

WILLIAM COLGATE
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TORONTO, CANADA

5 January 1958

My dear William,

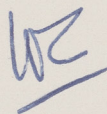
If every one took a similar mode of 'revenge' as you have done I should esteem myself most fortunate. I read both pieces with keen enjoyment, though it may be the account of W.O. and his coat of arms touched me more nearly. You handled both with your characteristic light touch, and they were all the better for it. They read well.

Our meeting at the Redpath Press was indeed a pleasant surprise. I had not been aware that your xinterest in books extended to the techical side of their production. I thought the place very well appointed and for me at least there was much of interest.

On Saturday afternoon (2.15 Dayliner) I had to leave for Ottawa to meet my son Forbes who is with the Department of Public Health busy largely in the relentless pursuit of the 'bug' which infests our milk. Together we visited the Experimental Farm -- there is little outside activity now -- the building operations of the new Carleton University, and on Monday night we viewed the House from the gallery. The introduction of suspended amplifiers makes everything spoken come with the clarity of a firm voice in conversation. There was little speaking of any account except by Herridge xof Kootenay who speaks forcibly and to the point. Apparently it was an off night, though both St. Laurent and Martin were present.

Enough from me for the moment. I can only reiterate your good wish that we may all have a New Year filled with happy events. With my warm thanks, believe me

Sincerely yours,



Dr W. W. Francis.

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TORONTO, CANADA

30 April 1956

*Written 3.11.
to Wm Craick
for inscribed
"Old Family", 1913.
I handed me out
to Kelah in yester-
day. Donohue
of old Rector*

Dear W. W. F.,

Thank you for the book. It was good of you to inscribe it for me as you did. This belated acknowledgment is the result of an attack of bronchitis, mine ancient enemy, which all but laid me by the heels, and has left me weak, listless and unfit for doing little more than reading in which your gay volume, with its delightful bouquet, proved a refreshing and valuable tonic.

By another mail goes to you a slender book written years ago by my friend Arnot Craick, and at my request inscribed by him. Since the faces which appear in it are all familiar to you, I need say no more. One day I hope to tell you the story of how I came by it. By the way, Craick's granddaughter, Miss Beverley Ralfe, is a second year student in nursing at the Royal Victoria. So you see, we have still another link with Old McGill.

Many thanks to you and all my best.

Sincerely,
the Old Rectorian,

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Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University

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WILLIAM COLGATE
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TORONTO 12, CANADA

24 February 1955

Dear Doctor Francis:

I am much obliged to you for the negative of the title-page of M. Pouteau's work on surgery. This was indeed good of you, since I feel that in your predicament the less you are disturbed the better.

As you are to return to the Library soon, it is my hope that the 'misery' may relent to the extent of allowing you to pursue the even tenor of your way with a minimum of discomfort. But, may I suggest that for a while at least you will not permit ambition to outrun discretion.

With my warm thanks and kind regards, as ever,

Sincerely,

William Colgate

Dr. W. W. Francis.

I hope that you will

Colgate



THE PRINCE EDWARD

WINDSOR, ONTARIO,

CANADA

16 June 1955

Dear Doctor Francis,

I must ask your pardon for sending off to you a copy of Sir Walter Langdon Brown's - to me - fine book, Thus we are men, without a covering note & I do so now.

You may remember I mentioned the book to you some time ago saying that it contained a chapter on M.O. which you might care to have & well, there it is, and I hope that you are in no sense disappointed. If you feel inclined to thank me for it, please resist; I'd much rather have your opinion of it.

The Ontario Historical Society is holding its annual sessions here, which accounts for my ^{temporary} change of base & with my kindest regards,
As ever. W.E.

A S H E R A T O N H O T E L

an excellent negative, hoping it may serve your purpose
I am, however, a writer of unful-
filled promises" to my successor, my backlog being so much
bigger than my expectation.
W.W.F.

WILLIAM COLGATE
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TORONTO, CANADA

11 February 1955

Dear Doctor Francis.

I am happy to learn from your last that you will soon be to move about again. I can conceive of a little worse for a normally active man confined in when he W. Colgate, Esq., 221 Belsize Drive, Toronto, 7, Ont. really sounds intimidating, and from what I hear not to be trifled with. It's our climate, I suppose; one must have a sturdy constitution to withstand it. Which reminds me at lunch this week said people he knew had returned from Florida much disgusted. They had, so they said, to be nearly all the time they were in this place. Thus we are men". It is in the University Library, but we are glad to duplicate it and are allowed to do so gratis.

It is pleasant to hear that you like the little book of forgotten men of medicine. I have just re-discovered three pages on Osler written by Langdon-Brown for an English 3rd ed. of Aequanimitas, brought out by Lewis in 1939. Except on its uniform appreciation it is entirely different from this 1932 broadcast. We are interested, too, in your typesetting book-plate. Is it, we wonder, older or more recent than the parsonage one?

Let me know if I can be of use to you here at any time. With all my best, as ever

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

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

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W.W.F

11 February 1955

Dear Doctor Francis,

I am happy to learn from your last that you will soon be ^{able} to move about again. I can conceive of a state little worse for a normally active man confined indoors when he is in a mood to exclaim, 'Fie upon this quiet life; I want work!' Bronchitis I have had and still have now and then--I come of a bronchial family -- but broncho-pneumonia, really sounds intimidating, and from what I hear not to be trifled with. It's our climate, I suppose; one must have a sturdy constitution to withstand it. Which reminds me. A friend at lunch this week said people he knew had returned from Florida much disgusted. They had, so they said, to wear overcoats nearly all the time they were. ^{here} As Mr Chips remarked, I prefer to get my chills at home.

It is pleasant to hear that you like the little book of Pouteau's. It came my way quite by accident and left me on much the same terms, though I did give it a sense of direction. Which suggests something. Could you when you are at liberty, as the actors say, do something on these half-forgotten men of medicine of whom Pouteau is apparently one. They deserve a better fate than to be overlooked. They deserve and should have, as you well imply, their hour of glory. I know of no one more likely to do the subject justice than yourself.

Let me know if I can be of use to you here at any time. With all my best, as ever

Sincerely yours,

William Colgate

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian, The Osler Library
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*show to Miss Haddock
17 Feb. to photo R. & P.*

WILLIAM COLGATE
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TORONTO, CANADA

10 November 1954

Dear Doctor Francis,

I wonder if you have on your shelves a copy of an eighteenth century book on medicine and surgery, a description of which I take from the title page:

Melanges de Chirurgie

par Claude Pouteau (1725-75.

