, "Histological and Pathological Laboratory of Bellevue Hospital", which perhaps you added. It made me think at first that the slide ^{must} have come originally from Popsy Welch, especially as the writing on the other label is not very characteristic of the Chief's hand, which was often the case when he was writing with particular care.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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Camac's letter, July 17th, 1939, is with slides in show-case drawer.

20 November, 1939

Dr. C. N. B. Camac,
2703 Highland Avenue,
Altadena, Cal.

Dear C.N.B.C.,

Even though I am literary executor, "permission" is hardly the word when it is a question of publishing letters addressed to you by W.O. and Lady Osler. You certainly have my approval — and my thanks for the courtesy. I don't suppose there is anything indiscreet in them, and if there were, you could be trusted to suppress it!

If you see "Mrs. Chief" before I do on the "Farther Shore", you can do the explaining and take the blame. Her letters were always splendid and full of information but she fairly snorted at the idea of anyone keeping them, let alone using them. Harvey and her sister had to resort to subterfuges, when the Life was in preparation!

I had no "reprints" of my Cushing editorial, only a few "pulls", of which I enclose the last one. Please return it because it is the catalogued Library copy. You would be interested in the "Cushing 70th Birthday volume" being published this week by C. C. Thomas, 220 E. Monroe St., Springfield, Ill. (\$3.00; profits to the Cushing Tumor Registry). It contains the speeches &c., including my somewhat frivolous reminiscences of the "latchkeyers". If you don't get it and would like to read them, I could send you the MS. (when it comes back) of my speech at the memorial meeting here last week, in which I rehashed and combined both tributes.

Yours ever,

W. W. F.

*Memorandum
Just this from center copy of
"The Letter-keeper" - to the editor -
J.M. W. F. 23.11.39
W.W.F.*

2703 HIGHLAND AVENUE
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November 27th. 1939.

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

Dear W.W.F.-

Though you may feel I used the wrong word in regard to the Osler letters I consider that I have acquired an additional letter in your charming reply, and now I expand my request for your approval to use that letter as written, or such parts of it as you prefer me to use, to publish in the 'Recollections'.

One more request - this time for a bit of information. Have you, among your records, a list of the first class to graduate in Medicine from J.H., and whom of these were selected for internes in the hospital? I thought I had these lists for I personally posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building the list of first internes selected from the Medical School graduating class but I cannot place my hand on these and would appreciate so much if you could give me the names from your records. Please do not put yourself to any inconvenience in giving me this information.

Thank you so much for your Cushing notice. It is dignified and follows the best examples set by 'The Chief'. I am returning the copy which I appreciate so much your letting me see.

Last week I sent Fulton quite a little batch of Cushing letters, covering period '95 to '36 about.

Thank you for your offer about the 'Cushing 70th Birthday volume'. By grapevine communication I am informed that I am to have this book for Xmas. Thank you so much for letting me know about it.

My love to the 'Little Flower' whose picture as 'Autolycus' is in my copy of 'The Life'.

My love to her Mother too.

Yours ever,

C.N.B.C.

C.N.B.Camac.

Since writing the above, "The Latch-Keyer" arrived and it gave me a homey feeling to read your very human and understanding appreciation of those unique and happy early associations in Baltimore. Again Thank you.

C-

"The Latch-Keyer" Copy goes back to you
with this -

17 March, 1942.

Mrs. Charles N. B. Canac,
2471 Highland Avenue,
Altadena,
California.

Dear Mrs. Canac,

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd and the very full list of your husband's Osleriana, which the dear fellow wished to be offered to us. May I keep the list for my records, or would you like this copy returned?

The only item on it which the Osler Library needs is the first one, under "Practice of Medicine". We haven't that issue of the first edition dated "1893" (instead of "1892") on the title-page. We should very much like to have that, and of course the Osler letters which he promised me. But the other fifty or more volumes and pamphlets would all be duplicates, and I should like to see Mrs. Irish get what ^{she} needs of them.

I suppose the letter which you mention as framed with the photo of Osler, is the one dated "May 15th" and reproduced as the frontispiece of the first edition of Charlie's "Counsels and ideals"? I should, of course, like to have that letter here, but there is no wall space in the Library for hanging pictures, and up to the present I have been unable to get a suitable room to hang the many pictures I brought from Osler's ^{house} in Oxford. Could we compromise on that item? I would suggest that Charlie's son-in-law, Dr. Almendorf, should have it for his lifetime, but earmark it clearly, on the back, to come to the Osler Library when he, personally, has no further use for it. By that time our Library should have some place to hang its pictures.

