

31 March, 1939

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Harvey,

The copy of Maude Abbott's new edition of
the "Classified Bibliography" got away to you without my
card. It was meant to be a birthday present with my love.

We are all looking forward to the celebration.

Yours ever,

Will

19 April, 1939

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Harvey,

That was a grand celebration and I hope
you have come through it all "without gout or the stone"
etc.

Many thanks for the photograph of the
inscription in Aunt Grace's set of the "Atlantic Monthly".
It has gone into the substitute set which Sue gave the
Library in 1923.

I have not been able to find any misprints
in your bibliography apart from that first line of Klebs's
verses, where they make you a one-eyed old man, but I
enclose a list of possible emendenda for your 80th birthday,
a copy of which I have sent to John. The bibliography is a
great record and you must be proud of it.

Love to you both.

Yours ever,

Will

21 April, 1939

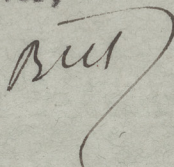
Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Harvey,

Could you let me have about half a dozen copies of the "Corrigenda and Addenda" to the Life. I want a few for some local owners of the book; and could you please send one to Dr. Herman T. Radin, 654 East 165th St., New York City. I can expect some more applications for these because that bright young non-medical lad from Los Angeles, William White, in his most recent Osler article in the April number of Sigerist's Bulletin says "Dr. W. W. Francis, in the 'Corrigenda and Addenda' ... points out ...", so Radin has naturally taken me to be the author.

Some nice photos today from Frank Ingraham of the most delightful dinner.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. W. Francis", written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

April 25, 1939

OSLER LIBRARY,
McGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, Canada

Dear Willie:

Thanks for your note. I shall of course with pleasure send to Radin a copy of the Corrigenda slip and another batch to you. Leonard Mackall's untimely death, as I must have told you some time, prevented their distribution. He had expected to insert a little note about them in his Herald Tribune column saying that any one who owned a copy of the first edition could obtain them by writing to the Press or to me. The Press printed five hundred copies, I believe, and so far as I know never sent a bill for them. Most of them I presume are still here somewhere or other, and I am only too glad to get them in hands that will appreciate them.

It was a nice party on the eighth, but the best speech by far was yours. A report of the affair appeared in "Time", and I have been pestered by letters, mostly from females, saying we learned from "Time" that you are the world's top nerve doctor and "Grandpa has itching of the scalp, etc." To this sort of thing I can only reply that I have retired from my nerve practice, and can only say that I am glad it's Grandpa's scalp and not his perineum that's itchy.

Always affy,

WCF

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

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11 May, 1939

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear Harvey,

Many thanks for "The Pituitary Adenoma"
(Henderson) which came today, addressed with Miss S.'s,
much admired, double-pi M's.

I've got you on exhibit and this shall
join the show.

Yours ever,

Bill

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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

April 29, 1939

Dear Willie:

Anything that Sir George Newton ^{man} wants goes with me. But I have written Macmillan to say that I have not the slightest idea of what may have become of the original photograph. It is just possible one of these special photographs showing W.O. cooking the sole of his left shoe before the fireplace may be among your possessions. I have told Macmillan that I would write to you and that if you could find it, I was sure you would send it to them.

Always yours,

W.F.

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

Wrote
Mac's letter
& returned
it to H.C.
4.13.39. W.F.
It was sent
to H.C.!!!
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H.C. photo, and
it & returned
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W.F.
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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

15 June 1939.

Dear Bill:

I have been looking up the Vesalian items in the Bibliotheca Osleriana and find in the notes under the 1543 Fabrica that W.O. was a little hazy regarding the volumes he had distributed. I am anxious if possible to trace a volume W. G. MacCallum gave me which was on W.O.'s table and in exchange for which he gave me a somewhat better copy, one of the others going to Barker for a wedding present and a third going to W. J. Calvert in Missouri, and perhaps one of them going to McGill where he sent another copy through F. J. Shepherd in 1909.

Could you let me know anything about the provenance in the McGill copies if there are two other than your own?

With love to the family, I am

Always affectionately yours,

HC

Med. Lib. has only the one copy of 1543 Fabrica, sent there by W.O. from Rome. ^{there} ~~His~~ with a note inserted dated ~~Rome~~, March 9th, 1909, so he no doubt bought ~~them~~ ^{in Rome} at that time. The only other indication of provenance is "Lec. Jac. Ribierii & amicorum" on the title page, along with (in red, writ large) "nu^o. 1.", number one.

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

You may probably that, besides those you mention, W.O. also gave copies to the Boston M.L. and the N.Y. Academy.

16 June, 1939

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
New Haven, Conn.

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I was very interested to hear from John about the proposed ^{at} ~~near~~ library wing and the disposal of the collections of the two of you. It is a great scheme. At his request I have written a bit of truthful propaganda to Baynes-Jones.

Do you happen to have a spare reprint of your "Osler, the man"? I want it for a shrinking violet who is too shy to ask for it direct. Apparently the reprinting in the "Consecratio" is not enough for her.

Glad to see Betsey and the Queen in the paper enjoying the back seat together. My girls and I are going to Bermuda for July, *on, not with, the "Queen Anne's"*

Yours ever,

Bill

P.S. *(re my translation of V.'s letter to Osler)*

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DR. HARVEY CUSHING

19 June 1959

OSLER LIBRARY,
McGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, Canada

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter about the copies in Montreal of the Fabrica. There is of course an extra one which heads the list in the Bibliotheca Osleriana which I did not think of mentioning. What I particularly wanted to know was whether he sent one of the four copies that were on his dining room table to the McGill Library.