Docteur en Medicine & en Chirurgie

Ancien Chirurgien en chef

du grand Hôtel-Dieu

de Lyon

A L Y O N

chez Geofroy Regnault

Librairie & Imprimeur

MD CC LX

SG. L. 1.

*Avis sur une
version d' "Scolaphe"
sur les h. :*

*dr. C. P. 1771
Amor.*

SG. L. 2

You have already received, I daresay, a copy of an address delivered by Dr Wilder Penfield at Trinity College School in June last. Apart from its being a very fine paper indeed, it pays fitting tribute to W.O. for his work in medicine.

I regret much that we did not meet on my last trip to Montreal; but my call was rather late in the afternoon, and the attendant told me you had gone home. However, it was some consolation to learn that you are able to be about again. I trust that by now you are fully restored to your customary health and vigor, and that you may long be spared to continue your useful work at the Library.

Soon I shall have to part with the old Trinity College School calendar issued at Weston. The idea has occurred to me that since it has to do with the School in its very early days, it perhaps should go to the TCS Library rather than to your own. So far it is only a thought, so that I should be glad to have an expression of opinion from you on that point.

You are probably aware by now that the Old Rectory is no more. I have not returned to it since we left it. The first and only intimation I had of the change was when a letter from a Weston resident, lamenting its loss, was pointed out to me in The Star. Since it is a paper I seldom read, I had missed it. In the natural course of events, I suppose the removal of the old house was inevitable; made so especially by the steady deterioration of the neighbourhood. Recent developments in the district did not help. Better so than that it should have been turned into a polyglot boarding house. Would you care to have a not too recent print of the Old Rectory for your archives ?

With all good wishes and my kindest regards, believe me, as ever

Sincerely yours,

William Colgate

Dr. W. W. Francis
Librarian, The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q.

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WILLIAM COLGATE
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TORONTO, CANADA

29 November 1954

Dear Doctor Francis,

I put off acknowledging your letter until I could pick up at Eastman's the print Rectory I promised you. This, mailed separately, you will like it.
W. C. Colgate, Esq.,
221 Belsize Drive,
Toronto, Ont.

OSLER LIBRARY,
16 Nov., 1954.

Dear Mr. Colgate, I had not heard that you had moved or that it had succumbed to progress. When was it demolished? Apart from the wooden-fence sketch by W. A. Johnson, reproduced in Cushing, we have your book-plate which I inserted in 1942 in the copy J. gave W. O. of Beale's "How to work with the microscope" and I put a note that this is where he used it. Any additional pictures of the house I should be glad to have.

Also, we have not Pouteau's "Mélanges", 1760, and should like to take further advantage of your generosity, if you are offering it. I find he was a very distinguished surgeon in his day who "never recoiled from the knife or the cautery", so he ought to be somewhere here, but isn't.

We should dearly love to have the Weston T.C.S. calendar, BUT conscience and loyalty compel me to acknowledge that it ought to go to Port Hope, if they haven't already got one. Such records probably burned in one of the two holocausts.

I discovered it among the market reports. I boast of having survived five coronaries in the last eight years. What keeps me in my pleasant job (nepotism or competence?) is not for me to say, but they take good care of me and don't let the axe fall on my aged neck.

I hope the years are dealing as lightly with you, beginning I hope the years are dealing as lightly with you, however to our political and social ills. There are times when one longs for a benevolent despotism. You are the doctor, you are sure you can correct them, you have the power to do. But I preach--to what end? Yours sincerely,

With my very best wishes for your health,
Sincerely yours,
Wm. Colgate

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gone back to Redpath to have its
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Pouteau must have made an astrolabe
raid on his (C's) shelves!
WCF

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WILLIAM COLGATE
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TORONTO, CANADA

29 November 1954

Dear Doctor Francis,

I put off acknowledging your very pleasant letter until I could pick up at Eastman's the print of the Old Rectory I promised you. This, mailed separately, you may have by now. I hope you will like it.

The book by the eighteenth century physician, of whom I am happy to have particulars in your last, I will take with me on my next trip to Montreal, I hope, early in January before the city takes down its Christmas decorations. Unlike us in Toronto, you show no puritanic haste to remove them. Failing my expected trip, Her Majesty's mail will undertake the transfer.

Until I was able to give Dr Wilder Penfield's address at TCS the patient and attentive reading it deserved, I could not imagine what a rally fine thing it is. His whimsical reference to you I thought delightful. It was the sort of thing Barrie might have done; or, W. O. himself, for it was composed in the true Oslerian vein, with a smile and a chuckle in the words. My warm thanks to you for your kindly thought of me. My grateful thanks also for the interesting--at least they look interesting as I am sure they are--offprints. These I am reserving, like a small boy his favorite dessert, for a half hour or so free from interruption.

As you are probably aware, Pennington was in town at the week-end for the opening of the new Sigmund Samuel Wing of the University Library; but I regret he gave me no opportunity to take him to lunch. More than likely he had a full day as it was. As indicative of the way the Press treats such events, I could find no account of it at first; but later I discovered it among the market reports. But there was room on the front page for cavorting cheer leaders and milling throngs of open-faced fans. I like games, I can stand even on a chilly day to follow a rugby match; but this thing, this mass hysteria, mystifies me and is more than a little disturbing. The more enlightened portion of the public is beginning to question whether a democratic system is the answer to our political and social ills. There are times when one longs for a benovolent despotism. You see the faults, you are sure you can correct them, you crave the power to try. But I preach--to what end? Realizing the futility of it, I step down from the soap-box.

With my very best wishes for your health and comfort,
as ever

Sincerely yours,

William Colgate

Dr W. W. Francis.

\$ March 1952

Dear Doctor Francis,

I am happy to learn that the Howitt notebooks impressed you favourably, and that you consider them, as I had hoped you would, a desirable addition to the medical collection of McGill. Incidentally, it has occurred to me that your very interesting and illuminating comments on the notebooks might very well accompany the notebooks themselves. Remember, you will not be always available (more's the pity) to tell inquiring researchers something of the useful history behind them. Let your secretary make a copy of the notes and attach them preferably to the first volume thereby imparting to them a life which they cannot but lack without. Forgive my presumption, but it seems to me this is something that might well be done.

