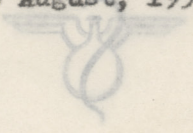


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5 August, 1957.



PETER H. NASH, M.D., F.R.C.P. (LOND.)  
Dr. Peter H. Nash,  
Medical Director,  
Abbott Laboratories Limited,  
1350 Côte de Liesse,  
Montreal.

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DON HILLS, CANADA

July 12, 1957.

Dear Dr. Nash,

Thanks for your appreciative note and  
for the summer number of "What's New."

I'm not particularly impressed with  
the two costumes. That of the Roman physician  
bears out the old taunt, "The Roman doctor  
was a slave". His red hair and breeches  
(braccae) make him a barbarian, and what  
his gynecological patients must have suffered  
if that Pompeian speculum (?) beside him  
is drawn to scale!

Dear Doctor Francis:

Only a modern artist could "see" such  
hands!

It was a great pleasure to meet you  
yesterday and to hear your most interesting comments about  
the Osler Library.

Yours sincerely,

As promised, I am enclosing a copy of  
the American edition of "What's New" which, as you will  
see, contains two plates of Roman and Greek physicians'  
costumes. These are part of the series of twelve prints  
and I will receive the subsequent ones in the  
series.

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

WWF:cd

Yours very truly,

*Peter H. Nash.*

PHN:bf

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR



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U. W. F.*

April 8, 1935

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

My dear Dr. Francis:

I am terribly sorry that you think you wont be able to come to our dedication ceremonies on May 15th, but I still hope that there may be sufficient change in your plans to make such a visit still possible. It ought to be a rather gala occasion with some good speeches and a fairly decent bibliographical atmosphere. We moved into the new building last week, and though everything is not yet in order, appearances already begin to be satisfactory.

I am sending you an advance copy of a catalogue that has been prepared for the dedication, and I hope you may enjoy looking it over. I must add that the descriptions of the books are not my work. With best regards to Mrs. Francis,

Yours faithfully,

C. D. Abbott

CDA:RF

28 January, 1937

Dr. Maude S. Abbott,  
300 Sherbrooke St. W.,  
Montreal

[Osler Society Banquet]

Dear Maude:

I thought that invitation would fetch you home, and right glad am I that you have succeeded in smashing and "crashing" one of our last anti-feminist gates.

I hope you are leaving those two coloured lantern slides of the Thomas portrait to the Osler Library in your will, as well as bringing back the uncoloured ones you borrowed last autumn. F.O.'s advice to newly elected members to keep their mouths shut at the first meeting is still good, and I think it would be wiser for me not to suggest to the committee that you be asked to show those slides. Apart from the introduction of the speaker and the main address there are usually no speeches at the Osler dinner, and I would leave it for the undergraduate officers to call on you if they are so inclined. There would of course be no harm in bringing the slides surreptitiously to the dinner with that in view. The present members of the society have no silly prejudices but there will be a good many graduates who were former members and who may resent this innovation, so on this first occasion it might be as well for little girls to be seen and not heard unless invited to get up and speak their piece.

( I hope you will be spending some time with us in Montreal this visit. )

Yours ever,

Bill / [FRANCIS]

EMORY UNIVERSITY CLINIC

THOMAS SWINERY

P. O. BOX 459 EMORY UNIVERSITY, GA.

OSLER A. ABBOTT, M. D.

OSLER A. ABBOTT, M. D.

April 1, 1957

OSLER LIBRARY,  
8 April, 1957.

Dr. Osler A. Abbott,  
P. O. Box 459,  
Emory University,  
Ga., U. S. A.

Dr. W. W. Francis  
McGill Dear Osler,  
Montreal  
CANADA

After I had sent them an order for about fifty for the family, the old Doulton Pottery, which was pulling out of London, decided not to do any more "tile" work. They were supposed to pass on the order to some other tile-maker, but didn't succeed in doing it. So the scheme is off!

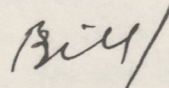
Glad you enjoyed those astonishing "Tributes". You may have noticed a picture of the Osler arms opposite p. 107. They are officially yours, if you want them, having been granted to Uncle Willie and all descendants of his father.

I had a bad bout of back-ache, January and February, arthritis, not disc. The rest, including five grands now, all well.

How is your mother? I hear that Ethel Mackenzie, the other golden-haired songstress of the family, has had another severe stroke at eighty-seven and is moribund (not for the first time). So tell your mother, with my best love, to hang on. I don't want to be the oldest survivor of our generation of the Osler connection.

Greetings to Miss Jordan and to your better half and jolly-looking family, and tell your secretary I prefer "Bill" to "Frances" or even to my masculine Francis.

Yours familiarly,



(W. W. Francis)

WWF:cd

EMORY UNIVERSITY CLINIC

THORACIC SURGERY

P. O. BOX 459 EMORY UNIVERSITY, GA.

OSLER A. ABBOTT, M. D.

April 1, 1957

WILLIAM E. VANFLEIT, M. D.

Dr. W. W. Frances  
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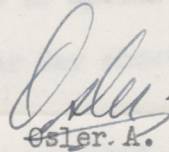
Dear Dr. Frances:

I was recently looking at the News Letter of the Osler Society of McGill University and the thought came to my mind as to "what has happened to the coat of arms made in England"? They were going to be available to us. I certainly enjoyed reading the book "W. W. Frances' Tributes from his Friends".

I sincerely hope this letter finds you and your family in good health.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,



Osler A. Abbott, M. D.

OAA/jm

EMORY UNIVERSITY CLINIC

THORACIC SURGERY SECTION

EMORY UNIVERSITY, GA.

August 7, 1955

OSLER LIBRARY,  
15 August, 1955.

Dr. Osler A. Abbott,  
Emory University Clinic,  
Thoracic Surgery Section,  
Emory University,  
Ga., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Dear Osler,

After some five years' silence our letters cross and with yours I get the two photos. The one with legs wide and hands in pockets is enlarged from a snapshot taken at Murray Bay in 1902. The other is a mistake or a fraud. The fellow with side-burns is not any Osler. It is apparently the same portrait that was offered to me by long-distance telephone in 1952 by Pritzker, of the Specialty Book Co., Toronto, for \$150, and said to be Osler painted by Berthon (1806-92), 20 x 16 inches. If you have been induced to buy it, don't label it W. O. Apart from the whiskers and the features, the moustache condemns it. It is not the "hang-dog" (Aunt Grace's description) variety which W. O. and all his workers had at that age.

*brothers*

Nor is it one of the Rev. Henry Osler's sons. I remember them perfectly. Caveat emptor. I hope - unless you like it artistically - that you only have an option on it.

I wrote to you the other day about the Osler coat of arms on a paper-weight.

I keep an official "iconography" of all the artistic portraits (apart from photos) of W. O., so please let me have any data they give you about this pseudo.

With apologies for having to de-gilt your gingerbread.

Yours sincerely,

*Bill*

(cousin Bill, if you must, but not Dr. F. to your mother's son!)

*WWS*

WWF:cd

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OSLER LIBRARY,  
16 March, 1953.

Mr. Lewis W. Douglas, President  
The Academy of Political Science,  
Fayerweather Hall,  
Columbia University,  
New York 27,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Brother Lew Douglas,

Sorry to have to refuse the  
flattering offer to join the Academy. I  
am a bit old for new affiliations, older  
in fact than your venerable Academy, though  
fortunately your successor here mercifully  
lets me keep my congenial job.

Glad to see that the Academy is in  
such good hands. With kind regards to you  
and yours.

Fraternally,

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

WWF:cd

1011 MACNAUGHTON ROAD  
TOWN OF MOUNT ROYAL  
MONTREAL 16

February 3rd., 1956

W. W. Francis, Esq., M. D.,  
Osler Library,  
McGill University,  
Montreal 2.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I do apologise for the delay in  
sending you a copy of the letter from the Belgian  
Government, re Dr. H. Wolferstan Thomas, as you  
had asked me to do.

of

I took it out ~~my~~ file some time  
ago, meaning to copy it, and then I mislaid it,  
finding it only yesterday. I hope it is what you  
wanted.

