

Corcoran

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November 17, 1942.

Dr. A. C. Corcoran,
The Lilly Laboratory for Clinical Research,
Indianapolis City Hospital,
Indianapolis, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Corcoran,

I am not enthusiastic about your dragging in the
Caughnawaga papers. I have a feeling that the less printed
about the indiscretions of "E. Y. Davis", the better. However,
you can find some account of them in the Osler source books:
Maude Abbott's "Classified and annotated bibliography" of Osler,
2nd ed., 1939, p. 137; Cushing's "Life", index, under "Davis"
and "Unpublished writings"; and his catalogue, "Bibliotheca
Osleriana", 1929, index, under "Osler, Sir W., 'E. Y. Davis',
pseudonym." The Lilly Company are such good disciples of
Osler, that I suspect they will have those books available.

Bayard Holmes, in his "Relation of medical literature
to professional esteem," Lancet-Clinic, Cincinnati, 1915
(see vol. 114, pp. 114-15) makes a good story (containing, as
Osler said, "all the essentials but the truth") about the
"Professional notes among the Indian tribes", 1883, which I
think was a by-product of Osler's reviewing C. J. Engelmann's
"Labor among primitive peoples," St. Louis, 1882.

I have just been re-reading your paper on opium (1942)
with pleasure and profit. You ~~blaspheme~~ it by calling it a
squib. I enclose a review of mine on Avicenna.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

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Encl:-

A. C. CORCORAN M.D.
851 WEST FORTY-FOURTH STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Dec. 29th, 1942.

Dr. W.W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McVill University.

OSLER LIBRARY,
5 January, 1943.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Dr. A. C. Corcoran, *Someone gave me for no very good*
851 West Forty-fourth Street, *Emblemate*. The title
Indianapolis, *Andreas Aloisii Emblemate*, can connect
Indians, U. S. A. *Francisci Sancti Fredensis*,
Laurentii Pignarii, *Domusque* has editions in
continues *unius Commentarii series* *conventus*, in *coron*
Dear Corcoran, *quasi Classes* *dispositio*, *a plurimum dimidi*
parte autis, *Opera et vigilis*, *Isidori Thullii* *Marise*
strange *monia* they had 3 and 4 centuries ago for those weird
allegorical "Emblems". *Alciati's* seem to have been most popular.
He had solid *items* to his credit, for I find him described in a one-
line biography as "Italian restorer of Roman law, 1492-1550."

I don't know his picture-book, but get this about it from Brunet's
"Manuel," 1860:- No one reads it nowadays and only the woodcuts
procure it a place on collectors' shelves; yet few works were oftener
reprinted: first appeared at Milan, 1522; more than 80 editions, even
the rare ones can be bought cheaply. He specially mentions your
Padua, 1611, ed. as the most "ample", superseding all others, and values
it at 5 or 6 francs. I see that a copy sold at auction in London in
1914 for 4/6, so the slump still held 80 years later.

I find nothing about its M.D. editor Thullius, the Tyrolese from
Marienberg, formerly of Greisbach University, and his "labor and midnight
oil" (*opera et vigilis*), except that the A. M. L. has a funeral oration
of his on Fabricius of *seguendentes*, 1619, also by your Paduan publisher,
Tozzi. So I suspect that he was working there.

Brunet says that your ed. also has "corollaries" by Morel, who once
led me a search. I thought he must be a physician because he translated
many Greek medical works into Latin, but he was a scholarly publisher of
Paris (1558-1630), evidently with medical leanings or perhaps with some
scholarly medical "hacks" in his service.

I can't say that I want "the thing very badly" (as you put it), but
if you really want to exchange it, I might find something to appeal to you
among my few remaining duplicates.

A more happy (less Jappy) new year,

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

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W. W. Francis, M.D.

A. C. CORCORAN M.D.
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Dec. 29th, 1942.

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

(he was a
medical
book-agent)

Someone gave me for no very good reason a copy of 'Alciati Emblemata'. The title page reads 'Andreas Alciati/ Emblemata/ cum commentariis/ Claudii Minois I.C. Francisci Sanctii Brodensis,/ & Notis/ Laurentii Pignorii Patavini./ Novissima hac editione in continuum unius Commentarii seriem congestis, in certas quasdam / quasi Classes dispositis, & plusquam dimidia parte autic./ Opera et vigiliis/ Ioannis Thuillii Mariae-montani Tirol. Phil.& Med.D. Atq; olim in Archiduc.Friburg. Brisgoias / Universitate Human. liter.Professoris ordinarii. There is a bit more and then the line Patuij apud Petrum Paulum Tozzium/ Sub Signo S.S.Nomine IESU. L621.

After several prefaces and commendations it contains the Emblemata as short lines of verse preceded by an illustration which shows both skill and imagination and followed by a word by word commentary on the verse. It is bound in white calf and is in excellent condition. The pages are lxxix and 1003. -- Do you know about this book? It's greatest virtue as far as I can see lies in the illustrations. But if you thought anyone wanted the thing very badly, I'd be very happy to trade it in for some book of greater interest to myself. Personally, I doubt if it has any value at all, but would appreciate your suggestion on it.