John has shown me your letter approving of our projected library scheme. It will certainly make good propaganda for us. *Thanks greatly*

In view of your postscript, it's amusing that I am just having the letter to Oporinus translated by a man here in the Sterling Library and when I get it, I'll send you on his rendering if you like. Still, I am sure you could do it better than anyone else. Perhaps we can swap the translations when you finally satisfy yourself.

My suddenly aroused interest in Vesal intimates that having safely passed seventy I am hoping before it's too late to do a bio-bibliography. Just now I am puzzling over his reasons for selecting Oporinus rather than some other Basel printer, and I am also wondering by what trans-Alpine route the packing cases were taken to Basel from Venice. If you have any ideas, perhaps you will let me know.

At your request, I am gladly sending for the shrinking violet (which sounds feminine) my last, somewhat shopworn copy of Osler the Man.

I am glad to know that you are going to Bermuda for July and wish that you could manage to stop here on your way going or coming.

With love from youse to house, I am

Always yours,

HC

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

22 June, 1939

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Harvey,

There is nothing in the Bibliotheca copy, # 567, of the Fabrica, to show whether it was one of the dining-room table collection, or to give a clue to the date of its purchase. It has the inscriptions of the Kerrich family as noted in the Catalogue, with a reference by W.O. concerning them to the D.N.B.

It is good to know that you are working on the Vesalius. I am afraid I have no idea why he should have preferred Oporinus to the other Basle printers, and do not know by what route he sent those packing cases. I shall be very interested to get your man's translation of the letter. John Beattie helped me with the technical part of mine. Otherwise I would have been quite at sea.

We have just had two excellent sessions of the Medical History Section of the C.M.A., meeting here. Tomorrow we have an Osler hour, reviewing some of his pet diseases. We have been having a fine visit from MacNalty, who hopes to see you next week.

Yours ever,

W.H.

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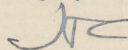
29 June 1939.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your note of the 22nd. It is curious about those scattered copies of the Fabrica. As I must have told you, W.O. says in the preface of the Bibliotheca there were six copies once on his table whereas in my recollection there were only four. This is of no great importance, but I would greatly like to trace McCallum's copy. He was just here a few days ago and told me he had seen it several times at the New York Academy Library, and I wondered how he could identify it other than that it was a battered old copy. I wrote about it to Archie who seems to be busy with other things, but said when you came there shortly he would go over all their 1543 Fabricas with you.

In this mail with your letter comes a bread-and-butter letter from MacNalty who sailed yesterday on the Aquitania. I am sorry not to have been aware of this else I would have sent a bon voyage. He is a charming person, and I gathered together a few people in his line of business for lunch which he appeared to enjoy. He still retains of course the warmest and most affectionate feeling toward W.O. and all who knew him.

Always affy.,



Dr. W. W. Francis,
The Osler Library,
McGill University,
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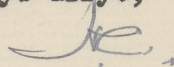
5 July 1939.

Dear Willie:

Again I pester you with a question concerning the Bibliotheca No. 581. Is there any possible record in your possession among W. O.'s papers as to whom he suggested the remaining copies of the Stirling-Maxwell facsimile issue should be sent? You have one, and I have one, and I assume one must have gone to the Bodleian and the Surgeon-General's Library, but I would like to trace them if possible, more particularly the two copies printed on vellum and parchment.

Did you find out anything concerning the Fabrica at the N.Y.A.M.?

Always affy.,



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Montreal 14th Feb
L.H. + E.H. 14th Feb.

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

3 August, 1939

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Harvey,

Bermuda was pretty sweltering, particularly the tennis court, but we managed to enjoy ourselves, particularly the swimming.

I find your two letters, of the 29th June and the 5th July, and I am afraid I have nothing to add to what Miss Brownlee wrote you. We have had another search without result as far as the "Tabulae Sex" is concerned. A letter of W.O.'s of March 1909, among your material, says that he has sent the "Fabrica" to the Frick Library and to McGill.

I did not see Archie either going or coming. I begged off as I did not want to discuss with Sam Lambert my refusal to get involved in his volume. I am sorry to be of so little help in these two questions but I don't know where to look further.

Yours ever,

Bill

This letter is in the attached to the leather cover (back)
of 3.581 - VI.

7 July, 1939

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Yale University School of Medicine,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Dr. Cushing,

Dr. Francis evidently neglected to tell you that he intended going on for a month's holiday in Bermuda after he had finished with the meeting of the Medical Library Association. He and Mrs. Francis and Marian sailed from New York on the 30th ^{time} and expect to return here on the 30th ^{July} (sailing from Bermuda on the 27th).

I have looked everywhere I can think of in this Library for any notes about the Stirling-Maxwell facsimile, and the only bit of information that doesn't seem to have been mentioned in the Catalogue or in your letters is in a letter from Sir John Stirling-Maxwell to Mr. Mackall of 21 August, 1923, where he says " ... and I distributed them to various libraries, etc. in accordance with his ^{i.e.} Sir W. O.'s suggestions and those of Sir Walter Morley Fletcher whom I also consulted."

Yours sincerely,

S. B.

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of # 581 - WE.]