Yours sincerely,

*Margaret W. Adair*  
Mrs. Ian W. Adair

COPY

Consulat General de Belgique  
Room 709, Sun Life Bldg.,  
Montreal.  
August 3rd., 1955.

Mrs. Margaret W. Adair,  
1011 MacNaughton Road,  
Town of Mount Royal,  
Montreal 16.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in informing you that I have forwarded to the Royal Trust Company of Montreal a cheque for the amount of \$ 1952.36 to be placed to the credit of the estate of the late Dr. H. Wolferstan Thomas.

This sum represents the prize awarded, by the Belgian Government, to Dr. Thomas for his valuable contribution to the discovery of a cure for sleeping sickness.

Even though the death of Dr. Thomas occurred before the prize was awarded, the Belgian Government wanted his heirs to receive it.

I trust you will soon hear from the administrators of the estate of Dr. Thomas confirming this information.

I remain, dear Madam,

Yours very truly,

P. Vanheerswynghels,  
Consul General.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

Santa Fe Building, 121 East Sixth St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

W. W. F. Adams  
Asst. General Freight Agent

FREIGHT TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

OSLER LIBRARY,  
16 Feb., 1948.

Los Angeles, Calif.,

Dr. W  
McGill  
Montreal

Mr. C. K. Adams,  
Asst. General Freight Agent,  
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co.,  
121 East 6th St.,  
Los Angeles 14, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Dear Mr. Adams,

Several years ago I purchased here in Los Angeles a copy of Acquanimity. It was very good of you to offer to send us that 1910 edition of Acquanimity, but as we have its exact duplicate, you had better keep it or give it to someone who may need it. Henry Phipps was a good and useful friend (and patient) of Osler - not perhaps a "close" friend and certainly anything but "close" in the financial sense. He endowed clinics, at Osler's suggestion, in Baltimore and Philadelphia and subsidized the translation and distribution of the "Life" of Pasteur.

It is good to see another railwayman interested in Osler. Two excellent papers about him were written by the late Elmer Smith of the legal department of the Illinois Central.

I have very recently bought another copy of the book, and should I enclose a little paper of mine with a far too big title, President's Address, for the Osler Library. I waited, as you will see, for a long time until a second copy appeared in the second year, and at a price that I would pay!

Yours sincerely,

W W F  
Adams

WWF:d  
Encl:

# The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

C. K. ADAMS,  
Asst. General Freight Agent

Santa Fe Building, 121 East Sixth St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

## FREIGHT TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 9, 1947.

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

Dear Sir:-

Several years ago I purchased here in Los Angeles a copy of *Aequanimitas*, by William Osler, Second Edition, with three additional addresses, London, H. K. Lewis, 1910.

On the inside of front cover is the bookplate of Henry Phipps, who, I think, was a close friend of Dr. Osler. Below that is a pencil note: "Apl. 8, 1911. W.P.B.," and below that a rubber stamp: "Rev. Edwin A. Waldo, West Palm Beach, Florida."

✓ The book is in blue cloth, bright, and gold lettering is not tarnished.

I have very recently bought another copy of the book, and should like to send the one I have described to you if it would have any interest for the Osler Library. I waited, as you will see, for a long time until a second copy appeared in the secondhand store, and at a price that I would pay!

Yours truly,

*C. K. Adams*

TEL. ROYAL 748.

Adami.

The papers are in cardboard boxes

9, CROXTETH ROAD,  
LIVERPOOL.

Box in  
lower shelf of Case Room.

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My dear Francis,

I am out yesterday, and to-day  
for the first time I've had a quiet  
afternoon to go through what reprints  
I have by me and call out a selection  
— of course very few from complete,  
but I imagine that most of the earlier  
will already be in the McGill  
Medical Library.

I am off to New York on Wednesday

little more than there and back and  
I'm taking a similar bundle to  
Cecilia Malloch -

May all be well with you  
and yours. Please give all  
my good wishes to Lady Oster.

Yours very sincerely

J. Gene Adams

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Adami  
27<sup>B</sup>, GREENBANK DRIVE,  
LIVERPOOL.

March 26  
1931.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I have only just had time to make a thorough search among the speeches that I had kept, the one you wanted to see was among them. I am very glad to find that you used it just as I gathered it up, and that you delivered it together with cutting & binder list. How you will return it to me I do not know. I fear you may not find all you hope for in the speech, but it was then

really very ill, and nobody but he could have  
carried it out as he did. The longer I live the more  
inspiring does his fortitude seem to me. I am  
glad you liked the Memoir: his friends here feel that it  
gives him to them, that's what I wanted, with  
truth and without any exaggeration.

I have here a very large collection of Sir  
William Osler's letters to Dr Adam. Would any of

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the be of age to me Gill do you think? They  
are chronological order held over my years.

I hope you are all flourishing,  
with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Marie Adami

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Kid & ack'd

asked if might be kept a month or more

" for all W.O.'s letters to J.G. Adami.

W.W.F.

Mrs J.G. Adami

18 Jan. 1933

Mrs. J. G. Adami,  
27-b Greenbank Drive,  
Liverpool, England

Dear Mrs. Adami:

I recently discovered with a shock that I had never returned to you the MS of J. G. A.'s address at the 4th Centenary of the Boteler Grammar School, Warrington, dated April 29, 1926, which you so kindly lent to me in 1931. I suspect that J. G. A., like most of the rest of us here, was ignorant of the fact that Dr. John Robson of Warrington had presented a fine collection of miscellaneous non-medical books to the McGill University Library in 1870, otherwise Dr. Adami would probably have mentioned him.

Since discovering my neglect to return the paper I have made extracts from it of some interesting passages about Warrington and have sent these notes to my friend Dr. John Fulton, Professor of Physiology at Yale, who recently read a paper at Baltimore on the history of Warrington Academy. I doubt if these notes reached him in time but I took the liberty of telling him that I was sure you would be glad for him to use them if he could in his published paper, acknowledging the source.

I always miss J.G.A. What a delight he would have taken in this library and what a help he would have been to me as he always was in my former work.

I hope all goes well with you. I saw a notice of Donald's marriage. Please give my kind regards to Isabel (?).

I am sending the MS under separate cover by registered post.

*I've forgotten  
her married  
name.*

With kind regards and sincere apologies,

Sincerely yours,

ADAMS collection

OSLER LIBRARY,  
11 May, 1961.

R. Pennington, Esq.,  
The University Librarian,  
Redpath Library.

Dear Richard,

I am sorry to have taken so long to reply to your letter of November 29th, 1960, about the Adams' books in the Osler Library. Miss Desbarats checked up on the list some time ago and found that every one of the books named in your letter is safely here in the Osler Library.

I don't think you are acquainted with the history of this collection. Your letter says, with reference to the incunabula and other books listed, "They may have been transferred to Osler, either by Francis or even by Adams himself." The fact is that the whole collection was given to the Osler Library by Adams and that a part of it was to be shelved temporarily in the Redpath. There is, for example, a letter to Francis from Adams, dated May 20th, 1942, which refers to the placing of these books "in the Redpath Library (in the meantime)." Like so many temporary loans, this one has turned out to be permanent. As far back as February 11th, 1933, I find Dr. C. F. Martin writing to Adams, "I just want to tell you now that I appreciate your gift both personally and on behalf of the Faculty."

Since that time, of course, the Redpath has made some progress in building up a collection of the history of science. Clearly this ought to be developed and the majority of the Adams' books probably have very little to do with medicine. On the other hand, this is equally true of quite a large number of Osler's books, because he set out to collect the history of medicine and the history of science, as the title-page of his catalogue indicates. We have been adding a number of things in the history of science since the Wellcome Trust money became available.

