

26 March, 1942.

Dr. Felix Cunha,  
450 Sutter Street,  
San Francisco.

Dear Dr. Cunha,

Sorry to hear that you must dispose of your treasures. I wish I knew of some tax-dodging bibliophile with \$20,000 to spend in a good cause. Such birds are rare at all times, especially now. Do you know Elmer Belt, of Los Angeles? He is interested in Osteriana, and in building up the collection in the L. A. Co. Med. Soc.'s Library, and I believe he is well off. Would you like me to drop him a line?

The prices that good collections of old books fetch are sometimes a bitter disappointment, especially far away from the markets in N. Y. or London.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.



FELIX CUNHA, M. D.

FOUR-FIFTY SUTTER STREET

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Dr. Francis - You may or may not recall that when I was in Montreal last year I told you that for a number of years I had been collecting old medical books. This collecting took on a three fold aspect, one might say, consisting of first, medical monographs, second, gastro-enterology and thirdly, Oslenius.

It now happens that I must dispose of these different collections if possible. Thinking that in your position there - you might run across some collector, some institution, or some individual of wealth who could give all or any part of such a collection to an institution and be interested from the standpoint of deducting it from his income tax, I am appealing to you to keep my books in mind and mention them if such a situation should occur.

The Oslen collection numbers about 1000 items or more and would be appraised in the vicinity of \$10,000. The monograph group numbers 32 volumes and would appraise also at about \$10,000 -

I hope some day I may be able to manage another visit - yet today that possibility is certainly discouraged.

Best personal wishes -  
Felix Cunha



*Another copy is  
inverted - work*  
FELIX CUNHA, M.D.  
FOUR-FIFTY BUTTER STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO 39

March 22, 1950

Dr. W. W. Francis,  
Osler Librarian,  
McGill University Library,  
Montreal, Quebec  
Dr. Felix Cunha,  
450 Sutter Street,  
San Francisco, 8,  
Cal., U. S. A.

OSLER LIBRARY,  
14 April, 1950.

I have just had the pleasure  
of reading your article on Osler entitled  
"Osler and ~~the~~ *Dear Dr. Cunha,* Canadian Medical  
Association Journal, July, 1949.

I enclose all I can spare (one reprint) of  
"Osler and the Reporters."

*shave*  
FC/m  
Would there possibly be a reprint  
of two available for my collection? That is a handsome little book of yours on the  
Gastroenterologist. I am interested in the facsimile letter  
between pp. 50 & 51. Is the original in your possession, and  
do you know to whom it was written? Some one at the Boston  
Medical Library. Perhaps Ballard? Its date would be Dec.  
"26" 1916, when he was distributing those Loeb Classics Galen  
and Theophrastus volumes as Xmas presents. All his letters  
to Boston for the next three years asked for that first anaesthesia  
volume of the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal. It finally  
arrived just before his death and he sent one of us downstairs  
to inscribe in it, "All things come to him who waits, but it  
was a pretty close call this time." That letter is such a  
perfect (sometimes called "deceptive") facsimile, that I foresee  
copies of it (as has occurred frequently with a Jenner facsimile)  
being taken out of the book to be sold as originals. There  
should be something on the letter itself and also some mention  
of it in the book.

Yours sincerely,

*LWC*

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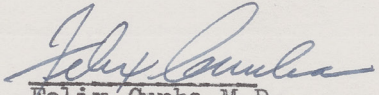
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FC/m

  
Felix Cunha, M.D.



Miss E. L. Cushing,  
Fermanagh Lodge,  
Lake Manitou South,  
P. Q.

Dear Miss Cushing,

Thanks for your appreciative  
letter.

In E. A. Collards, "Oldest  
McGill" <sup>first</sup> published by Macmillan, Toronto,  
there is a chapter on the Nelsons and anesthesia  
"This almost marvellous agent." He has a  
portrait of Horace (??), dated 1875 - he died  
in 1863 (hence my queries).

I'm just off for my holiday,  
at Lake Memphremagog - too civilized, I hope  
for your black flies.

I hope some more problems  
will bring you back to the O. L.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

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FERMANAGH LODGE  
LAKE MANITOU SOUTH  
P. QUEBEC, CANADA  
July 8th, 1947

My dear Dr. Francis,

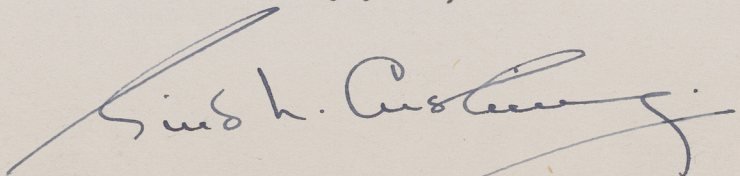
This is an extremely tardy expression of the very sincere thanks and appreciation which I have wanted to write to you since you were so courteously helpful to me last February in my research into the early days of Anaesthesia. I cannot tell you how very deeply I appreciated your assistance: I can only say 'thank you' and hope that you will understand.