The medical librarian, I presume, sees to it that the customary donor's label--if that is the correct term--is inserted; or, do they have such a thing in a medical library? For not the least of the pleasure, I must own, in handing the written records over to you is the thought that my name might continue to be associated with them. In this way, I share Sir Joshua Reynold's sentiment when he had finished his portrait--his very famous portrait I might add--of Mrs. Siddons.

I sympathize with you in your close proximity to tunnelling operations at the Montreal General. We had to put up with something like that at Weston.

All thanks for your kind interest in my wife's health. The removal seems to have given her all the benefit we could reasonably hope for. She now feels much better than she did, enjoying as she does a greater degree of leisure.

Sincerely yours,

William Colgate

Dr. W. W. Francis.

13 February 1952

Dear Doctor Francis,

OSLER LIBRARY,
28 Feb., 1952.

I must thank you for your note. This I should have done sooner had it not been for several interruptions. The letter was delayed by necessary and somewhat urgent business. I am sending you a small exhibition to Charles W. Jefferys at his gallery. The exhibition opens on March 7, and I hope to be a memorable event, apart from my own very minor and hidden share in it.

Mr. William Colgate,
221 Belsize Drive,
Toronto, Ont.

Your letters full of buoyant life have a tonic value for me, and I hope your letters should. Anyhow I am always happy to hear from you. Although I have only a casual interest in the doings of the world, I have a great interest in the life of the mind.

Many thanks for the gift of the Howitt notebooks which came yesterday and make me ashamed of only paying the carriage! I count 15 of them, 4 on medicine, 3 on languages and algebra (which he didn't learn here), and no less than 8 on Materia medica. "Old Compendiate" Wright was notorious for hair splitting. I gather that the lads of those days had to tell by touch, smell, taste and/or sight whether a lump of opium came from Smyrna, Constantinople, or India. I doubt if we have anything quite so complete and legible as these Howitt notes on his interminable 3-year course. Our present students, I suspect, merely have to learn to read wholesalers' lists and how to write Roman numerals (11j for 3, &c.)!

Our removal from the Old Rectory, about which you kindly enquire, I am turning them over to the Medical Library, where they belong according to our rules. Its honorary librarian is the professor of pharmacology and will thoroughly appreciate the contrasting methods of 80 years ago. collections of the old place with its spacious rooms, and of many pleasant hours spent there.

An Osleriolater from a military hospital at or near Weston was here lately and I scolded him (unjustly!) for not having discovered you and the Old Rectory. I've forgotten his name, but he's probably more mystified about you than ever.

I hope you continue in health and that I may have the pleasure of I can appreciate your reasons for moving, and I hope your wife's health will improve. We are being gradually blasted out of our happy flat by the new Montreal General Hospital going up (at present digging down) next door.

Yours gratefully,

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

W. W. F.

18 February 1952

Dear Doctor Francis,

I must thank you for your note. This I should have answered sooner had it not been for several interruptions, the principal one caused by necessary and somewhat urgent preparations for a Memorial exhibition to Charles W. Jefferys at the local art gallery. The exhibition opens on March 7, and promises to be a memorable event, apart from my own very minor and hidden share in it.

Your letters, full of buoyant life have a tonic value for me, as I suppose a doctor's letters should. Anyhow I am always happy to hear from you. Although I have only a casual interest in the doings of William Harvey Howitt, I was none the less glad to have the details of his life you were good enough to give me, especially since I learn that he was a sometime citizen of Toronto. Not to expand this letter beyond reasonable length, the notebooks are going to you by express free gratis and for nothing, as we used to say, except for a carrying charge which in the circumstances you no doubt be willing to meet. I trust that the notebooks may prove a welcome addition to what I take to be your already generous collection of such material. You may therefore have no apprehension of the ghost of Bather Johnson "h'anting" you now or later.

Our removal from the Old Rectory, about which you kindly enquire, was occasioned largely by my wife's health, which of late has not been good, and her consequent inability to look after a house so large, which being old was difficult to keep clean. But I shall always retain happy recollections of the old place with its spacious rooms, and of many pleasant hours spent there. It had character which few houses of the present day have and even in age well worn and shabby showed traces of its original fine breeding. I miss it.

I hope you continue in health and that I may have the pleasure of meeting you again before long. As ever

Sincerely,

Wincolm Colgate

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

28 January 1952

OSLER LIBRARY,
5 Feb., 1952.Mr. William Colgate,
221 Belsize Drive,Toronto, have been able to obtain lately from a dealer
Ont. second-hand books a series--there are fifteen inall--of notebooks once used by W.H. Howitt a medical
student at McGill, dating from (as nearly as I can

Dear Mr. Colgate, 1863.

It is good to hear from you again, even if your kind offer causes me some embarrassment. We were offered those fifteen notebooks (if we remember rightly) by a dealer some years ago and refused them, perhaps on account of the price (I hope you didn't have to pay as much!) and their extent, and the fact that we are pretty well supplied with students' notes of the period, of the subjects taught by the Medical Faculty of McGill in its early days

before William Harvey Howitt graduated in 1870, the year before Osler came here. I can't find out when he died. In 1924 he was living at 58 Maple Ave., Toronto. I suspect that McGill and his orthodox medical cousing at Guelph may have lost interest in him. One of the family here thinks he was a homeopath in a sort of we-never-mention-cousin-Wm.-Harvey tone of voice! You. I am content to let you fix the amount.

I hate to be mean, but I wouldn't want to pay more than five dollars for the lot, unless you feel that Father Johnson would haunt me for more?

Have you abandoned the Old Rectory?

Dr. W.W. Francis
Librarian
The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q.

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Wm. Harvey Howitt
See list
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WILLIAM COLGATE

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221 BELSIZE DRIVE

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TORONTO CANADA

28 January 1952

Dear Doctor Francis:

I have been able to obtain lately from a dealer in second-hand books a series--there are fifteen in all--of notebooks once used by W.H.Howitt a medical student at McGill, dating from (as nearly as I can make out) 1862 to 1869.