On the whole, it seems to me that we should probably leave things as they are. We will have room for the Adams' books in the new building in McIntyre Park, but I should be very loath to take

them away from the minerologists, metallurgists and so forth, even although some of them are much broader in scope than this.

The wish of the donor is unmistakable. He wanted his books to be with Osler's. How far we are justified in perverting his intentions I don't know. The only reason they found their way to the Redpath in the first place was shortage of space up here. What is more, Francis worked on the catalogue for years, and died in the expectation that the books would ultimately come back, although he was reconciled to their remaining in the Redpath so long as we had no accommodation for them.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.,  
Dean,  
Faculty of Medicine.

LGS:cd

Adams

10 June, 1965

Mr. A. Ridge

Cécile Desbarats (Osler Library)

Frank D. Adams material

Dr. Bensley agreed with us that this material, related to the late Dr. Frank D. Adams, should be deposited in the University Archives, and we hope you are of the same opinion.

Dr. Adams left his wonderful collection of books on the history of mineralogy, metallurgy, etc., to the Osler Library. Due to lack of space in our library at the time of Dr. Adams' death, this collection was housed in the Redpath Library. Like so many temporary quarters, this one has turned out to be permanent!

Do let me know whether you will take this material under your able wing.

Encls:-

AdAMS

CD Osler library

— Would you please check up  
on these and return the  
letter to me with comment?



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

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Redpath Library

November 29, 1960.

Dean L. G. Stevenson,  
Faculty of Medicine.

Dear Lloyd:

The Adams books which are listed in the Adams Catalogue here but do not exist in the Adams Collection are those listed below. They may have been transferred to Osler, either by Francis or even by Adams himself, and in most cases there would be a good reason for the transfer, and I would be quite content to leave them where they are. In the case of the last nine, I do not see any obvious connection with Osler, and if you concurred, I think they could well rejoin their geological fellows. But at least it would be a good idea if these missing books could be traced, and pleasant to be assured they are safe in Osler, and we could then mark the cards to that effect.

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| D. L. | Bartholomaeus Anglicus -                    | De proprietatibus verum<br>Nuremburg, 1492.                  |
| D. L. | Strabo                                      | Geographia. Bale, 1523.                                      |
| D. L. | Regimen Sanitatis. -                        | Nuremburg, 1517<br>(8 unnumbered leaves)                     |
| D. L. | Pliny -                                     | Historia mundi. Bale, 1523. <sup>1530</sup>                  |
| D. L. | Montagnana<br>(or Bartholomaeus Montagnana) | Consilia domini B. M.,<br>etc. Venice, 1514.                 |
| D. L. | Joannes de Sancto Geminiano                 | Summa de exemplis...verum.<br>Venice, 1499.                  |
| D. L. | Albertus Magnus.                            | De Virtutibus herbarium...<br>lapidum, etc. Cologne, 1500    |
| D. L. | Farinator, Matthias -                       | Lumen animae. Strasbourg, 1482.<br>[by Berengarius?]         |
| D. L. | Bonaventura, Giovanni de Fidanya -          | Questiones super secundo<br>sententiarum [sic] Venice, 1477. |



- D.L. Caelius Rhodiginus, (Lodovico)      Lectionum antiqu. Libri XVI  
Venice, 1516.
- D.L. Isidore of Seville -      Etymologiarum libri XX  
Venice, 1483.
- D.L. Didorus Siculus -      Heydenwelt v. ihne Gotter,  
etc. Bale, 1554.
- D.L. Worm, Ole.      Museum Wormianum.  
Amsterdam, 1655.
- D.L. Kircker, A. -      D'Onder-Aardse Weeveld.  
1682.
- D.L. " -      Turris Babel. Amsterdam,  
1679.
- D.L. Viviani, Vincenzo. -      Discorso... [on the]  
Riempimenti dalle  
Corrosioni de Fiume.  
1688.
- D.L. Esper, Jean Frederic. -      Description des Zoolithes etc.  
1774.
- D.L. Fabre, J. Antoine -      Essai sur la theorie des  
torrens. 1797.
- D.L. Strunz, Franz. -      Beitrage... zur Geschichte  
der Naturwissenschaften  
1909.
- D.L. Pryce, William -      Mineralogia Cornubiensis.  
1778.

Yours sincerely,

*Richard*

University Librarian

OSLER LIBRARY,  
16 January, 1947.

The Bursar

Dear Mr. Bentley,

I need to know the conditions of the gift by the late Professor F. D. Adams of his collection of books on the history of geology. Could you let me have a copy of the clause in his will? I reported in Jan'y 1933 that he had "informed me recently that in his will, made last summer, he has bequeathed to the Osler Library the card-catalogued portion of his library ... He would be glad to have the official assurance of the Curators that the prospective gift, when the time comes, will be acceptable, that the books will be kept (as far as possible) together on the shelves of the Osler Library, and will be known as the Adams collection".

All that we have from him in writing about it is a letter to the then Dean of Medicine, Dr. Martin, 15 Feb., 1933, "I am glad to know that my collection of old books will eventually find a resting place in the Osler Library."

The books were put in my care by Dr. Adams in June 1942, six months before his death. As there was no room in the Medical Building, I shelved them in the Redpath Library, where they still are.

It has been questioned whether there was any mention of the Osler Library in the official wording of the gift.

Yours sincerely,

*W. L. F.*

WWF:CD

OSLER LIBRARY,  
December 1, 1942.

Dr. Frank D. Adams,  
1178 Mountain Street,  
Montreal.

My dear Dr. Adams,

The Curators (trustees) of the Osler Library,  
at their annual meeting on 23 Nov., instructed me to  
convey to you their grateful appreciation of the splendid  
gift of your historical collection of geological books  
which so greatly fulfils Osler's desire to make his  
Library rich in the history of the other sciences as  
well as medicine.

*d*  
I am also to inform you, with great pleasure,  
that they unanimously elected you a member of the  
board of Curators of the Library.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*W. W. J.*

Librarian,  
Secretary to the Curators.

WWF:CD

1173 MOUNTAIN STREET.

MONTREAL.

September 30, 1942

Dr. J. T. Francis,  
Osler Library,  
Faculty of Medicine,  
McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I am very sorry that I was not in when you were kind enough to call upon me the other day. I have received the key which you left for me and look forward, before very long, to having a conversation with you with reference to the various points which you mentioned in your last letter.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

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Ask Lomas.

Architectural list

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about moving.

ADAMS. ✓

OSLER LIBRARY

The Dean  
Medical Faculty.

1942

Dr. F. D. Adams collection.

MEMO

Dr. Adams telephones me today, 10,iii, 42, that he wants to hand over to the Osler Library his collection of the history of geology, about 900 books, as soon as possible. The only place I know of in the Medical Building that would accommodate them at present, is room 74, where there are empty shelves as follows:

On the East wall, 80 feet of locked, glass-fronted shelves with room for about 850 books, and with cupboards below.

On the South wall, 36 feet of open shelves, not so suitable -- room for 1,000 books.

In my locked compartment in that room, there are about 65 feet of small shelves (not so suitable for old and mostly big books). These, if cleared of Dr. Abbott's relics, might accommodate about 700 books.

W.W.F.

The Dean says I may have these.

ask him for a requisition to have the locks repaired and a key furnished. The lock is off one of the four cases, and the one key in another of the doors doesn't turn any of the locks.

W.W.F.

McGILL UNIVERSITY ✓

August 12th, 1942.

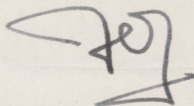
PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dear Dr. Francis,

Thank you very much indeed for yours of the 6th of August in which you tell me of our good fortune in inheriting the collection of historical books of geology which has been built up over the years by Dr. F. D. Adams. I am delighted with the arrangements that you have made, and shall inform the Board of Governors at their next meeting and thereafter shall write the usual form letter of thanks to Dr. Adams.

