

15 February, 1937

Miss M. B. Stillwell,
Annmary Brown Memorial Library,
Providence, R.I.

Dear Miss Stillwell:

Census of Incunabula

I have handed to the University Librarian, your letter of the 12th, which was addressed (on the envelope) to me. Only your third question concerns this Osler Library. d

In Hain 15985, the Xenophon-Aretinus section occupies the 16 leaves, g2-8, hi-8, ii; in our extract, Bibl. Osl. # 7505, it occupies g1-8, hi-8, the type is reset and the contractions are different ("Bibliotheca Osleriana", Oxf., 1929, p. 662).

Ours was ascribed to May for apparently because it is printed in "Proctor's Padova press vi, type 1." When it was collated at the Bodleian with H. 15985, probably there was no copy available of H. 15983, in which, I see, the corresponding section begins on the recto of the leaf signed g (as in our copy). I wonder if H. 15983 is in the same type? Ours is noted in our catalogue as "Not in Hain, Copinger, Reichling, or Proctor". I shall send you a photostat.

If you have not our printed catalogue at hand and need the full entry of this item, I would copy it for you.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

Photostat of g note sent to Dr. Francis, 18th, to forward.
W. W. F.

10 March, 1936

Miss Margaret B. Stillwell,
The Annmary Brown Memorial
Library of Incunabula.
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Miss Stillwell:

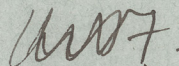
Census

On behalf of Dr. F. D. Adams, 1173 Mountain St., Montreal (emeritus professor of geology at McGill), I enclose the required particulars, on cards, of the 11 copies of incunabula in his possession, namely, an Albertus Magnus (GW 656) and the following Hain nos.: 2510, 7547, 8067, 8941, 9279, 10333, 11743, 14113, 14508, & 14881.

I am grateful to you for your letter of March 4th, but I hope I may not have to take advantage of the extension of time which you offer me. I have all the Osler incunabula now on cards and am checking them and will send them soon. I have not yet found out how the University Library managed to leave me in ignorance so long. They sent me over your correspondence just after I wrote you last.

I have asked Mr. Donald C. Bain, 2096 Northcliffe Ave., Montreal, to send you a report of two incunabula which are in his possession.

Sincerely yours,



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

THE ANNMARY BROWN MEMORIAL

LIBRARY OF INCUNABULA

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, U. S. A.

March 4. 1936

Mr. W. W. Francis, Librarian,
The Orlin Library,
Mc Gill University, Montreal.

Dear Mr. Francis -

I am very sorry
that word regarding the
Census failed to reach you.
I do not understand how
it happened for, although
I did not know of your
special Library, I know
of course of the Orlin incunabula
at your University. A carbon
letter in my file shows
that a letter was sent the
Librarian of Mc Gill University
Library on December 30th, last.

A printed circular was sent the
same address in January;
and, having had no reply,
this was followed by a note
mailed February 27th. I mention
these points merely to show that
your collection was not forgotten.

I am indeed glad that word has
got to you, even at this late date.
It would be better of course, for
the sake of assured accuracy, to
have cards made directly from
your incunabula. If you can do
this, I shall be very glad, if you
will kindly do so - and under
the circumstances I shall be very
glad to grant an extension of time
until April 2nd. If not, if you
will be so good as to send me a
copy of the "Biblioteca Osleriana",
I will have the cards transcribed
here. In either case, I shall be very
happy of course to have the cards
reporting St. Adam's incunabula.
Sincerely yours, Margaret B. Stillwell

2 March, 1936

Miss M. B. Stillwell,
The Annmary Brown Memorial Library,
Providence, R.I.

Dear Miss Stillwell:

I have just heard that there is to be a second Census and that records must be in by March 16th. We have about 136 incunabula collected in England since the last census. They are fully described in Osler's printed catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana", Oxford, Clarendon pr., 1929. Can you conveniently get the data from that book or do you wish me to report them all individually on cards, which would be quite a job at short notice.

I ought to warn you that one book listed amongst our incunabula, # 7420, on p. 632, Salantius, Defensio astrologiae, there attributed to Bernardinus, Venice, 1498(?) has turned out to have been printed in 1502.

Dr. F. D. Adams, 1173 Mountain St., Montreal, has asked me to report on his incunabula, and I shall send cards for them as soon as I have identified them.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

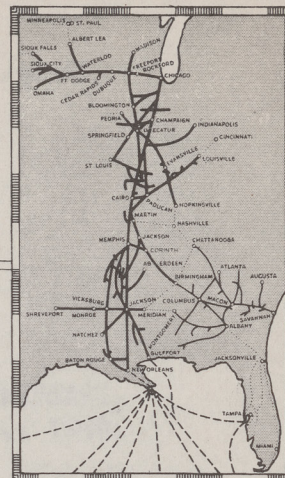
CERNY, F.S.