The notes are written in a clear, legible hand, and are the record of lectures taken from Professor R.Palmer Howard and Professor W.Wright. If a layman may venture an opinion it would be to say that these notebooks should be especially interesting as indicating the nature and extent of the subjects taught by the medical faculty of McGill in its early days before the young student William Osler arrived on the scene.

If you are at all interested, the payment of a merely nominal sum would be enough to speed them on their way to you. I am content to let you fix the amount.

With all kind regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

William Colgate

Dr.W.W.Francis
Librarian
The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q.

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Mr. Harvey Howitt
bapt. 1870
58 Maple Ave., Toronto
in 1924.

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

1 June 1948

Dear Doctor Francis:

I am delighted to hear from you again, even though it means digging up a bookplate for you, or rather for 'Rosie' whose tactics leave me a bit bewildered. For one thing, why does she want my bookplate? And for another, why bother you about it? Anyhow, I am happy to comply with your request. The one I send you are free to do what you like with. I presume it is the one you want--I have two--the other being much more elaborate, pretentious, a perfect swell, which I keep mainly for old books and books on printing. The one enclosed I like better because of its simplicity; my taste seldom if ever runs to the ornate, thank heaven.

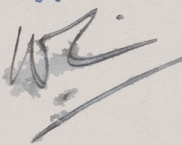
According to The Gazette, which I see now and then, you had a great day for your Convocation--1500 capped no less. Whew! What would old James McGill say to that? Just beam, I suppose. Well, he might do worse. If he could only come back for at least one celebration what larks he would have, and those with him. The old place would be strange to him and he to it. Oh the whole his day was not a bad one. Jolly good, he would probably add; with a Scotch accent of course.

How I long for old Montreal. I shall go back expecting to see it as I left it, but I won't of course. It will be changed and possibly not for the better. Then fugaces. Let me hear from you when you feel so disposed. A letter like yours cheers a fellow no end.

My son, Forbes, physician-to-the-horse, is now living with his wife and young son, Brian, in Woodtsock, Ontario; where he does well. But they are cramped seriously for space, and until they are able to get a house of their own will remain so. Building seems to advance no more there than here, or elsewhere for that matter. Material for movie palaces, churches, synagogues, and automobile showrooms and stores, but not for houses. What a world!

With kind regards to you and yours, as ever

Sincerely,



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

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I almost overlooked to thank you for your kind inquiry about Osgoode. Work on the book proceeds but slowly; for every now and then I must put it aside for something else more urgent. I finished not long since a monograph on Louis Roy: First printer in Upper Canada for the Printing Review of Montreal; and now I am doing a piece for the Canadian Art Series for delivery this fall. Between whiles I get in the odd stroke on Osgoode; but it is tedious business, and I shall be glad when I have it behind me. Though I must say Osgoode himself is coming to life in a remarkable way. His letters to Simcoe which I copied from the originals in the U. of T. Library are revelatory of the old boy's character, sometimes quite amusingly. I have besides much illustrative material which has not yet been exposed to the general gaze. So you see I am hopeful of making something of our first chief justice. Not first with you he yet stayed longer. He probably liked Quebec--who doesn't?

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September 5th, 1940.

William Colgate, Esq.,
The Old Rectory,
Weston, Ontario.

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Dear William Colgate,

Thanks for your appreciation of the color print and of my address. You flatter me about the latter, which is, I think, rather too topical - Virginian and McGillish - for separate publication. I begin to suspect that if Coste's oration is to be translated I'll have to do it myself, but first I must have a look at Lanfe's study of him in AMERICANA (which is not here in Montreal), and it will also require some familiarity, which I don't possess, with the War of Independence. I doubt if Coste inspired Osler's "Old Hum.", which was a masterly bit of educational propaganda.

Glad to hear you have picked up a 1st ed. of "Science and immortality" (as the Chief used to call it). You may like to have a comical supplemental note which he wrote at the bottom of p. 51 of his copy of that ed. I got Bashford to add it (omitting names!) to that Note 12 in his Constable, 1928, ed., thus: "When a recent well-known English bishop lay a-dying, his chaplain leaning over him said some soothing prayers, but - so the story goes - the bishop remarked: 'Don't be a fool, H! Pass the syphon!'" Also W.O.'s own very unnecessary apology for that address, "What the deuce can a doctor say about immortality, especially with his wife and mother-in-law in the audience?".

Schuman is a good fellow, and I'll send you a spare copy of an interesting recent catalogue of his. I've had a good deal of correspondence with him about Osleriana, etc.,

Osler's nephew, Dr. Norman Gwyn, 209 Madison Ave., Toronto, wants to see that account of Johnson's obsequies. If you haven't a spare copy you could let him have, don't copy it again. I'll lend him the one you sent me.

I'll look forward to those pictures of your house and have ^{will} Johnson's painting of it photo'd for you in exchange.

I had a fine holiday in H.S., till near the end when my daughter, aged 18, developed the measles and had to be left behind in the infection "clink" at Halifax, which she thoroughly enjoyed!

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

August 13, 1940.

Dear Doctor Francis:

As promised I have tried to make a fair copy of the funeral story for you; but I am afraid it is only fair. However, such as it is you may have it with my compliments.

As a matter of fact The Mail was founded in 1872, as you may note from the masthead of the present Globe and Mail. It, The Mail, that is, acquired the double-barrelled appellation when it took over The Empire, which had a short life and not altogether merry one, in 1895. Toronto, as you may recall, at one time supported six newspapers; now it seems content to struggle along with three. Journalism, having joined the ranks of big business, has in the process shed many of its old free and easy ways; it has become less picturesque, but more profitable. Which from the shareholders point of view at any rate may be and probably is all to the good.

Many thanks for the "Old Blockley" Memorial programme which I shall promptly store with my Osler items, as also ^{and I have read it} ~~you~~ the copy of your ~~own~~ address which you were good enough to enclose. Altogether more than I deserve in one day. And yet they say the 13th is unlucky! If it is not further imposing on good nature, I should certainly like to have a copy

of the Johnson picture at your convenience. If there is any expense attached, let me know.

There is nothing at the moment I'd like better than to pay another visit to your delightful quarters; but cannot you get up to Toronto some time before long? And once in Toronto it is but a few miles to Weston; and really before you know it you're here. Though I fancy there is little that I can tell you or show you about Toronto, I promise to make your stay as pleasant as possible. We have a club here which offers something palatable in the way of food, and company which on occasion can be congenial.