With every compliment of the season,

A. C. Corcoran.

P.S. Thanks for the E.G.M. Card!

Andrea Acciati Ital. author of Roman Law
1492-1550.

Thunellus French action in Feb. 1619.

Morcl, Fred. (1558-1630) letter.
relates - printer of Paris.

1514 action 4/6

Corcoran ✓ ad 10/5 p.e.
14th.

LILLY LABORATORY FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH
Indianapolis City Hospital INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, U. S. A.

DIRECTOR
IRVINE H. PAGE, M. D.

December 11, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your kind note on E. Y. D. The paper in question met the approval of the Indianapolis literary club, and you may be interested to know that a charter member of this group was the Theophilus Parvin, who later was professor in Philadelphia.

X. The manuscript was finally developed and was rather too long, so I had to cut out some material. What I shall finally do with it, I don't know, but when a manuscript copy is again available, I hope you won't mind if I send it to you for your advice.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Corcoran

A. C. Corcoran, M. D.

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X. He sent a card page ~~with this~~ which I've put loose
at end of the MS. 7641 H.W. F.

20.1.43

A. C. CORCORAN M.D.
851 WEST FORTY-FOURTH STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Jan. 15th, 1943.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Thanks so much for your letter on the Alciati picture book. That it was given me by a book salesman whose habit was not so to dispose of his wares had lead me to think of it as not rare.

There are a few lines about Alciati in the Ency. Brit. which note that he substituted original research for the servile interpretation of the glossators and that the Emblems was translated into French, Italian and Spanish. The biography in the book (by Cl. Minois) notes that he was called to Bourges by Francis I in 1529 to the chair of law. He was then taken in tow by Fran. Sforza and later by the Emperor Charles. He died at 58 of a fever which began in his feet. He is buried in the basilica of Ticinus (where is that?).

The Corollaries and Advices of Fed. Morelli Prof. Reg. appear at the end with the note: Dum hoc Emblematum Opus sub praelo ferueret & iam cornidum expectaret, pervenit ad manus nostras Editio novissima Parisiensis (satis quidem scabra & literis fugientibus) cum C. et M. Fed. Morelli; quae, nequid desiderari possit, huc ad callem reliquorum Commentariorum adjuccere operae precium judicavimus".

Putnam (Rabelais, Man of the Renais.) believes that the good doctor studied a little law at Bourges under Alc. for so he made Pantagruel do. The latter "Ainsi vint a Bourges, ou etudia bien longtemps, et profita beaucoup en la faculte des lois, etc. and said that the law books impressed as being a handsome golden robe of state, and an enormously precious one, but one, nevertheless, embroidered with mire".

Since it is the only book I have of such advanced venerability in terms of years, I believe I shall keep it awhile, although your "few remaining duplicates" interest me, for I have just laid aside Shuman's pretty catalogue of a year or two ago with regret. I hesitate to ask, but would any of the duplicates be for sale? Much as Panurge wanted a wife, I feel that I must buy a book sometime soon- and with less indecision than P. *Regards*

Sincerely

A. C. Corcoran

P.S. I had thought of I ever again got time, of whisking for the boat getting something about Dr. James Barry (whose soul's memory are for him, the mid-west. The reference in Corcoran's dict. B. the Modern Sphinx, the play is not every helpful. Is that correct on her anywhere handy.

Corcoran
came in 24th

A. C. CORCORAN M.D.
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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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Hessler

March 18th, 1943.

Dear Doctor Francis:

Not without a bit of doing (for I have to sing for it before the Neurols and Physiols Thursday) I have contrived a trip back to Montreal. I expect to be there Wednesday and Thursday and have hopes that on one day or the other I may have a chance to see you.

Did I tell you about the poor old physician whose widow gave me the run of what was left of his books after another person or two had been there? I got a perfect copy of the 2nd ed. of Malthus on Pop. a perfect 1st of Hilton, the Neligan ed. of Graves and one or two other books of interest. One of them is a copy of Huxham, Essay on Fevers etc; the binding is gone, and all pages to v; it has 336 p. and the Dissertation on the Malignant Ulcerous Sore-Throat begins on p. 266. I note that in the 3rd ed. it begins on page 276. Which one do you suppose this might be? Incidentally- eh- the old gentleman was in the habit of marking his books and from the marks it is apparent that he had one or more copies of Drake's writings. But none when I arrived. - He had a curious story most of which can be gleaned from his books. An interest in ~~science~~, particularly botany-, several years pres. of the Ind. Acad. of Sc., but no laboratory; an unusual interest in Int. Med. to 1910 (graduated 1886)- after that little medicine as such; published on his own a quaint but very erudite book on "Dusty Air as a Cause of Ill Health", 1919; later gave up practice, in the 1930's on the WPA Writer's Project- what he wrote I don't know. Had travelled rather widely and (being of German descent) had some very interesting German books including 1st ed. of Humboldt Cosmos.

