

LOGAN CLENDENING

1247 WEST 56TH STREET

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 1, 1932

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am presuming on the fact that Dr. John C. Meakins introduced me to you several years ago, to ask for a bit of advice.

I have recently been offered a first edition of Harvey's "De Motu Cordis et Sanguinus", Frankfort, 1628. The bookseller is J. Frank's Antiquariat, Würzburg, Germany.

8 1/2 x 6 1/2. The book has been sent me on approval and I have collated it with Keynes' Bibliography and find that it has only these defects: The page of errata is missing and the two plates have been taken from their place and glued together on a page in the back of the book. The copy has been cut slightly, although it is of fair size.

The price asked is seven thousand and reichmark.

I would be very much interested in your opinion about this. What steps should I take to be assured of the authenticity of this book?

Do you feel at liberty to tell me what you know about the reliability of the firm of J. Frank's Antiquariat at Würzburg?

Needless to say, I would be deeply grateful for any advice you may give me.

Very truly yours,

*Logan Clending*

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Nov. 10, 1932

Dr. Logan Clendening,  
1247 West 56th St.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Clendening:

I had a postcard from the same bookseller offering me the copy of Harvey at the price which you mention and which seems to me too high. I must, however, confess that I have had very little experience in the buying of books, and have not much data to go on with regard to this Harvey. Last year I had a visit from one of the Maggs Bros., whose prices are notoriously high, and he casually remarked on seeing our copy, "That is a thousand dollar book these days".

About the authenticity of the copy, I hardly know what to advise you. I suppose there is no doubt that it is the first edition. You have evidently settled that by collating it with Keynes' bibliography. You could also probably compare it with one of the facsimiles, of which there are two editions in the centenary year, 1928. Of course it is possible to forge old books very cleverly nowadays, but I have heard no rumours of this having been done with a Harvey. A close inspection of such forgeries would pretty certainly reveal a photographic appearance. *were*

It is rare to find the Errata leaf. Only one of the five copies which passed through Osler's hands had it. The Osler copy measures 8-1/2x6-1/2 inches, and I am told that in one dimension, I forget which, it is the largest copy recorded, but *it* is shockingly foxed and the edges are ragged and crumbling.

About the bookseller I do not know anything except that we have received some of his catalogues, but have never ordered anything from him.

Yours sincerely,

*W. W. F.*



LOGAN CLENDENING

1247 WEST 56<sup>TH</sup> STREET

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 14, 1932

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your extremely courteous and full letter regarding the copy of "De Motu Cordis", 1628. I appreciate greatly all the very sensible things which you have said.

I have sent the copy to LeRoy Crummer, who offered to compare it with his own original.

My present attitude is that it seems to me the price is rather high and that I shall offer them a lower price provided Crummer's report is favorable.

Very truly yours,

*Logan Clending*

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4 March 1933

Dr. Logan Clendening,  
1247 West 56th St.,  
KANSAS CITY, Missouri

Dear Dr. Clendening:

I enclose a photograph of Plate 2 from the  
Galvani, #1242. I hope it will be satisfactory. If you want ~~an~~ *the*  
explanation of the figures I shall be very glad to send you a typed  
copy, in *the* Latin or in English, or both, from p. 417.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*W. W. F.*



LOGAN CLENDENING

1247 WEST 56<sup>TH</sup> STREET

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

March 8, 1933

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you a thousand times for your courtesy in sending me the photograph from Galvani. Thank you also for your offer to send me the explanatory text. But this, however, is unnecessary.

I have tried to get a copy of the book through Tregaskis for several years but it seems to be a very rare bird. However, Tregaskis finally dug up a facsimile for me, which was incomplete as to the illustrations. The explanatory text is included and I, therefore, have that material.

Would you ever contemplate coming down some time and enjoying the mildness of our climate and giving our Medical Society the benefit of your learning and lore in the form of an address?

It is possible that Dr. Harvey Cushing will be here next fall. Don't you think it would be a good idea for us all to foregather over a bottle of Médoc?

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Logan Clending*

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The Osler Library,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada  
2 March 1933

Dr. Logan Clendening,  
1247 West 56th St.,  
KANSAS CITY, Missouri

My dear Dr. Clendening:

Please accept our very best thanks  
for the gift of the copy of Withering's "An Account  
of the Scarlet Fever and Sore Throat", 1793. It is  
a great addition to the collection.

I am sorry there has been some delay  
about the Galvani photograph. The photographer has  
been rushed with work for an exhibit we are sending to  
Chicago. He has promised me the Galvani for tomorrow  
and I will send it off with our compliments, as a very  
small quid for your big Withering quo.

I very much enjoyed meeting you and  
seeing your Harvey treasure, and I sincerely hope we  
may have another visit from you before long.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. W. F.