Hoping that you are enjoying the summer months and with best personal wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Dr. W. W. Francis.

Ms 814

(My Ms. draft filed  
with Adams corresp.)

6 Aug., 1942

To the Principal

From the Osler Librarian

The Adams Collection

On July 8th Dr. Adams, emeritus vice-principal, informally donated to the University his special library of historical books of geology. In 1933 he notified us by word of mouth that he was bequeathing his collection to the Osler Library, and on Feb. 13th of that year he wrote as follows to the then Dean, in answer to an acknowledgement on behalf of the Faculty of Medicine and the Osler Curators:-

"I am glad that my collection of old books will eventually find a resting place in the Osler Library. It is a great pleasure to feel that I shall thus in a way be associated with Dr. Osler in his great donation to the University."

Since that date he had at intervals deposited 30 of the most valuable of his books in the Osler Library.

The collection, now received in its entirety with the exception of a dozen books on which Dr. Adams is working, numbers some 1400 volumes, of which about 350 were printed before the year 1700, seven of them being "incunabula", 15th-century books. There was no room for them here on the Osler Library shelves, or even in the Medical Building, but Dr. Lomer very kindly put at my disposal, for two or three years, a wired-off alcove in the Redpath Library stack. I have shelved the books there in the order in which Dr. Adams had them arranged in his own library, so that he may conveniently continue to work on them. He has made a card catalogue and is planning a printed hand-list.

The Adams Collection, important in itself, is a most welcome addition to our original collection which Osler designed to include the history of science as well as of medicine, but in which geology, having least to do with medicine, was not so well represented as the other natural sciences.

L. W. F.



*Adams collection*



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

July 10th, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Francis,

I have looked up the letters referring to my gift of old geological books to the Osler Library, which I promised to send you, and enclose them herewith.

The collection of books numbers over 1250 volumes. Included in these are about a dozen volumes which I have kept here, since I require them for the preparation of two or three articles which I have undertaken to write. I will forward these volumes to you when I come back to Montreal after my summer holiday, which will be about the end of next month.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*Frank D. Adams.*

1173 Mountain Street,  
Montreal.

13 July, 1942.

Dr. Frank D. Adams,  
1175 Mountain St.,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Adams,

I return herewith the two letters, Dr. Martin's and mine, to you, of Feb. 11th and 13th, 1933, which you kindly looked for and sent to me. We have found in the Dean's files a letter of yours dated the 15th, in answer to Dr. Martin's. These, of course, with the report which I shall make that the books have now been handed over, will suffice, but my idea in asking for another letter from you was that you might have wishes to express concerning the arrangement of the collection, such as the loaning out of rare books, the disposal or trading of duplicates, &c.

I have got the folios and the XVth to XVIIth century books in order on the new shelves and am working on the XVIIIth. We may need some more shelves across the middle of the compartment. The chronological card catalogue was very helpful. It is extraordinary how many of the old books are anonymous or leave the author's surname ambiguous!

It is a splendid gift, and I hope I may soon have the books nearer to hand and more conveniently housed.

I've just read and thoroughly enjoyed your "History of Christ Church". The only misprint I noticed which had not been corrected with the pen (apparently by you, in the Redpath copy) was on p. 52, line 8, where John Richardson, politically active in 1722, died in "1891".

I hope you'll have <sup>a</sup> an enjoyable holiday at Tadoussac.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

Copy of correspondence concerning the Adams Collection, handed over 8 July, 1942,  
and shelved temporarily in the Redpath Library stacks.

W. W. F.

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McGill University, Faculty of medicine, Office of the Dean. Feb. 11th, 1933.

Dear Dr. Adams,

I only discovered, to my chagrin, a day or two ago that my letter to you had never gone forward. I am so sorry.

I just want to tell you now that I appreciate your gift both personally and on behalf of the Faculty, and think it would be a marvellous contribution to the Osler Library to have this well selected series added to its shelves.

I quite agree with you that the Osler Library is a better place than is the General Library for books of that kind, and they will fit in very well with the others that deal with the history of science.

At the next meeting of the Faculty, I intend to mention this, if you have no objections, and know how much every member will appreciate it.

With all kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) C. F. Martin,

Dean.

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Osler Library,

Feb. 13, 1933.

Dear Dr. Adams,

At the meeting of the Curators of the Osler Library, held on Jan. 23rd last, I notified them of the provision you have made for the disposal of the catalogued books in your library. The Curators instructed me to convey to you their grateful appreciation of the prospective gift and to assure you that it will be most acceptable, that the books will be placed (as much as possible) together on the shelves of this Library, and that they will be known as the Adams Collection.

Personally, as you know, I am more than gratified that your splendid collection is destined to come here, but meanwhile may you live long to enjoy it yourself.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) W. W. Francis.

Librarian and Secretary to the Curators.

McGill University, Department of Geological Sciences.

Feb. 15th, 1933.

Dear Dr. Martin,

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 11th.

I am glad to know that my collection of old books will eventually find a resting place in the Osler Library. It is a great pleasure to feel that I shall thus in a way be associated with Dr. Osler in his great donation to our University.

I have no objection to your mentioning the matter to the Faculty of Medicine, as you suggest.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Frank D. Adams.



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

May 20th, 1942

Dr. W.W. Francis,  
Osler Library,  
Faculty of Medicine,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I received a letter to-day from Dr. Lomer, enclosing a bill for the lumber used for the shelves etc. for the books to be placed in the Redpath Library (in the meantime). I have sent him a cheque in payment for the lumber.

He informs me that, in his opinion, it will be better to send the whole collection up at one and the same time, and that you will look after the transference. It will thus be necessary to postpone sending the books up to the University until the bookplates have been inserted in all of them. This cannot be completed before a date about the end of June. I will let you know when the work is nearly done.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

1173 Mountain Street,  
Montreal.



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

March 31st, 1942

Dr. W.W. Francis,  
Osler Library,  
Faculty of Medicine,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Francis,

Many thanks for your letter of March 30th. Like you, I feel relieved that a satisfactory arrangement has been made in connection with my collection of geological books.

I received the catalogue cards for the thirty books deposited with you and am having copies of them made.

Yesterday I saw Miss Avis Fyshe and had a talk with her concerning the book-plate. She thinks the little woodcut will make a very satisfactory book-plate. She is re-drawing it and lettering it and will have it ready in a few days for our inspection. We can then decide how it should be reproduced.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*Frank Adams*

1173 Mountain Street,  
Montreal.

OSLER LIBRARY.

30 March, 1942.

Dear Loner,

Adams Collection

As I telephoned Miss Hadow, Bentley says there is no objection to Wright doing the carpentry required. He will send the bill for the lumber, on your requisition, to Dr. Adams.

Dr. A. has sent me the measurements of the different "centuries", &c., the order in which he would like to have the books shelved, as far as possible. These are copied below.

It is more than good of you to give this quasi cuckoo the hospitality of your last remaining bow-window!

Yours gratefully,

Dr. Adam's measurements, 28 Mar., 1942.

Highest folios are 19 inches high -- most of them are not as high as this.

All the other books -- 8vo. &c. are now on shelves 12 3/4 inches high -- which take them all without difficulty. The shelf length required for the books is as follows:-

Books down to 1600 A. D. require	150	inches
" 1600 to 1700 A. D. "	150	"
" 1700 to 1800 A. D. "	284	"
" 1800 to 1942 A. D. "	645	"
Other books not yet on shelves "	46	"
Folios require	182	"
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	1457	"
An extra 24 inches for additional volumes should they arrive.	24	"
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	1481	"

It would therefore be satisfactory if say 1480 inches of shelves were provided.

3.VI.42.

Cartons 24 x 18 x 10 in, each holding on average about 45 books of 1000 pages  
(= ca 42 books) Collection measures 1481" say 1500"  
45 / 15.00 (33.3) say 35 cartons.  $\downarrow$   
= 125 ft.