I shall live in hopes. Meanwhile.....

With kind regards, believe me

Sincerely,

William L. Galt

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

Cornwall, as I anticipated, seems to have done excellently well with the painting. It must be truly striking in color. It is worthy, I should say, of Howard Pyle - and that for me is ~~admirable~~ a great deal. I could wish we had something like it here.

will 9 photos.

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

September 28, 1940.

Dear Doctor Francis:

After foraging through desk drawers and on desk tops I have managed to lay hands on a few snaps of the old house and its surroundings which I trust may not be without interest. Some few years ago I wrote an article on the Old Rectory for the Canadian Magazine which at the time ran a series of illustrated pieces on old Canadian houses. Should I run across a copy later I will let you have it.

The enclosed clipping, taken from a recent issue of The Globe and Mail, will serve to prove, if further proof is needed, Dr. Gwyn's active interest in the historical side of the medical profession in Toronto, so that its records may not be lost or obliterated through our ignorance or neglect. His is the right idea; and it would be well for the country if more persons were animated by something of the same spirit. Do not trouble to send him your account of Johnson's funeral rites; I shall be only too happy to copy one for him. It will serve to discharge some of the debt I owe him.

You mention Lane's study of Coste in Americana. Since you seem to lack a copy in Montreal, it has occurred to me that we may have one here. I shall enquire. As for the War of Independence, you have of course Trevelyan's history and Fiske's both of which are doubtless already familiar to you. You see, I am trying to do what I can

to remove hindrances to our getting that translation of Coste which we now want and which I am sure the medical profession at any rate would be glad to have.

En passant, I note that the current catalogue of Good & Speeds of Boston itemizes W.O.'s Science and Immortality (first ed.) at \$2.50; which seems reasonable enough, though I did somewhat better here. Curiously, it is the first time I recall having seen it listed.

I am pleased to hear that you enjoyed your holiday in Nova Scotia, as I did myself this summer, and therefore can understand your daughter's desire to remain in Halifax, even at the cost of an attack of measles--German or otherwise--from which she is, I trust, happily recovered. We are too often disposed--we of the laity--to make light of measles; but I can attest from experience that they are no subject for jest. Mine left me for some time with a bad ear; though the disaster that overtook Angus of the earmuffs fortunately missed me.

The weather is glorious here. The campus of McGill must look lovely these days under the autumn sunshine. It is a long time since I have seen it in the fall of the year: as far back as the 'twenties of blessed memory when we used to attend the Varsity-McGill game in the Molson stadium.

This letter would have reached you sooner but for an effort I have been making to organize an extension class for the study of typography. For the past few weeks this work has engaged virtually all my spare time as well as some hours, alas, that could ill be spared. However, the point has been reached where we are promised the coöperation of lecturers: practical fellows a number of them, though not all. Two or three are on the regular staff of the University, several are artists of standing with a first-

hand knowledge of printing; others again are so-called technical men from machinery, paper and engraving houses like the Canadian Linotype Corporation and the Howard Smith Paper Mills. The whole thing is tentative so far: whether we shall be able to go ~~on~~^{on} will depend upon the enrolment. The minimum number of students is set at forty. Since we have received the encouragement and blessing of the Powers that Be, we are naturally hopeful of the best. If we are able to make up our group, I shall have at least two, if not more, lectures to prepare, as well as acting as chairman or supervisor of the course. Surely enough punishment for one person, though not, I dare say, not nearly so much as the class may be called upon to endure.

But enough of myself. I am very pleased to learn that the Medical Faculty of McGill has decided to offer a Diploma of Public Health to graduates in Veterinary Science. Its effect will be, I think, to encourage the ambitious student and raise the status of the profession, which has been until of late years anything but high. The early McGill course alone honorably excepted. But then they had young Dr. Osler to assist and inspire them. I am all the more interested in the new course I suppose because my boy, Forbes, returns to the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph today for his final year. I have hopes that when he is graduated he may go up to McGill for the Public Health Course. He is an instructor in the C.O.T.C. so that I cannot count on it. However, like myself, he is an admirer of Sir William and his teachings, and, as one result of his example, returns to College with a microscope of renowned Austrian make. It meant some dislocation of the financial budget, but we both felt the end justified it.

With every good wish, and the hope that I may not have bored you, believe me

Sincerely,

William Belgrave

Who Remembers Old Moss Hall?

To the Editor of The Globe and Mail: Knowing the interest of your paper in matters historical, the Academy of Medicine would like to enrol your assistance in helping to find a picture or photograph of old Moss Hall, which stood on the banks of the gully running through Queen's Park, where the present Biological Building stands.

Moss Hall was of interest in being the medical school erected in connection with King's College, but by some strange accident we can find no picture or sketch of this building in the engineering or architectural departments of the university. Doubtless, it was such a simple building that it may just have been erected by the contractor's plan. But, be this as it may, the failure to acquire a sketch or picture of the building leaves our collection dealing with the old medical schools of Toronto incomplete.

During the centennial celebration a few years ago, a committee of the academy was appointed to trace down the old medical schools of Toronto. You will be interested in knowing that remnants of the old building in which the Hon. John Rolph began to teach medicine, more than a hundred years ago, are still to be seen behind a butcher shop on Queen Street West, just beyond Bay and Queen Streets on the north side. The particular piece of property on which this building, or barn, was situated is recorded in the Registry Office as having come down from the McCauley Estate, and the building referred to was McCauley's barn, or stable. It must have stood for a century, for the license to demolish it was attached to some of the timbers remaining which had been built into an outhouse and into the fence surrounding the yard. These timbers are easily recognizable. A former tenant of the property told me that when the building was demolished the contractor who did the job informed him that no nails had been used in the construction of the building. Inspection of some of the remains shows this to be so. Of this building, again by some

unhappy accident, we have no picture, although some of Rolph's associates have described it in some of their historical publications. It is not likely, of course, that any one would have taken the trouble to paint an old wooden barn at the back of a Queen Street store, but, on the other hand, in connection with Moss Hall we felt there must be some sketch, picture or photograph of it tucked away in somebody's collection.

I hope you can see your way to helping us out in a matter which, after all, is of historical interest in connection with the university and the city.

Norman B. Gwyn,
Toronto. Academy of Medicine.

