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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 8, 1949

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian
Osler Library,
McGill University,
3801 University Street,
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I am ever so grateful to you for sending me the copies of your notes and Dr. Howell's letter on the whole-time question. I also deeply appreciate your giving me permission to use this material for publication.

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I have been in touch with Olga Kelly and find that members of the family do not have any copies of their father's letters. They have given me full permission to use any of Dr. Kelly's letters which may be in the Osler Library and have been kind enough to extend that permission to Miss Jackson, whom you mentioned in your letter. I told Olga what Miss Jackson proposes to do and she was delighted at the thought. I also learned that Dr. Kelly's former secretary, Miss Audrey W. Davis, is engaged in writing a biography of Dr. Kelly. I do not know how far along she is with the task but I would suppose that Miss Jackson might write to her for assistance, if necessary. Miss Davis' address is 297 Alabama Road, Towson 4, Maryland

Since there are no copies in Baltimore of the Kelly letters to Dr. Osler on the whole-time question, would it be asking too much of you to have either copies or photostats made of them for my use? I am sorry to trouble you about this but they are so important to me from a historical standpoint that I am most anxious to have them. Needless to say, I will take care of any cost entailed.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alan M. Chesney
Alan M. Chesney, M.D.
Dean

*9/16 16 letters + t.p.
dated 4. v. 49.*

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OSLER LIBRARY,
7 July, 1949.

Dr. A. M. Chesney,
The Johns Hopkins University,
710 North Washington St.,
Baltimore 5,
Md., U. S. A.

Dr. W. W. Francis,
Osler Library
McGill Dear Chesney,
Montreal, Canada

Many thanks for the 100th anniversary program of
Dear 19 May. I hope the proceedings will appear in one or other
of the Bulletins.

We celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sir
William on May 19. Archie Malloch and I KILLED COCK ROBIN. Malloch,
though her most helpful collaborator on the Bibliography, was highly
indignant when he found (after the printing) that Maude Abbott
had allowed Popsy to induce her to include (and print in full)
that letter of W. O.'s 19 Aug., 1919, to the McGill Faculty. We
both made certain that it was omitted from the 1939 "revision".

We are having a small dinner here on the 12th, and
the University celebration in October (6th) with probably Rous
as the speaker.

That nice girl, my daughter's classmate, Dr. Charlotte
Ferencz, whom I introduced to you at our dinner, has gone to you
for a year with Dr. Helen Taussig. I told her to look you up
and re-introduce herself, but she may be too shy, so please telephone
her a greeting.

Sincerely yours,

Best regards,

Alan M. Chesney, M.D.

Yours sincerely,

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July 5, 1949

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

We celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sir William on May 19th last as you will see from the enclosed program. I thought that the meeting went off very well. Dr. Opie's paper was a very thoughtful one and Dr. Pratt's very interesting because he had kept voluminous notes of what Sir William had said.

In getting together the material for my paper I was surprised to find that the letter from Osler to the McGill Faculty which appears in the bibliography published in Bulletin No. IX of the International Association of Medical Museums and Journal of Technical Methods does not appear in the second edition of Maude Abbott's bibliography which was published separately, as I am sure you know, and according to the title paper was "revised". The omission intrigues me no end. Who Killed Cock Robin?

With kind personal regards and much gratitude for past favors, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Alan M. Chesney

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May 6, 1949

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

I have just received the copies of Dr. Kelly's letters to Dr. Osler in reference to the whole-time clinical professorships which you were kind enough to have made for me. As I am sure you know, this constitutes invaluable material for the second volume of my book and I am grateful to you beyond words for your kindness in this connection.

CD / Won't you be good enough to have your secretary send me a bill in order that I may properly reimburse her for her work? I really want to insist on this point because I will not be happy otherwise.

With kind regards and renewed expressions of gratitude,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Alan M. Chesney
Alan M. Chesney, M.D.
Dean

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*Bill him? or write him a little letter on
How to be happy tho' unbilled?*

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

November 13, 1951.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of October 15th. I wished to wait until there had been an opportunity to make a careful search through the Welch Medical Library to see if the dummies of the proposed monthly "Archives of The J. H. Medical School and Hospital" could be found. Dr. Larkey looked very carefully and was completely unable to find any trace of them.

I am sorry to say that my history goes very slowly in fact almost not at all. I simply do not have the time which I need to get on with it but I am hoping that some day the tide will change and that I will be able to get at the work which I am so anxious to do.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alan M. Chesney
Alan M. Chesney, M.D.,
Dean.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
15 Oct., 1951.

Dr. A. M. Chesney,
The Johns Hopkins University,
710 North Washington St.,
Baltimore 5,
Md., U. S. A.