30 March, 1942.

Dr. Frank D. Adams,  
1175 Mountain St.  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Adams,

Thanks for the detailed measurements. I have forwarded them to Lomer. He plans to have the Redpath handy-man do the carpentry which will be cheaper and probably quicker (these days) than the official carpenters could do it. The Bursar will send you the bill for the lumber which Lomer is requisitioning. There will also be a gratuity for the handy-man. I think you intimated that you would bear the expense of installation and moving.

I am much relieved that such a satisfactory, if only temporary, arrangement has been made.

I forgot to ask you if you got our catalogue cards for the 30 books deposited here.

Yours sincerely,

W. G. F.



Montreal -  
March 28/42



COMMITTEE  
ON  
GRADUATE STUDIES

Dear Dr. Francis -

I have measured the shelves Dr. and find they are  
as follows: Highest floors are 19 inches high - most of them are  
not so high as this.

all the other books - 800. Dr. are now on shelves 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches high -  
which take them all without difficulty - The shelf lengths  
required for the books is as follows: -

Books down to 1600 A.D. require	150 inches.
" 1600 to 1700 A.D. "	150 " "
" 1700 to 1800 A.D. "	284 " "
" 1800 to 1942 A.D. "	645 " "
Other books not yet on shelves "	46 " "
Floors require - - -	182 "
An extra 24 inches for additional volumes stored by arrival - -	1457 "
	24 "
	<hr/> 1481

Signature  
cut out for  
Journals  
5-11-43.

Consignments  
Francis D. Adams

It would therefore be satisfactory if  
say 1480 inches of shelves  
were ~~provided~~ provided -

= 120 ft.

Notes: for lettering, if wanted in the  
book-plate, Miss Gordon recommends  
Miss Grace MacD. Pittman, with a  
Miss Barbara MacDonald of the Theology  
Library Hall Library. W.W.F.

? Miss Fyfe

26 March, 1942.

Dr. Frank D. Adams,  
1175 Mountain Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Adams,

Dr. Lamer telephoned that there would  
be space in the Redpath for the books, but only in  
the basement, in open stacks, in section L, near L O.  
He suggests that you and I should inspect that section.

Would you please telephone me when it  
would be convenient for you to meet me there.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

These cards are wrapped together  
in Dr Adams' two drawer  
card-holder.  
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25 March, 1942.

Dr. Frank D. Adams,  
1173 Mountain Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Adams,

I am sending you herewith from my catalogue  
the 4 author cards for the 23 works (50 vols.) which you  
deposited in the Osler Library in 1935 and 1936. Here is  
the list with (in brackets) the number of cards (if more  
than one) on each:

Agricola, De mensuris (2), De re met. (2); Albertus,  
Lib. Aggreg. (2), Thierbuch (2); Argenville, Lezallier d' (2);  
Bartholomaeus; Bonaventura (2); Dioscorus, Haydenseldt (2);  
Baper; Fabre; Farinator, Lumen animae (3); Mortus, 1497 (2),  
1517 (2); Isidore; Joannes Gorius (2); Kircher, Babel (2),  
Cader-aardae Boereld (2); Montagnana (2); Pliny, 1550 (2);  
Pryce (2); Rhodiginus (2); Salerno, Regimen (2); Schmiedel (2);  
Sendel (2); Strabo (2); Strantz; Valentini (4); Viviani; Wormius.

As engravers for the proposed book-plate, Lomer  
strongly recommends Kiernan Ltd., 480 LaGauchetière St.

I hope we can get the question of the housing of  
the books more satisfactorily settled.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

3 November, 1938

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
1175 Mountain St.

Dear Dr. Adams,

I have written to Davis & Orioli ordering the Papin book, the whole title of which is as follows:

"A new digester or engine for softening bones, containing the description of its make and use in these particulars, viz., Cookery, Voyages at Sea, Chymistry, and Dying, with an account of the price a good big engine will cost, and of the profit it will afford."  
London, J. M. for Henry Bonwicke, 1681.

It is apparently important from many points of view. It describes a method of getting gelatin out of bones, but has become one of the pioneer books in the history of the steam engine and ~~is~~ the beginning of the bacteriological autoclave. It is curious that this translation in English should be the first edition. It was not printed in French until the next year.

It is more than good of you to offer to pay for it. I have just telephoned Professor Murray and he is delighted at the possibility of seeing it.

Please let me know if I can help in any way with the proofs. I shall be delighted to do so, and I am glad to hear that the history is so near completion.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
FRANK D. ADAMS, D.Sc., F.R.S., EMERITUS PROFESSOR



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL, CANADA  
November 2nd, 1938

Dr. W.W. Francis,  
Librarian,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I have just received your letter of October 29th with reference to the books mentioned in Davis & Orioli's catalogue.

Concerning the item, Denys Papin's "New Digester" published in 1681, to which you refer, I would say that if this would be a valuable addition to the Osler Library I should be very glad to purchase it and make it a present to the Library as some slight recognition of the great services which you rendered me in the preparation of my book. If therefore you would like to have it, please order it at once and have Davis & Orioli send the bill to me.

On Monday last, I returned to the Waverly Press, Baltimore, the last galley proofs of my book. They are now preparing the page proof and I expect to commence to work on that next week. We expect the book will come out early next month.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Frank D. Adams*

1173 Mountain Street.



February 28, 1938.

Dr. W.W. Francis,

Dear Dr. Francis,

I have been re-reading the chapter of my book on Medieval Mineralogy, and in doing so have found your note concerning Macrus. In this note you mention that no *Materia Medica* written by a man of this name is to be found in the reference books, and ask where I got the quotation which I make from him. I find in my catalogue a card noting that the work by this author is to be found in the Osler Library. The card reads as follows:

Macrus - De *Materia Medica* - Frankfort  
1540 (23) / 133. Chapter, De  
Lapidibus ac Gemmis. This is an  
annotated copy of Marbodius.

Possibly I have made some mistake in the title. This evidently is the work to which I refer.

Erasmus Stella's name was Stüler. He is twice mentioned (with some information about him) in the "Meissnische Land und Berg Chronica" 1590.

Stella came from Zwickam in Saxony. I have not been able to trace "Libonothani" but I could make a guess, that it is the Latin designation of Zwickan or of that district.

660  
With reference to your note that a statement was made in the Encyclopedia Britannica to the effect that John of Philoponus died before 1550 while in my manuscript I state that he died about 660, I may say that this latter statement I got from an old encyclopedia which I have here, and in looking up Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" where he treats of the Alexandrian Library in chapter 50, there is a footnote which states that one of this author's works is "dated as early as May, A.D. 617". If Gibbon is right the Encyclopedia must be wrong.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

28 January, 1938

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
1175 Mountain St.,  
Montreal

Dear Dr. Adams:

I am really ashamed of myself for having written that letter about Porta and left it in your MS., especially as your previous draft, which I return herewith, shows that I had protested before about Porta's date of birth, the fact being that I had passed it by unnoticed!! I sincerely apologise.

It is good of you to say such nice things about my help and again to offer to remunerate me. I should really prefer that you do not. I regard such work as part of my duties as Osler Librarian - "a comfortable berth for a scholar", as Osler called the job. Besides, I have come to identify myself with the Library, the growth of which I have watched since 1898, and when I think of what you are doing for it — inasmuch as you have done it for this Library, you have done it for me. So, striking a balance, I remain very much your grateful (and for the Porta mistake, your apologetic) debtor.