I am sorry to hear that Charlie didn't accomplish his "Recollections" and that even his rough notes are not to be found. He would have made a fine job of it, as of all his writings.

I had a visit yesterday from Mrs. Chapin, Lady Osler's sister, who visited you and Charlie in Altadena a few years ago. She wished to be remembered to you.

With kind regards,

Yours gratefully,

W. H. F.

MRS. CHARLES N. B. CAMAC

2471 HIGHLAND AVENUE, ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

March 3rd. 1942.

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

Dear Dr. Francis,-

Thank you for your very understanding letter.

Enclosed you will find the list of books owned and highly prized by my husband to whom Sir William Osler was a 'Patron Saint' a sentiment which I shared for I too am a Canadian and had the honor of meeting Sir William when he was in Baltimore.

Mrs Irish and I are good friends, she spent the week end with me, a very enjoyable one to me, when we looked over my husband's medical library. I had the list prepared which she passed on.

Dr. Camac had the photograph of Dr. Osler framed with the letter from him. It was his idea that this photograph and letter would be put with his contribution to the Osler Library and in a small way would identify him with the Library. Now this may not be possible and if not I would like to send the photograph to Dr's son-in-law, Dr John E. Elmendorf, also a J.H.H. graduate ¹¹⁸

The 'Osler Letters' will be sent with the books you select but my husband was not able to get his 'Recollection'

*John Edward Elmendorf, b. 1893, Licensed N.B. 20
County Health Officer, Pensacola, Florida*

MRS. CHARLES N. B. CAMAC

2471 HIGHLAND AVENUE, ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

into any shape to suit him, in fact I have not been able so far to locate even his rough notes, he may have destroyed them himself looking forward to the time when he felt more equal to the work. As you know his passing was very sudden, he just dropped on the floor, he was standing beside me and said 'catch me I am falling' and was gone. We had spent a very happy holiday in Carmel, in August, he seemed to have fully recovered the effects of his heat prostration in '39 and was looking forward to being ready to finish his 'Recollections' and have it ready for publication early in '41.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in this matter of my husband's collection.

Very sincerely,

Christie Fraser Camac

MRS. CHARLES N. B. CAMAC

note
2471 HIGHLAND AVENUE, ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

January 26th. 1942.

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

Dear Dr. Francis,-

As Dr. Camac requested that his collection of Osler books, pictures, reprints (bound) and letters should be sent to The Osler Library at McGill I am writing to ask your advice on the matter. The Estate is about to be partially settled and I am ready to carry out any suggestion you make.

At one time I made the suggestion to my husband that he start a branch of The Osler Library in Los Angeles, nothing more was said about the matter and of course his very sudden passing left the question unsettled.

Yours truly,

Christie Fraser Camac

Christie Fraser Camac

Note - our house number has
been changed.

3 February, 1942.

Mrs. C. N. B. Camac,
2471 Highland Avenue,
Altadena,
California.

Dear Mrs. Camac,

It was good of your husband, a good old friend to me and always a good and worthy disciple of Sir William Osler, to want his collection of Osleriana to come here. There is no doubt much in it that we should be glad to have, especially the letters which he promised should come to us. But it occurs to me that there must be a lot of duplicate material which we already have in the Library in the way of books, pictures and bound reprints. Would it be possible to let me have a list and let us choose what we really need? This would save the trouble and expense of sending duplicates across the continent, and would probably leave a considerable part of his collection for you to dispose of, in accordance with your admirable suggestion, to a Los Angeles library, such as that of the L. A. County Medical Society. I am well acquainted with its good librarian, Mrs. Irish, and know that she is anxious to build up her Osleriana, and that she has been helped in this by Dr. Geo. Dock, Osler's old pupil, and by Dr. Elmer Belt, a great admirer of Osler, and by others.

I'm sure that they would gladly help to prepare such a list as I suggest, a list that would enable me to determine what should come here to the Osler Library.

In 1939 he wrote me about his "Recollections" (of his Johns Hopkins days) which he was preparing for publication. How far did he get with them? Even if they are not in shape for printing, his notes and manuscript would be interesting and illuminating, and I hope they will be deposited here.

Charlie Camac was always the most welcome visitor to the Oslers' home when I lived with them in his Baltimore days, and later, and he paid many visits to the Library here; I look back on my long, but far too infrequent association with him with the greatest affection.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.