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

October 29, 1940.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Well, W.O. has been framed and is now at the O.V.C. to furnish inspiration to the students. Forbes took the picture back with him on ^Sunday when he returned to College. He had come down for the week-end to bid Boyd good-bye. Boyd, who leaves for England shortly, is now on brief leave. The war continues to come closer to our lives and our affairs: Ker and Strathy, two most promising young fellows of Trinity are both gone, and it is hard to realize that one will see them no more.

I had the good fortune to pick up a copy of Cushing's Journal lately. It presents, I think, apart from Orpen's An Onlooker in France, a more convincing picture of the last war than anything I have read. How he ever found

time to compile such a detailed record is a mystery to me. But then I suppose it is the old story that if you want a thing done give it to a busy man. Another two recent "finds" were Equanimitas and An Alabama Student, which I acquired at Britnell's recent book sale.

From Dr. Gwyn I have received an appreciative note for the the copy of the report of Johnson's funeral sent him at your suggestion. His evident pleasure at receiving it was I venture to believe no greater than mine at being able to let him have it. You have I dare say already seen the advertisement of the single-volume edition of Cushing's Life of W.O. It is priced at five dollars, which should do much to enlarge its sale, especially since its publication coincides with the beginning of the Christmas season. Its desirability as a gift book needs no emphasis.

I venture to enclose a couple of book-plates showing the Old Rectory which may be of interest to you. The

original drawing is the work of Evan Macdonald, O.S.A.
Who made the sketch one summer afternoon when he was
out to our place to tea.

I shall be happy to receive when you are ready to
send them a photo-print of Johnson's painting of the
Rectory and the copy of Schuman's catalogue which you
have
~~felt might be of interest to me~~ ear-marked for me.

With kind regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Wimau Calgate

Dr. W.W. Francis,
McGill University.

Ans. typed & sent 8.viii.40 in inside: -

L.W.D.

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

August 3, 1940.

My dear Doctor Francis:

Upon arriving home after my trip down East I took occasion to look up the Ms as promised and discovered it to be a funeral report describing the obsequies of the Revd. W. A. Johnson on December 31, 1880; it had ~~originally~~ been copied by hand apparently from an old ~~copy~~ ^{issue} of The Mail of that date. The article was copied ^{and sent to me by} by Mrs. Adelaide Pickford a daughter of a former rector of the parish of St. Philip of Weston, Ontario.

Now I have no notion of how useful such an item may be to you, or indeed whether it is of any use at all; but if you wish I should be very happy to send you a copy for your files.

By the bye, what sort of ceremony had you for the unveiling of Sir William's portrait by Dean Cornwell ? Unfortunately, I arrived back in Montreal too late to be present at the event, and too late even to get a copy of a newspaper recording it.

Would it be possible to get a portrait photograph do you think ? I suppose both The Star and the Gazette had a reporter assigned; or did they ? With war news filling most of the daily newspaper there seems little room for anything else. Too bad; but I fancy there is precious little we can do about it. In the meantime let us hope editors may acquire a sense of proportion: a virtue in which many of them at any rate are lamentably deficient.

With kind regards, believe me

Sincerely,

William Colgate

Dr. W. W. Francis
McGill University

Dear C.

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Yes, I should like very much to have a copy of Johnson's "Obsequies" for our files. I didn't know that the mail went back to 1880. I fancied I had seen its birth about 1890. Perhaps I'm confused it with the Empire or M. L. E., one of which we used to read at Port Hope. There were only two or three boys bold enough to be seen reading the Globe!

There was no ceremony here in connection with the Commemorative picture of Osh at Blockley. It was unveiled in Philadelphia on June 6th. If I can find a spare copy of the programme (with reproduction) I'll send it to you. The picture was exhibited last in the month to the Can. Med. Assoc. meeting in Toronto, and then here in the library during the last week of June. We visited in relation to local doctors, but I think there was nothing about it in our papers.

It is a fine picture & I wish you had seen it. I ^{have long} expected some coloured reproductions, which don't seem to materialize. If they do, I'll see that you get one.

I'm looking through Cushman's material
yesterday to see if he had the
"obsequies" (he hadn't) I came
upon a picture of the rectory &
chapel painted by Johnson.

Would you like a photo of it? I don't
know how well it would "take";

So pay me another visit soon
time. If I can see Toronto again
I must run out to Weston.

Yrs sincerely

L. W. F.

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

August 31, 1940.

Dear Doctor Francis:

I find I am further in your debt for a fine color print of Osler at Old Blockley which arrived this week from John Wyeth & Brother Limited of Walkerville. Another very welcome evidence of your good-will for which I thank you. The print I shall have framed and hung in a conspicuous place where it may be readily seen by visitors to the house.

One of these days--before long I hope--I shall gather together a few photographs of the house and let you have them for your files--that is, if you care to have them.

I did not suspect^{you} of a literary style at once easy and urbane until I read your address At Osler's Shrine, a copy of which you were good enough to send me. But familiar with the history of the Oslers as I am, I should have known better. As a by-product, my interest has been aroused in the activities of Jean-Francois Coste. Your suggestion that his address be translated and published is, I think, excellent. Could not something be done about it ? I wonder in passing whether Coste's subject: the adaptation of old medical philosophy to the New

World might not have inspired The Old Humanities and the New Science, though obviously in subject matter they have nothing in common. It is merely a thought, and by no means important.

Much more important is the idea that comes to mind of the desirability of having your address preserved in more permanent form. I have the notion somehow that if it were printed and bound in stiff board covers after the manner, say, of Tweedsmuir's Interpreter's House, it would have a large and ready sale both here and in the United States. In any event I should rejoice to see something of the kind attempted.

You may be interested to know that I picked up a copy of Science and Immortality, 1904 ed. (Riverside Press), at a second-hand bookseller's last week. I have a copy in the paper edition of 1918 by Constable; but naturally I treasure the earlier edition more. There is a bookseller in New York, Schuman, I believe, who is said to specialize in Osler items. His advertisement appears in the N.Y. Times Book Review; perhaps you know him. I trust that everything goes well with you, and that you have had an enjoyable vacation. The annual Fair is in full swing here and brings many visitors to the city.

With kind regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

William Lofgren

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

See last page W.W.F.

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

January 28, 1944.