I have at last finished the original draft of the novel for which I was doing the research on Anaesthesia and Old Montreal in general, and the revision has yet to be done. That, however, is a minor concern in my opinion, even should it mean revising the entire novel - revision comes easily once the first draft is done! I am working on the story with the professor of Creative Literature at the University of California in Santa Barbara - Mr. Warren E. Schutt by name - who has helped me greatly with his direct, constructive criticism. I do hope that I may be successful in finding a market for the novel once it is definitely completed, but that probably comes under the heading of Castles in the Air. At least I have enjoyed myself thoroughly, and the extensive research which I have done has been more than interesting - the things that I know about Old Montreal now! My oh my! I had no idea it was such an interesting place!

I do hope that you are enjoying a pleasant summer vacation, with few black flies and fewer mosquitoes as fireside companions - they have been wicked this year, haven't they? Or are the variety which you have encountered (you will note I take it for granted that they are not unknown to you!) not as persistent as the hardy specimen which are at present paying us a greatly over-extended visit? Pardon me while I scratch...(Hardly polite, but very truthful!).

Thanks again so much for everything.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E.L. Cushing". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Miss E.L.Cushing)



Dear Mrs. Conlin

Thanks for your appreciative letter.  
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just published by Macmillan, Toronto, there  
is a chapter on the Nelsons & anaesthesia  
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Yours sincerely,  
J. M. S. C.



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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

26 September, 1939

September 28, 1939

The Dean,  
Northwestern University Medical School,  
Chicago Campus,  
Chicago, Ill.

H. W. Funnell, M. D., Librarian

Dear Dr. Cutter,

In gratefully acknowledging that finely printed broadside "Daily prayer of a physician", which bears the imprint of your school, it is perhaps ungracious to look such a gift horse in the ~~mouth~~ - or rather in this case in the tail, where it is attributed (as usually nowadays) to Maimonides, with 1863 as the date of the first publication.

This attribution is apparently recent, wrong, and persistent. According to Osler (following Gotthard Deutsch of Cincinnati) it was originally composed in German by Marcus Herz (1747-1803), physician to the Jewish Hospital in Berlin, and was published as his in 1790. In 1869 it was republished as the work of a 12th century physician, and Pagel in 1908 wrongly accepted it as by Maimonides though he confessed that he had been unable to trace the original. Osler gives details of the growth of this Maimonides legend in a note to no. 5114, in his catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana", 1929, pp. 459-60.

Irving L. Cutter

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. W. F.



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September 28, 1939

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

Thanks very much for your letter of September 26. I recall Osler's note in the Bibliotheca Osleriana. I took my cue, however, from the article by S. R. Kagan, Annals of Medical History, n. s. v. 10, p.429, 1938. It strikes me that Kagan's points are well taken. Perhaps you will write me again after you have read his article.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Irving S. Cutler*

(i.s.c.)

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30 September, 1939

Dr. Irving S. Cutter,  
Northwestern University Medical School,  
Ward Memorial Building,  
303 East Chicago Avenue,  
CHICAGO, Ill.

Dear Dr. Cutter,

I am ashamed to say I missed seeing Kagan's article in the Annals Hist. Med., 1938. After his ignorant butchering of some of the best of poor Garrison's letters in his "Life" of G., 1938, I wouldn't trust him; and even here his main reference, that to the earlier, 1783, appearance of the Prayer, is an ungrammatical and unfindable Zeitschrift Deutsches Museum. However, his reference to Emil Bogen's article in the J.A.M.A., 1929, 92:2128, is correct, and if Bogen found the Prayer in the authentic periodical, Deutsches Museum, Leipzig, 1783, alleged to be translated from the MS. of a 12th-century Cairo Jewish physician, the Prayer may well have been by Maimonides, and the long sought original may yet turn up.

So I humbly take it all back with apologies, but also with one reservation. Why, on your handsome broadside, is it said to have been "First published in 1863"? If that date had been 1783, seven years earlier than the ascription to Herz, I should have looked before I leapt.

With kind regards,

Yours, Herzily or Maimonically,

L. W. F.

Chicago - Soc of Med. Hist.