*grateful*

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
FRANK D. ADAMS, D.Sc., F.R.S., EMERITUS PROFESSOR



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL, CANADA

January 27th, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am at the present time engaged in re-reading and correcting the chapters of my book which you were good enough to read and annotate a second time, and in doing so I found your letter of January 3rd referring to page 32 of Chapter III,\* in which the question of Porta's age when he wrote his book on Natural Magic is referred to. This reference is contained in a pencilled note which I made at the bottom of the page concerning the statement made by Duchene with reference to the date of Porta's birth and also to a statement made by Dr. Casey Wood in a pamphlet which he had just written about Porta, in which he says without qualification, "Osler remarks that Natural Magic is probably the most remarkable book ever written by a youth". This note I never intended to publish, but in it merely jotted down some information (?) which I had obtained after I had written the text of the chapter which was first submitted to you. I made this note in order that I should when opportunity offered look up Dr. Osler's catalogue and see what the truth of the matter really was. In your letter you say that you feel badly about this note, as you seem to remember having already commented fully on this matter when you read the chapter *before*. I regret extremely that you have been troubled about this because I am really quite innocent in this matter, for you made no comment at all with reference to Porta's age in the chapter when you first read it. In fact, no reference to his age appears there and the statement which I made that he was born in Naples about the year 1545 was passed by you without any notation. I am enclosing the three pages of the first copy which you read with your annotations upon them, which I think you will find bears out my statement.

I feel very deeply indebted to you for all the trouble which you have taken in reading the various chapters of this book. Your corrections have been invaluable and in several instances you have pointed out very serious errors which had escaped me, as well as many others the correction of which will greatly improve the appearance of the text.



I really feel very much disturbed in considering the great trouble and inconvenience to which I have put you, since the labour must necessarily be very tedious and uninteresting. It would relieve me very much indeed if you would, as I suggested when I handed the first copy to you, allow me to give you an honorarium for this work. I beg to request again that you will permit me to do this, which I think is quite just and proper since the work is done largely in your extra time.

I remain, dear Dr. Francis,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams.

\* Page 32 of Chapter III is represented by pages 17-18 of the first text, the chapter having been repaged when it was rewritten.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
FRANK D. ADAMS, D.Sc., F.R.S., EMERITUS PROFESSOR



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL, CANADA

December 1st, 1937

Dr. Francis,  
Osler Library,  
Faculty of Medicine,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Francis,

I am much obliged to you for having Mr. Thompson call at my house. He spent two days here and completed the photographing of the cuts which I wish to have to illustrate my book. He is now engaged in developing and printing proofs of these so that I may see whether they are all right and have him, if necessary, make others.

There are two cuts which are to be found in books in the Osler Library but which are not in my collection, and Mr. Thompson says that he can easily go to the Medical Building and take photographs of these there, if you would allow him to do so. The first of these cuts is a little one which is to be found in the following book,

Joannis Velcorionis Commentarii in Universam #236.  
Physicani Aristotlis, 1547

at end of the book, a little cut entitled "In Manu Domini sunt omnes finis terras".

*Dr. F. doesn't think these would photo well*

The second cut of which I would like a copy is one which shows the relation of the Macrocosmus to the Microcosmus. I do not know in which book the best cut for this purpose is to be found, but cuts of this kind exist in hundreds of books in the Osler Library, I am sure. It is the figure of a man in the centre with the signs of the Zodiac around the margin of the picture and lines from each sign to some part of the man which show the particular influence which the constellations have upon mankind. I shall be glad if you will be good enough to pick out the work which you think shows this best.

#1788  
(part.)  
#7424A

If you will kindly look out these two books I will call to see them at the beginning of next week, probably on Monday, but will telephone to you to arrange a time which will be suitable.

I am re-reading my book now and have four chapters ready

to submit to you, and have nearly completed the fifth.  
These five chapters I will bring up with me when I visit  
you towards the beginning of next week.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Frank D. Adams



MC GILL UNIVERSITY

*Osler Library*

Dr Adams

Chapter III, p.32

PLEASE don't print the note at the bottom of p. 32, "Osler says it was the most remarkable [ &c. ]"

Osler's words (from note to # 3712):

"If Porta, as is said, wrote the Natural Magic before he was 15, it is probably the most remarkable book ever written by a youth."

*Contribute notes to end of par*  
The first ed. is certainly 1558. The licence in later eds. is dated 1559. Our earliest copy here is a translation into Italian, dated on the title-p. 1560. So the date you quote from Duchene(?) "1569" is WRONG. *Our earliest Latin ed. is 15-62.*

On p. 31 you have him born "about 1545". I doubt if even Pliny would believe that Porta wrote the Magic at 12 or 13! Of the two other dates sometimes given for his birth, about 1540 or about 1536, the earlier one, as Osler's note says, is the more likely. "1545" is practically impossible.

I feel badly about this, as I seem to remember having commented on this when I read the chapter before. So I trust you can assure me that you will not quote Osler as favouring the ridiculous "before 15" legend.

*3* Jan. 1937

*L. W. F.*

*Rewrite & attached to MS.*

29 June, 1936

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
1173 Mountain St.,  
Montreal

Dear Dr. Adams:

The Valentini which you presented is a very complicated volume. When I catalogued it I had a vague suspicion that it might not be complete but I could find no detailed description anywhere to collate it with. It is in four parts, as follows, disregarding the unnumbered pages:

- (a) The main work, *Museum Museorum*, 2nd ed., Frankfurt, 1714, as described by Tauber, 520 pp., 9 plates;
- (b) With half-title, linked by a catchword with p. 520: *Unvorgreifliches Bedencken von Kunst- und Naturalien-Kammern insgesamt* (from various authors), 76 pp.;
- (c) A <sup>re-issue</sup> collection of "Oost-Indianische Send-Schreiben ... Franckf., J. D. Zunner, 1704, ed. & trl. by Valentini, covered by the engraved 1714 title-page of our volume; this contains 119 pp.;
- (d) The index to (a).

*plates*^ There is no trace in Tauber's description of parts (b), (c) and (d), but also it is quite certain that our volume does not contain a 74-page part with the items he enumerates or with the 79 ~~pp.~~. So if you are inclined to spend the extra 75 M. it would be very satisfactory to have the work completed. What still puzzles me in Tauber's letter, which I return herewith, is his mention of the "extensive treatment of the divining-rod over 100 pp.", unless his "second volume" contains these 100 pp. in addition to the 74 pp. which he mentions.

I am very sorry not to have finished reading the MSS. of your chapters. I hope you are not in a hurry for them. I am leaving on Wednesday for Hubbards, N.S., to stay for July but will be back in the Library in August. Meanwhile Miss Brownlee will be here. I hope you will have a good summer.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

FRANK D. ADAMS, D.Sc., F.R.S.  
EMERITUS PROFESSOR



June 19th, 1936.

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

Dr. Francis,  
The Osler Library,  
Faculty of Medicine,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Doctor Francis:-

A few days ago I received the enclosed letter from Taeuber of Munich. He offers me a book by Valentini and says that he believes that the University possesses the first but not the second volume of the book in question.

This first volume he goes on to say was apparently presented to the University by me. This information he evidently obtained from Dr. Casey Woods' catalogue, page 609.

I shall be glad if you will let me know whether this book which Taeuber mentions is the same as that which you have and which you were examining the other day when I called upon you. I do not remember having given any other book to McGill, nor have I any other bearing this title in my library.

Your copy of Valentini's book I think consists of several parts. I have been wondering whether the volume which Taeuber offers me may not be one of these parts.

I should be glad if you would let me know how matters stand, since I would like to write to Munich and give Taeuber a final answer.

Yours very truly,

Frank D. Adams

*Please return  
Taeuber's letter  
with your reply -*

10 March, 1936

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
1173 Mountain St.

Dear Dr. Adams:

I enclose copy of a letter I have written today to Miss Stillwell, transmitting the cards of your incunabula.

Thompson has taken the pictures from the seven books you sent up but if he has them finished he has not shown them to me yet. He has returned me the books and I shall return them to you at your convenience, together with your Niavis incunabula and your catalogue cards of the eleven incunabula.