Dear Chesney,

How goes the History? Osler
has a note about three dummies of the monthly
"Archives of the J. H. Med. School & Hosp.",
which they planned in 1893 as a substitute
for the Bulletin. Two of these dummies he
used for his "Secret history" and other notes.
The papers listed on the covers and attributed
to Welch, Halsted, & al., have satirical
titles by the impish "E. Y. Davis".

Are there copies of these dummies
at the J. H. H. or in the Welch Library? Do
you need further particulars?

Yours sincerely,

W. H. F.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
13 June, 1952.

Dr. Alan M. Chesney,
Room 407, East Ambler Building,
The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine,
710 North Washington Street,

Dr. Alan M. Chesney,
Medical School,
Johns Hopkins University,
710 N. Washington Street,
Baltimore 7,
Md., U. S. A.

Dear Chesney,

How goes it - meaning you and
the History? I enclose a sort of "Full-time"
postscript which I've just come across in a
letter of Osler to Cushing, 13 May, 1911.

A propos of the primaries, I
find this in a later one (10 Feb., 1912) "It
is a great pity that Welch could not be in the
Senate; he would own the Republican party in
about a year".

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

(W. W. Francis)

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ALAN M. CHESNEY, M. D.
ROOM 407, NEW HUNTERIAN BUILDING

June 25, 1957.

OSLER LIBRARY,
26 June, 1957.

Dr. Alan M. Chesney,
Room 407, New Hunterian Building,
The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine,
710 North Washington Street,
Baltimore 5,
Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Dear Dr. Chesney,

I have at last finished the manuscript of volume 2 of my history and am glad to send you what I have written. I'm glad to hear vol. 2 is finished and am grateful to you for including me in the paragraphs which I return herewith and for giving me the chance to make a few corrections. I've just been re-appointed (as usual) for another year, so I'm not retired but happily still 65 academically, despite 5 coronaries, &c. Now, I suppose, I shall have to start on the third volume.

Have you got anything new about Halsted's addiction? I am reviewing Crowe's recent account of him "and his men" for the Bull. Hist. Med. All the writers on him from Will MacCallum down, have been unconvincing. I mean to hint that the truth, as far as it may ever be known, must wait for the publication of Osler's Secret History of the J. H. H., as he jokingly referred to it. The MS. is still under seal and W. O. told me it was for publication on the centenary of the Hospital in 1989; but that was long ago. He left no definite instructions about it and Lady O. thought it came under his general prohibition - nothing of his to be published that had not been printed in his lifetime. But I, as literary executor, happen to know that the character sketches of our Founders are too good to be left in MS.

I am nourishing the idea of breaking the seal and publishing those sketches (of Gilman, the big Four, the Hamptons, Miss Brown) before I go hence, instead of leaving it to someone who can't be trusted with W. O.'s handwriting.

So I am open to pressure!

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

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

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ALAN M. CHESNEY, M. D.
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June 25, 1957.

Dr. William W. Francis,
c/o McGill University,
Montreal 2, Canada.

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have at last finished the manuscript of volume 2 of my history and am venturing to send you what I have written about you in the hope that you will find time to look it over and tell me if it meets with your approval.

The second volume ends with the departure of Dr. Osler to Oxford, which seems a fitting place to end it. Now, I suppose, I shall have to start on the third volume.

I shall be ever so grateful if you will scan what I have written with a critical eye and let me know if I have left out anything which you think ought to be incorporated in the account.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alan M. Chesney
Alan M. Chesney, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
17 March, 1958.

Dr. Alan M. Chesney,
The Johns Hopkins University,
School of Medicine,
710 North Washington Street,
Baltimore 5,
Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Chesney,

1895 Yes, that's my godson, Revere Osler, as I knew him in 1896. I remember the picture well and am glad to have the print to file in the scrap-book his mother prepared for him. I remember young Billings, too, as I paid several visits to the Hospital with W. O. before I went to live with the Oslers in 1895. I wonder if the Tudor and Stuart Club would be interested in having a print of this equanimitous little Revere.

I think your urging and Blalock's should suffice to justify me in printing "The inner organization of the JHH", vulgarly the secret history. I posted a letter about it today to Mrs. Tom Fatcher. She might tell you something about the pros and cons.

How to publish it? Blalock suggests a book by the JH Press, but it is much too short, under 4,000 words, I think, more suitable for one of the two Bulletins? The first thing is to break the seal and transcribe the MS.

I am sorry for two mistakes in my Crowe review, trying to set you an impossible task, and making Jim Mitchell as spry as I gathered from his last letter, some time ago.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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

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March 11, 1958.

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Dr. W. W. Francis.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I enclose herewith a photograph which is alleged to be of Revere Osler when a baby. Can you identify it? It was copied from a photograph in an album which belonged to Dr. John Sedgwick Billings who, as I daresay you know, was an assistant resident physician in the Johns Hopkins Hospital from September 1892 to September 1894. He is listed in the Hospital records as John S. Billings, Jr., but of course he was not a junior.