Dear Sirs:

subject.
herewith W.W.F. I should like to know whether you can furnish me with a copy of The Journal, issue 30, 1934, 553, containing Dr. T.W.M. Cameron's paper entitled "Sir William Osler--Parasitologist"; also a copy of December 1938 (I think) p. 313, presenting the voration--the fourth--of Sir Humphry Rolleston on "Sir William Osler: The last phase (1905-19): His Influence on Medicine as a Whole."

For your information I may say that I am engaged on a study of the relation of Sir William to veterinary medicine, and desire to have whatever material may be available dealing with this phase of his professional life. It should not be necessary for me to inform you, I suppose, of my readiness to defray whatever incidental charges which may be incurred. More than all else, I shall be grateful for your assistance. I remain

Faithfully yours,

William Colgate

To the Publishers

The Canadian Association Medical Journal
Montreal, P.Q., Canada

Dr. Chas. A. Mitchell, "Note on the early history of
vet. ~~med.~~ science in Canada", 48 pp., 1941(?),
not on sale. Composite reprint of arts in Can.
J. Comparative Med., 1938-40, including ones on
Osler & on Bovell. I have a spare copy of the
Osler art., if needed.

In addition to the one he asks for, he should
have T. W. M. Cameron, "On a memorandum
from Stiles to Osler", Can. J. Comp.
Med., 6: 341-8, 1942. Prof. Cameron*
would probably send him both. I have
no spare copies left.

* Macdonald Coll
St. Annas

W. W. F.

OSLER LIBRARY,
4th February, 1944.

William Colgate, Esq.,
The Old Rectory,
Weston, Ont.

Dear Mr. Colgate,

My friend Dr. MacDermot, the editor, brought me your letter of Jan. 28th to the C. M. A. Journal, and I offered to deal with it. I have written to Prof. Cameron (Macdonald College, P. Q.) asking if he has copies of his reprints to send you, namely the "H. O. - parasitologist" from the C. M. A. J., 1938 (I suppose that you won't want the no. of the Journal, if we can get you the separate?), and "On a memorandum from Stiles to Osler", Canadian J. of Comparative Med. (which he edits), 6: 341-8, 1942 - about the institute of parasitology which Osler suggested in 1908.

Have you got a booklet "Note on the early history of Veterinary Science in Canada", by Chas. A. Mitchell, about 1941? It was not on sale, but Dr. M. (Animal Diseases Research Institute, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa) would send you one, if he has any left. It is made up of arts. he wrote in the C. J. Comp. Med., 1938-40, including ones on Osler and on Bovall. If you need it, I have the no. (Oct. 1939) containing the Osler article and would part with it - to you.

Meanwhile I am sending you under separate cover the Rolleston - Osler Oration which you ask for, and also "The Impress of Books upon Life" (W. O. and Sir Thos. Browne) by Elmer Smith of Chicago. He is an Illinois Central lawyer who also wrote an excellent appreciation, "Osler as seen by a layman," though he never saw W. O. - "Blessed are they ^{that} have not seen and yet have believed."

My daughter, who wanted to be a hen-vet., is a happy 2nd year hen-med.

With kind regards, and with a pax vobiscum - but what had he to do with peace? - to Father Johnson's ghost,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WVF:CD

This is on
EB. 4

WILLIAM COLGATE ✓
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

February 7, 1944.

Dear Doctor Francis:

It was refreshing to get a note such as yours. Although had I suspected when I wrote to the Journal that the work of supplying the needed material would fall upon you, I might have hesitated. You doubtless have your hands full without being further burdened with commissions from me. Still it was nice of you to send me the Rolleston Oration and a copy of Elmer Smith's paper, The Impress of Books Upon Life, both of which arrived today. And if mere thanks can be construed as anything like adequate payment for such kindness, be assured you have mine.

The Note on the Early History of Veterinary Science in Canada I already have: thanks to the generosity of Dr. Charles Mitchell, who has been most helpful in putting me in the way of relevant material I might otherwise have lacked. So in this instance at least I shall have to take the will for the deed, and content myself with thanking you for your kind offer. However, I shall welcome the article by Dr. Cameron when it arrives, no matter in what guise it comes.

Meanwhile I am happy to learn that your daughter has safely started on her medical course. It may be, in course of time, she will be able to do something for veterinary science, as her illustrious relative before her, and thus satisfy to the benefit of both a dual ambition.

Forbes, the veterinarian, is now stationed as officer in charge of supplies (R.C.A.S.C.) attached to the R.C.A.F. Technical Training School at St. Thomas. Due to a rather low medical category (He is subject to recurrent attacks of hay fever, though otherwise normal.) the likelihood of his being able to join his brothers overseas is rather remote. in consequence, he is inclined to be restless; for though engaged in essential work, he feels somehow as if he were merely marking time. He had in mind a postgraduate course in the States; but the authorities are virtually permitting no one, except undergraduates and scholarship holders, to cross the line. A question of now or never, I suppose.

I hope to be able to get down to Montreal one day and bring the the Calendar of 1867 T.C.S. to add to your collection. You remember I am sure that on one of my previous visits, it was promised you. Incidentally, a new book of mine on Canadian Art, dealing with its origin and development has just been issued by Ryerson. Dr. Lomer ought to have a copy soon, if indeed he has not one already. I mention this in passing to indicate, in part, my readiness to engage in another piece of writing. I could stand a longer recess really; but who talks of rest, any more than of peace, these days ?

With all good wishes and kind regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

William Colgate

Dr. W. W. Francis
McGill University

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

March 21, 1945.

Dear Doctor Francis:

I am sending you a slight essay of mine touching on the work of Brown and Gilmore, first printers of Quebec, on the off chance that it may have something of interest for you. It goes to you with my compliments, At the same time I have to thank you for a copy of Vienna After Thirty-four Years, which I am happy to add to my collection of Osleriana. It was good of you to think of me in this connection. I have already thanked Dr. Pratt for his kindness and have mailed him a copy of the Brown and Gilmore item as a token ^{of} gratitude.