LOGAN CLENDENING

1247 WEST 56<sup>TH</sup> STREET

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

February 21, 1933

Dear Dr. Francis:

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of Withering's "Account of the Sore Throat" as a present to the Osler Library. I will be honored to have it accepted.

Please keep your promise about sending me a photographic copy of the plate in Galvani's "De Viribus" of the frogs' legs exposed in the courtyard on the side of the well, etc.

I enjoyed being in your company for a short time in Montreal, and hope that we may have many such meetings.

Very truly yours,

*Logan Clendenning*

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Osler Library

11 March, 1949.

Arthur J. Cleveland, Esq., M.D.,  
34, The Close,  
Norwich,  
England.

Dear Dr. Cleveland,

I am sorry to have my suspicion confirmed that  
Burton Fanning is dead - and so long ago as 1937!

It is good of you to send "S. S.", Brockhouse's  
"The Student's Guide". It is one of my favourite poems  
and I well remember the audible delight Osler took in it.  
It requires no apology. He inserted it in his working  
copy of the 1st edition, as you will see by the enclosed  
guide of mine to "Osler's Shrine". Two other copies of  
the G. H. G.'s "Guide" are securely glued down in books  
of his. So if you were reluctant to part with yours,  
I would return it to you, though not very gladly because  
an unattached copy may be useful in this centenary year  
(12 July, 1849). I think it should be reprinted.

Greetings to St. Peter Mancroft and other relics  
of Sir T. B.

Sincerely yours,

*L. V. Fanning*

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Telephone ;  
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34, THE CLOSE,  
NORWICH

Feb. 25. 49

Dear Dr. Francis

Very many thanks for your  
letter & the picture postcard of the  
Aster Section of your library -  
I am very proud of having my  
History of the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital  
in it. I still have the copy of  
the Second edition of his Medicine  
which I read as a student - It made  
a great impression on me then & was  
largely responsible for turning my  
desires to medicine rather than  
to the allied branches. When  
Registrar & Tutor at Guy's I had



the privilege of meeting Osler &  
showing him some Clinical notes  
in Addison's own writing.

It occurred to me that the enclosed  
might amuse you. One can  
enjoy the humour & cleverness of the  
rhymes without any disrespect for  
a really great Physician.

I am sorry to say Burton Fanning  
died in 1937-

I am sincerely Yrs

Arthur Cleveland



OSLER LIBRARY,  
5 January, 1949.

Arthur J. Cleveland, Esq., M.D.,  
Norfolk and Norwich Hospital,  
Norwich, England.

Dear Dr. Cleveland,

*they*  
*it orders our*  
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*it orders our*  
Our grateful thanks for your courtesy in sending a complimentary copy of your excellent history of the Hospital. You inscribed it to the University Library, ~~(which I order)~~ <sup>it orders our</sup> books) but I have appropriated it for the "Osler", which is the historical section of the Medical Library, and which specializes in Sir Thomas Browne and his skull.

In our copy of the "Urn Burial", which has Edward Browne's name in it and more of his father's corrections than any of the other corrected copies, it is rather ironic that "Tobbe knaved out of our graves" is "corrected" (unmistakably in Sir T. B.'s hand) to "gnawed". I enclose a post card showing our shrine to Osler and his hero.

I am glad to see my friend Dr. Burton-Fanning, 1906 and 1929, and I hope he is still hearty. He may remember me as the registrar of the McGill Hospital at Boulogne when he, with others of his Cambridge unit, was attached to us about 1916.

Thanking you again.

Yours sincerely,

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

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OSLER LIBRARY,  
22 January, 1945.

Dr. D. E. H. Cleveland,  
925 W. Georgia Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Dr. Cleveland,

I was very interested in your good article on our debt to Scotland in the current C. M. A. J. If there are reprints I should like one.

The word "venomous" in the 4th line of col. 2 on p. 95 25 surprised me. Cushing misread Osler's handwritten note in the "tragic volume", which reads "the most pernicious system of election." I sent the correction to Cushing, but had not noticed before that he had not adopted it. ("Life", p. 520). Earlier in that paragraph of yours you are not quite right in stating that "he yielded, and agreed to submit ... testimonials." Even the printed list of his works which he did agree to submit was not prepared, as far as I remember. The wires were hot for a few weeks, but he stood his ground and absolutely refused. I was living with him at the time. Finally, early on a Sunday morning, after he had got the assurance that the Town Council was "fixed", he called me into his room, and handed me the cable withdrawing his candidacy, with the remark, "Take this down to the main office. There are 2,000 medical students to teach at Edinburgh, and in winter the street lamps are lit at three in the afternoon."

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

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