Aspd 1844 on third p.c.
W.W.F.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD

MAIN LINE OF MID-AMERICA

135 East Eleventh Place, Room 400 Annex,
Chicago 5, Illinois.
December 13, 1949.



Dear Dr. Francis:

It would appear that I have been remiss in acknowledging your letter of November 12 and the reprint of your article and in a way I have, but not by choice. An infected finger called for the abandonment of pen or typewriter and it is only now that it is healed and again functioning.

I am happy to have succeeded in complying with your request to obtain for Dr. Sherman a reprint of Elmer's articles on Osler. I am sure he will enjoy reading them. I sent along the article in Courage Magazine only on the theory to let you know that there is time for doing other things than concentrating on the lore of railroad transportation. I am grateful for what you said in your letter and for your penciled inscription on your reprint; the latter has charm. I know I supplied myself long ago with the decision that becoming a track miler was an ambition for others and that running for trains (suburban or through) was wasted energy where I was concerned. On that premise I went along and still am continuing so. It also fitted into Elmer's program over the years, for never in my work and travels with him was my "affliction" a bar to performance. At the age of four I smelled chloroform and, as anesthetics improved over the years, I sampled them under the cone.

I really took time to read "Osler and the Reporters," and found it educative and interesting. I am glad to be the possessor of such a well-written and lucid article. It is really a brief for Sir William and understanding readers cannot but help render a favorable decision in his behalf, thanks to Counsellor Francis.

You will recall that in later years the railroad world experienced somewhat the same difficulty as he did when President Harahan's assistant shooed away an ambitious reporter with the remark (instilled by said reporter), "To hell with the public." In those days the railroads were not over-concerned with courtesy to their traveling patronage and that remark was the dynamite which exploded and confirmed in the public mind that railroads were hard-hearted corporations.

Rest of letter is inserted in J M T H, E.A. "Two papers"

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I was intrigued with your quotation from Osler's Note that "The Fixed Period" originated with Anthony Trollope and it cements in my mind the recollection that Elmer in 1946 and 1947 was a heavy reader of writings of Trollope - mostly enroute from Chicago to sundry destinations.

Thank you for remembering me with the reprint of a gifted narration. If "Healthful Living" is again revised do not be surprised if Dr. Diehl enlarges the discussion on the "chloroform incident."

copy of Smith?

135 East Eleventh Place, Room 400 Annex
Chicago 5, Illinois
November 8, 1949

OSLER LIBRARY,
12 Nov., 1949.

Mr. Frank S. Cerny,
135 East Eleventh Place,
Room 400 Annex,
Chicago 5,
Ill., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Cerny, The copy of yesterday brought a quicker response than

I had expected, for this morning one of our officials came through

with a copy of the Osler reprint. I am happy to enclose

the copy.

Many thanks for the copies of your two letters to Dr. Sherman, and especially for the March-April issue of "Courage" with your "First" (and admirable) "Assignment" and your picture.

Dr. Dichl is all back on "Healthful Living" in refutation of Osler's alleged

"chloroform" paragraph. A propos of the "chloroform" paragraph from "Healthful living", I enclose a reprint of my "Osler and the Reporters", a copy of which I have also sent to Dr. Dichl.

Osler's work is frequently, though somewhat inaccurately, described as a "punchy" work usually has been completed and that not later than sixty he should take a peaceful departure by chloroform. In recent years students of this question have shown that the greatest period of productive leadership is after, rather than before, the age of forty.

With best regards,

I am glad to have been of service in supplying the wanted reprint. I miss its author more than I can tell, for he was a very small

Sincerely yours,

W. W. D.

Sincerely,

Dr. E. David Sherman
134 East 11th Street
Chicago 5, Ill.

cc-Dr. W. W. Francis.

Frank S. Cerny

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135 East Eleventh Place, Room 400 Annex
Chicago 5, Illinois
November 8, 1949

Dear Dr. Sherman:

My canvassing of yesterday brought a quicker response than I had expected, for this morning one of our officials came through with a copy of Mr. Smith's Osler reprint. I am happy to enclose the copy.

I was intrigued with the following statement by Dr. Harold S. Diehl in his book on "Healthful Living" in refutation of Osler's alleged "chloroform statement":

"Sir William Osler is frequently, though somewhat incorrectly, credited with saying that by the age of forty man's constructive work usually has been completed and that not later than sixty he should take a peaceful departure by chloroform. In recent years students of this question have shown that the greatest period of productive leadership is after, rather than before, the age of forty has been reached."

I am glad to have been of service in supplying the wanted reprint. I miss its author more than I can tell, for he was a very swell guy.

Dr. E. David Sherman
154 East 71st Street
New York 21, N.Y.

✓ BC-Dr. W. W. Francis.

Sincerely,

Frank S. Cerny