I plan to visit Montreal before long, either in May or June, I am not sure which, when I shall have pleasure in handing the Calendar to you for safe-

keeping. If patience is a virtue you surely have
earned your reward. With all good wishes to you and
yours, believe me as ever

Sincerely yours,

William Colgate

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University

You are familiar no doubt with Langdon-Brown's
Thus we are men, a series of collected addresses,
published in 1939 by Longmans, Green. It contains
a chapter on Sir William; as does also a book of
essays and reviews called Woodcuts, by Sherman. If
you lack one or both, let me know, and I'll see to it
that the gap in your shelves is filled. Woodcuts is
out, but it is really a short-term loan callable at
any time. The other volume I have at hand. My son,
Forbes, you may care to know, is out of the army for
physical reasons, and is now taking the D.P.H. Course
at the University. He tries his exams shortly. WZ

OSLER LIBRARY,
9 April, 1945.

William Colgate, Esq.,
The Old Rectory,
Weston, Ont.

Dear Mr. Colgate,

I am delighted with the "Label" and vastly impressed with the imprint. Do you mean to say that you produce such artistry from the cellar of the old school? I've resisted my conscience, which suggested that I ought to pass it on to the University Library, where they collect early and also private, Canadian printing. But the personal and Old Rectory interest justifies me in keeping it. Perhaps you could spare another copy for the McGill University Library?

I have the Langdon-Brown, but not the Sherman, "Woodcuts", which I hadn't heard of and must have. Is it perhaps by a Canadian bishop, who was a habitue of the "Open Arms" in his Rhodes school days?

I'm looking forward to your visit in May or June and the promised Calendar, and I'm glad to hear about your son, Forbes. Good luck to him in his D. P. H. exams.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

WWF:CD

OSLER LIBRARY,
15 June, 1944.

Wm. Colgate, Esq.,
The Old Rectory,
Weston,
Ont.

Dear Father Colgate,

-- The prefix goes with the address -- I had almost forgotten Coste and had quite forgotten that I ever bothered you with him. Did I neglect (7 years ago!) to send you the enclosed pamphlet in which he occupies the last page? It adds a later reference to the ones you and Miss Poole have kindly dug up for me. I haven't yet found a decent Virginian to translate his oration. If I live long enough, I may have to do it myself. There wasn't a copy of it in Richmond or Williamsburg, and nobody seemed to have ever heard of it or him!

Isn't your next visit to the Osler Library a bit overdue?

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:CD

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

P.T.O -
June 14, 1944.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Better brace yourself for a shock. At long last I seem to have the information you wanted on our friend le bon docteur Jean-François Coste, who, incidentally, appears to have been a man of considerable consequence.

With the assistance of Miss Poole at the Academy of Medicine, I was able to glean for you the enclosed material. Whether it happens to be just what you wish I can only surmise. But if by chance I have been guilty of a sin of omission, why let me know and I'll have another go at it.

With all good wishes and kind personal regards,
believe me

Dr. W. W. Francis.

Sincerely yours,

William Colgate

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With all good wishes and kind personal regards,

Believe me

Sincerely yours,

L. W. Francis.

Francis L. W.

WILLIAM COLGATE
THE OLD RECTORY
WESTON, ONTARIO

June 22, 1944.

Dear Doctor Francis:

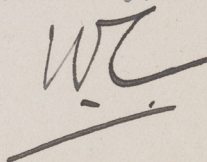
I must thank you for your letter and its very welcome enclosure. It came during my absence at the annual powwow of the Ontario Historical Society in Hamilton. This year the sessions were held at McMaster where we were the beneficiaries of a fine Scotch hospitality--open and unstinted. Hamilton, as I doubtless you know, is a pleasant old town with an interesting and not uneventful history, but it needs a new art gallery badly. Its present building is antiquated and far from fire-proof. Its collection of paintings by Blair Bruce, a native son, is the most complete and varied I have seen. Several of his canvases have a ~~freshness of outlook~~ ^{freshness of outlook} and freedom of handling that might lead on

suppose they were painted lately. On the strength of this exhibit, Bruce, it seems to me, really deserves much greater recognition than has so far been granted him.

Your envelope, I noticed, bore the inscription "First class," a statement to which after having read your delightful essay, I can wholly and heartily subscribe. For the translation, why not tackle it yourself and infuse into it, as you naturally would, a little of your own agreeable personality? That it would at this time be quite a chore I know, but then I find most jobs worth doing are.

If fate is kind, which she too often aint, I hope to get down to Montreal about October, when the weather is cool, the ale brown, and the migratory visitor has winged his way back to his accustomed haunts. Till then, as Elbert Hubbard used to say, love and blessings ever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W. W. Francis', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Dr. W. W. Francis.

OSLER LIBRARY,
14 May, 1958.

William Colgate, Esq.,
221 Belsize Drive,
Toronto,
Ont.

Dear Will,

That short name is "sincerest flattery". For myself I follow the old rhyme: Father called me William, sister called me Will, Mother called me Willie, But the boys all call me Bill.

Thanks for the offer of the Langdon-Brown, but our perfectly good copy, acquired three years ago, bears the "Book-plate (types variety) of the donor, Wm. Colgate." It reminds me of Osler trying to donate a spare Vesalius, a hefty tome to carry to three successive towns, in each of which he found a better copy he had presented some years before. After that he went to the post office and addressed the super folio to an ex-student who had just been appointed professor of anatomy out West.

I'd love to have a chat with you, but I breakfast in my dressing gown nowadays and lunch here on a sandwich in situ and crawl home at 4 p.m. Four score last month. So I hope you can drop into the Library where I always do my best chatting.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

W. W. Francis.

WWF:cd

WILLIAM COLGATE
221 BELSIZE DRIVE
TORONTO, ONTARIO

7 May 1958

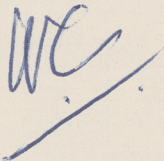
Dear Will,

Some time ago, you may remember, I mentioned a collection of papers and broadcast~~s~~ by Sir Walter Langdon-Brown~~x~~, as having appeared in print under the title of Thus We are Men. Since it contained a tribute to W. O. you might like a copy for the Library. The copy I got xfrom a second-hand bookseller proved on examination to be a library discard, and therefore I submit it with some diffidence. But it ^{might} do, assuming you lack a copy, until we can get a better.

About the last week or so of this month I plan to visit Montreal, I wonder if you could arrange to have breakfast or luncheon with me. I am in a mood for good talk -- you to supply the talk and I the attentive ear.

Meanwhile my very best to you and yours,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'W. W. Francis', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Dr W. W. Francis
Curator, Osler Library
McGill University