I ought to have acknowledged on March 5th the receipt of the three additional books which you have kindly deposited in this library, namely:

ALBERTUS Magnus, Liber aggregationis,  
[Cologne, Zieriksee, c. 1500], 4to;  
GW 856, Pellechet 356.  
(SALERNO, school of) Regimen sanitatis,  
Nuremberg, J. Gutpicht, 1517, 4to.  
STRUNZ, F., Beiträge u. Skizzen z.  
Gesch. de. Naturw., Hamburg, 1909, 8vo.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*WWS*

4 March, 1936

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
1173 Mountain St.

Dear Dr. Adams:

I think I ought to have the Niavis,  
"Indicium Iovis", here to compare with the descriptions  
before venturing to certify it as Hain #11743. Could I  
fetch it, if you can't conveniently send it? It is  
apparently rare and there was no copy in the 1919 "Census".

The only others I am not sure of are the  
Sacro Busto and the Solinus. They both should have complete  
dates in the colophon, and if you will check these, I need  
not see the books:

Sacro Busto, J. de, "Sphaera", leaf 47b  
(3rd last page) ends: "M.cccc.lxxxx.  
quarto nonas octobris."

Solinus, "De memorabilibus mundi", at end:  
"Venetiis anno Domini. M.CCCC / LXXXVIII. ✓  
die .xiii. Ianuariis."

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.



6 August, 1935

Dr. Frank D. Adams,  
28 Linden Gardens,  
LONDON, W. 2

Dear Dr. Adams:

Congratulations on the 1530 Bermanus. It has been an unattainable desideratum for years. I hope you did not ruin yourself over it. I shall also be interested to see Lacroix's "Science", which I did not know of. I notice that it is by that whimsical old bibliophile Paul, who usually called himself P. L. Jacob. I also notice that it appeared in English, New York, 1878. That old rogue Hill's satirical "Review", 1751, is in our library (# 6111). I hope you had never asked me in vain for it!!

It was very good of you to write to me and to send me that charming otological miniature from the B.M. I and my family have just returned from a good month in Nova Scotia. Too much fog, but we escaped the appalling heat they have had here.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Adams and Miss Finley,

Yours sincerely,

*W. L. F.*

P.S. Why aren't you an M.D.? You would do nicely. That medico-zealot, Canon Gower-Rees, has commissioned me either to preach the sermon myself at his Medical Sunday in October, or to find some conscientious doctor who will. I choose the latter alternative.

28 Linden Gardens  
London W.2.

Dear Dr Francis-

I am sending you  
line to let you know that I  
am still "in action"  
July 27/35.

Mr Adams & I came over in the  
Empress of Australia arriving - after a  
remarkably smooth passage - in London  
in the last days of June.

I have been in London most of the time  
since but to-morrow go north to  
meet Mr Adams and Miss Furley at  
Chester where we went a few days  
since to visit some friends.

I have been reading in the British  
Museum & collecting quite a lot

I find that now I have got the great majority of the work of historic value in my special field that I can now get new material less readily than formerly. However as old B. Darby used to say - "We shall see what we shall see".

I hope that you have been having a good summer in all ways - weather & work.

We return in September - sailing from Southampton about the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. I look forward to seeing you again & comparing notes.

This card will give you an authentic  
example of medical practice in the  
XIII. century.

With very best wishes for Mr. Francis  
and yourself in which Mr. Adams  
would join me, were she here -

I remain -

Yours most sincerely

Frank D. Adams

of new material. I have also been  
looking through the stocks of several book  
shops which I had not formerly  
visited - I have purchased a few more  
books of which the rarest is a first  
edition of Agricola's first book

- "Bermanus" - 1530 - an extremely rare  
little book of which there is only an  
imperfect copy in the B.M.

I have also got a copy of "Sir John Hill's  
"Review of the Works of the Royal Society of London  
1751", which I have been looking for a  
long time. Also Lacroix "Societes de Lettres  
au Moyen Age et a l'epoque de la Renaissance"  
also a considerable number of less important  
volumes. "While touring the Provinces" I  
hope to get some more in out of the way  
corners.

FRANK D. ADAMS, D.Sc., F.R.S.  
EMERITUS PROFESSOR



McGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

May 4th, 1935.

Dr. W. W. Francis,  
Osler Library,  
Faculty of Medicine,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Francis,

On my return yesterday from a visit to Washington, D.C. I found your letter of April 24th awaiting me.

You are quite correct in saying that I left only twelve and not thirteen books with you on May 15th, 1933. In the letter accompanying that lot of books I remember that I made a mistake, and that while the letter stated there were thirteen books, as a matter of fact there were only twelve. I corrected the letter in pen and ink before I left your office, so that the writing to which you refer is mine.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams.

P.S. I am sending you under separate cover a catalogue of William Planegg. It has a number of very cheap old books on Medicine & I have ordered the two with a red mark I have thought you might like to send for some —

F.D.A.

24 April, 1935.

Dr. Frank D. Adams  
1173 Mountain St.

Dear Dr. Adams,

To avoid or correct a misunderstanding concerning the number of books in the first lot you deposited here, on 15 May, 1933, I should point out that there were only 12, and not "13" as you stated in your letter of 28 Mar., 1935, and as I inadvertently and incidentally acknowledged in my receipt dated 12 April, 1935, for the second lot of 12. Also the first "13" (12) were not all "folio volumes". In your list of 15 May, 1933, which you wrote with pen & ink, you numbered the <sup>12</sup> books 1-8, 10-13, and there are pencil notes in the margin -- whether in your writing I cannot be quite certain -- correcting "13 volumes" to 12, and indicating that there is no item "9". If this does not correspond with your records, I could send you that list.

The "Adams dinner to Eve" was a very enjoyable (not to say Edenic) and really inspiring evening. I am grateful to you, and to the absent physicist whose place I took, for the privilege of being included.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

1173 Mountain Street,

Montreal,

March 28th, 1935.

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

12 & not all folio:  
see his list of that date  
and my letter of this,  
24 Apr., 1935. W.W.F.

Dear Dr. Francis,

On May 15th, 1933, I deposited for safe keeping  
in the Osler Library 13 folio volumes. I am now leaving with  
you 12 additional volumes, also for safe keeping. The titles  
of these are given below:

- |                                    |   |                      |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| ✓ Agricola, Geo.                   | De Re Metallica euisdem<br>De Animantibus Subterraneis. 1556  | <i>(4th Edition)</i> |
| ✓ Agricola, Geo.                   | De mensuris et ponderibus Romanorum<br>atque Graecorum, De externis mensuris<br>et ponderibus, Ad ea, quae Andreas<br>Alciatus. De precio metallorum et<br>monetis. 1550.                 |                      |
| ✓ Kirkerus, Athan                  | Turris Babel &c. 1679.  |                      |
| ✓ Viviani, Vincenzo                | Discorso al Serenissimo Cosimo III<br>Granduca di Toscana intorno al<br>difendersi da' Rieimpimenti dalle<br>Corrosioni de' Fiumi. 1688.  |                      |
| ✓ Diodorus, Siculus                | Heydenwelt v. <sup>in v. 18</sup> ihne Gotter &c. 1554.   |                      |
| ✓ Strabo,                          | Geographia. Translated from Greek<br>into Latin by <u>D. M. B. Valentinus</u> . 1523.   |                      |
| ✓ Valentini, D. Michel<br>Bernhard | Natur & Materialien Kammer auch ost<br>Indianische Send- Schreiben und<br>Rapporten.<br>(Bound with Onvorgreiffleiche<br>Bedenken and Ost Indianische Send-<br>by the same author). 1714. | ? X                  |

old ed. revised by Hermsbach  
& ed. by Valentinus Curio.  
(apparently)



- ✓ Dezallier d'Argenville, Antoine  
Nicolas  
l'Histoire naturelle éclaircie  
dans une de ses parties prin-  
cipales, l'oryctologie; qui  
traite des terres, des pierres,  
des métaux, des minéraux et  
autres fossiles. 1755.
- ✓ Montagnana, B. B. de  
Consilia domini Bartholomei  
Montagnana cum 3 tractibus de  
balneis et de compositione et  
dosi medicinarum ac antidotario  
Consiliis, &c. 1514.
- ✓ Fabre, J. Antoine  
Essai sur la theorie des torrens  
et des rivieres. 1797.
- ✓ Pryce, William  
Mineralogia Cornubiensis; a  
treatise on minerals, mines and  
mining. 1778.
- ✓ Worm, Ole  
Museum Wormianum; seu, Historia  
rerum rariorum. 1655.