With best regards,

A. C. Corcoran

Dr Hessler

- 4th ed.
- 1764

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H will get
photostats

of 1st 2
leaves

from A.M.L.

OSLER LIBRARY,
4 Nov., 1948.

Dr. A. C. Corcoran,
Research Division,
Cleveland Clinic,
Euclid Avenue at East 95rd St.,
Cleveland 6,
O., U. S. A.

Dear Corc,

Not Moade, but Radcliffe (and the
cobbler's wife) if you can believe Osler, Johns
Hopkins Hosp. Bull., 17: 163, 1906; worth reading;
I had forgotten that he wrote about him.

I've looked through everyone of our
endless copies of Aequanimitas, and there are no
"donnish" lines written on any of their fly-
leaves. The enclosed, may possibly be a clue,
from the T. L. S. of 21 Aug., '48, p. 473, with
a reference to Belloc's "scarifying" lines to a
Don.

Whether or not this satisfies your
"insatiable curiosity", send along your "further
imposition" as you promise, and I'll remain

Yours,

Dr. W. F.

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Encl:-

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EUCLID AVENUE AT EAST NINETY-THIRD STREET
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

October 19, 1948.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:-

First with regard to the verse---someone told me that a verse,
a satire on "Donnism" was inscribed in one of Doctor Osler's
copies of Aequanimitas; I believe on the flyleaf.

I have some sort of vague recollection of ^{the} verse which more
or less went along a metre similar to Butler's OH GOD, OH
MONTREAL.

Next, about the Mead anecdote. This does not, to the best
of my belief, appear in THE GOLDHEADED CANE. The story goes
something like this:- A cobbler's wife brought Mead a bottle
of urine and asked for his opinion of her husband whose urine
it was. Mead provided her with a bottle of his own urine and
asked that shoes be fitted from it, indicating that he would,
after the delivery of his shoes, then give his opinion on the
cobbler. What I was hoping for, was that you would be able to
easily lay hands on the source of the anecdote.

With best regards, many thanks, and the promise of further im-
position I remain,

Cordially,

A.C.C.
A. C. Corcoran, M. D.,
Research Division.

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? My Blaine Rollo?
in T.L.S. Aug. 21, 1948. I think I
of them at which it was aimed.
to G.G.E. Coulter "target of him."
Rollo's scribbles 'Living to
Don'.

No.

CD
The last ed.
of this, by
H. M. H. H. H.
SVP
From M.L.
ed. by Robinson
1932

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RESEARCH DIVISION

March 20, 1951

OSLER LIBRARY,
22 March, 1951.

Dr. A. C. Corcoran,
Research Division,
Cleveland Clinic,
2020 East 93rd St.,
Cleveland 6,
O., U. S. A.
3640 University Street
Montreal, Quebec
Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:
Dear Corckie,

I am still plugging away on the book. It's so long since I heard from you that I've forgotten what you are anthologizing! Send it along when finished and if it isn't too long I'll read it before the coronaries shut down for good. I may soon have to swear off any work but my own (bulky) unfinished business.

There is no such title; what you want is:
"Robert Burton, the man, his book, his library", in
Oxford Bibliographical Soc. Proc. & Papers, 1: 163-90,
1926, which ought to be in some Cleveland Library. It
embodies the part he published in his lifetime, "Burton's
Anatomy of Melancholy", Yale Review, 3: 251-71, 1914.

Isn't it about time for a visit to the
home town via us?

Yours sincerely,

WVF

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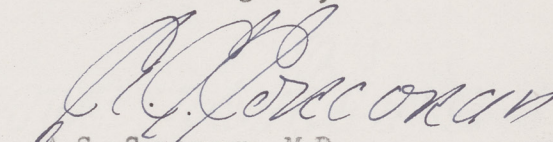
March 20, 1951

Dr. W.W. Francis
Osler Library
3640 University Street
Montreal, Quebec
Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I am still plugging away on the anthology which is now finally taking form and when it does, will be submitted to your review in you wish. The present occasion for writing is to ask about William Osler's "Introduction to the Study of the Anatomy of Melancholy"? Is it published and where available?

With best regards,


A.C. Corcoran, M.D.
Asst. Director of Research

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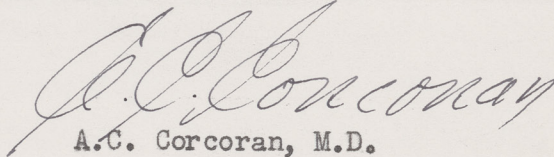
April 3, 1951

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

Thank you so much for your good note. The anthology in question started off as a collection of medical literary items, that is, pieces by physicians that were literary as in the Bibliotheca, Literaria and has deviated into this a collection intended to represent to the interested and intelligent lay public, more or less medicine throughout time. Tentively, it is titles, The Medical Reader or a Mirrow Up to Medicine. I am well under way and I am most grateful for your reference. It is indeed time for me to visit the home town since my good Case Ltd. suits are completely gone among other reasons. However, when this can be arranged, is anybody's guess.

With best regards,


A.C. Corcoran, M.D.

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