The album now belongs to John Shaw Billings who used to be on the editorial staff of TIME and is now living in Georgia. If this is a picture of Revere and you do not already have one you are welcome to it for I have a neagitive of it and can have other prints made.

Al Blalock has called my attention to your review of Sam Crowe's book which appeared in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine. I read it with great pleasure, but I must hasten to warn you that your conjecture that my forthcoming second volume may detail "the advances made by the other departments" is doomed to be in error for that is something which is beyond my capacity, as I try to point out in my preface. In fact, I am of the opinion that no single individual could do it. For that reason I have been trying to get others to write the stories of the individual departments, much as Crowe did for Surgery. Thus far the result has been nil. I fear, therefore, my second volume, which is now in the hands of the Johns Hopkins Press, will prove to be a very dull compilation of administrative decisions and short biographies.

How nice it would be if you would now publish Osler's secret history! My second volume takes up the period from 1893 to 1905, ending with the departure to Oxford, and I should think that this would be the proper time to bring out his story

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Dr. W. W. Francis.

of his contemporaries. I want to see it before I die! Once before in one of your letters you mentioned the possibility of doing so if you were sufficiently urged. Pray tell me how much urging you need and by whom!

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alan M. Chesney
Alan M. Chesney, M.D.

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April 10, 1958.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I enclose herewith a copy of the picture taken of the Class of 1902 of the School of Medicine. As you will see from the accompanying list most of the persons in the photograph have been identified, identification having been made by Dr. Rushmore, whom I am sure you know. However, he was not able to identify seven members of the class whose pictures appear in the photograph and it occurred to me that you might be able to complete the identification. I shall be very happy to have you look over the entire list and see if you agree with Dr. Rushmore's identification.

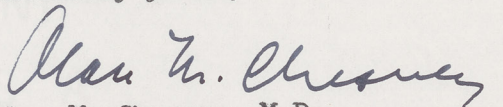
I am also enclosing a list of the members of the Class which may be helpful to you.

I trust that I am not bothering you unduly and if you would like to have a copy of this photograph for your own records I shall be glad to send you one.

I have just completed correcting the galley proof of the first chapter of my book and it is scheduled to appear in September, next.

With all good wishes to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Alan M. Chesney, M.D.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
15 April, 1958.

Dr. Alan M. Chesney,
The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine,
710 North Washington Street,
Baltimore, 5,
Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Chesney,

I return the interesting class photo, but my age and poor memory make superfluous another copy for me. Rushmore has done a much better job than I could have done. All I can add are no. 3 Sol Hyman and no. 14 Silverberg, two of the whitest possible Hebrews and seldom as far apart as they are in this picture. I have ticked in pencil the ones I can confirm and have queried a few doubtful ones. That certainly no. 35 is Mabel Haynes, NOT Annie Lyle, and I think no. 39 must be Emma Leoty, about A. L.'s height, but A. would have the blond mop on top which earned her the nickname Carry, short for Karyokinesis. Besides, Carry would have avoided such a group; she felt she belonged in 1901, from which a long and nearly fatal typhoid debased her to our level.

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→ You'll be glad to hear that I have broken the seal of the "Inner History" and am transcribing it for publication (4000 words, where?). I was astonished to find loose in the volume Hurd's letter to Lady O. of 24 Mar., 1920. If "Hank" was right, I am entirely mystified. There is nothing in W. O.'s "romains", manuscript or printed which could be called a description of the medical work of the first twenty-five years! I was in Geneva, when this letter was received. It is endorsed in Lady O.'s hand, "Look for paper on history of Hospital". She would almost certainly have given it to Archie Malloch to answer, as he was there in Oxford at week-ends working on W. O.'s manuscripts. Would there be a letter from him in Hurd's archives which you have probably inherited?

Yours sincerely,

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

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identification list
copy of Hurd letter

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June 12, 1958.

Dr. W. W. Francis, Librarian,
OSLER LIBRARY,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Please pardon the delay in answering the question which you raised at the end of your letter of April 15th. I have not been able to find any letter from Dr. Osler to Dr. Hurd such as you described. All that I have is Dr. Hurd's original manuscript of his history covering the first twenty-five years of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and extended by Dr. Barker, but neither the original nor the edited version was ever printed.

I have looked over the section of the manuscript dealing with the Department of Medicine and can find not the slightest suggestion that Dr. Osler had been invited to contribute to that particular chapter.

Page proof of volume 2 of my history has just arrived and according to schedule it should come out in September or October, next.

Trusting that everything goes well with you, I am, with kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Alan M. Chesney, M.D.

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