I remain, with best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Francis D. Adams

The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada  
19 January, 1934

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
1173 Mountain St.,  
M o n t r e a l

Dear Dr. Adams:

Many thanks for your enquiry, but we have  
Hill's "Review", 1751 (not "1771").

He was a most industrious and interesting  
bounder but a dangerous one to annoy. We also have the best  
of his satires on the Royal Society, two French editions of the  
"Lucina sine concubitu", unfortunately not the English; also the  
best of his many works, his translation of "Theophrastus's  
History of Stones", 1774, under which Osler quotes Garrick's  
epigram on him:

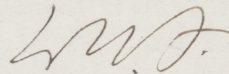
For physic and farces his equal there scarce is;  
His farces are phycis, his physic a farce is,

besides others of his works.

He apparently bought his medical degree from  
St. Andrews and his knighthood from Sweden.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,



1173 Mountain Street,

Montreal.

January 18th, 1934.

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

Adams

Dear Dr. Francis,

In a recent catalogue of Henry Sotheran Ltd. of London, I saw a book advertised for sale by John Hill, who usually styled himself "Sir John Hill, M.D." He was a man who lived about the middle of the eighteenth century and wrote several rather good books. He was anxious to become a Fellow of the Royal Society, but could not obtain the requisite number of names for his nomination, being, apparently, somewhat bumptious in character and being regarded as something of a charlatan. Being in this way set aside by the Royal Society, he made a very vigorous and witty attack on the work of the Society, which appeared as a book entitled "Review of

the Works of the Royal Society of London, containing animalversions of such works as deserve particular observation." The first edition of this book was published in 1771 and Professor De Morgan has said "Sir John Hill's book is droll and witty satire, and in my judgment is the greatest compliment that the Royal Society ever received". This was not the only tussle Sir John had with the Royal Society. While the tar water craze was raging, Hill in a letter to the Council of Society purporting to have been written by a seamen, declared that he had fallen from a mast and broken his leg which, after the application of tar water had become well again. While the Council was solemnly considering the matter, he sent another letter, stating that he had forgotten to mention that his leg was a wooden one!

In this recent catalogue of Sotheran's I see there is a copy of this book offered for sale, and I am writing to ask whether you have a copy of it in the Osler Library. If you have, it would hardly be worth while for me to purchase the copy in question, but if you have no copy of it, it might be well to add it to our Library as an amusing contribution to

the history of sciences. I shall be glad if you will be good enough to let me know as soon as convenient whether this book has a place on the shelves of the Osler Library or not.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

P.F.O.

Geological Department, McGill University  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 1933.

D<sup>r</sup> W. W. Francis -  
Doler Library  
McGill University -

Dear D. Francis -

I am leaving tonight for Vancouver to attend the  
7<sup>th</sup> Pacific Science Congress and am leaving with you at  
the Doler Library for safe keeping the following ~~#~~ Volumes -

- ✓ 1). Bonaventura - 1477 sc.u.1.
- ✓ 2). Gorus - - 1499 sc.u.1.
- ✓ 3). Berengarius (Farinator) - 1482 sc.u.1.
- ✓ 4). Hortus Sanitatis - - 1497 sc.u.1.
- ✓ 5). " " - - 1517 sc.u.1.
- ✓ 6). Caelius Rhodiginus - - 1576 sc.u.1.
- ✓ 7). Esper (Zedites) - - - 1774 SA.u.4
- ✓ 8). Iordan - - - - 1483 sc.u.2
- ✓ 10). Bartolemasius Anglicus - 1492 sc.u.1.
- ✓ 11). Herber - - - - 1682 SB.5.
- ✓ 12). Plinius Secundus - - 1530 sc.u.1.
- ✓ 13). Albertus Magnus - - 1545 sc.u.1.

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NO 9 - There is no no. 9  
W.W.F.

Yours very sincerely  
Frank D. Adams

McGill University, Department of Geological Sciences.

Feb. 15th, 1933.

Dear Dr. Martin,

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 11th.

I am glad to know that my collection of old books will eventually find a resting place in the Osler Library. It is a great pleasure to feel that I shall thus in a way be associated with Dr. Osler in his great donation to our University.

I have no objection to your mentioning the matter to the Faculty of Medicine, as you suggest.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Frank D. Adams.

13 Feb. 1933

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
Dept. of Geology,  
McGill University

Dear Dr. Adams:

At the meeting of the Curators of the Osler Library, held on Jan. 23rd last, I notified them of the provision you have made for the disposal of the catalogued books in your library. The Curators instructed me to convey to you their grateful appreciation of the prospective gift and to assure you that it will be most acceptable, that the books will be placed (as much as possible) together on the shelves of this Library, and that they will be known as the Adams Collection.

Personally, as you know, I am more than gratified that your splendid collection is destined to come here, but meanwhile may you live long to enjoy it yourself.

Yours sincerely,

*W. W. F.*

Librarian,  
and  
Secretary to the Curators



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Copy of correspondence concerning the Adams Collection, handed over 8 July, 1942,  
and shelved temporarily in the Redpath Library stacks.

W. W. F.

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McGill University, Faculty of medicine, Office of the Dean. Feb. 11th, 1933.

Dear Dr. Adams,

I only discovered, to my chagrin, a day or two ago that my letter to you had never gone forward. I am so sorry.

I just want to tell you now that I appreciate your gift both personally and on behalf of the Faculty, and think it would be a marvellous contribution to the Osler Library to have this well selected series added to its shelves.

I quite agree with you that the Osler Library is a better place than is the General Library for books of that kind, and they will fit in very well with the others that deal with the history of science.

At the next meeting of the Faculty, I intend to mention this, if you have no objections, and know how much every member will appreciate it.

With all kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) C. F. Martin,

Dean.

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Osler Library,

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Yours sincerely,

(signed) W. W. Francis.

Librarian and Secretary to the Curators.



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

January 13th, 1933.

Dr. W. W. Francis,  
Osler Library.

My dear Bill,

Many thanks for your note re Adams' prospective donation. This is one of the best pieces of news I have had for a long time.

I note that it is confidential, and it will be treated accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

*C. Martin*  
DEAN.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. F. D. Adams. Memorandum of an interview concerning his  
library 5 Jan. 1938

About June of last year Dr. Adams, Emeritus Professor of Geology, spoke to me concerning the disposal of the older books in his collection. Today he invited me to visit his library and discuss his plans. He tells me that in his Will which he made before leaving for Europe this past summer, he has bequeathed to the Osler Library the more valuable portion of his collection, namely, the books which are entered in his card catalogue. These at present number 874 and consist chiefly of old and largely valuable books in geology and kindred sciences, which books he is convinced would be more suitable for the Osler than for the University Library. Among them are ten incunabula. The gift will be an extremely important addition. I understand that his wish is that his books be kept apart as far as possible and known as the Adams Collection. He gave me permission to report his intentions to the Curators of the Osler Library.

W. W. F.  
Librarian

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*W. W. F.*

Librarian

The Osler Library,  
Dec. 21, 1932

Dr. F. D. Adams,  
Dept. of Geological Sciences,  
McGill University

Dear Dr. Adams:

I am delighted to get your Christmas present, a reproduction of Ortolff's *Franenbüchlein*, for the Library. It was one of our desiderata. I do not know how Osler failed to pick it up as he was interested in Klein's work on these early gynaecological books.

The annual meeting of the curators of the Osler Library will take place probably on the 23rd of January. In connection with this I should like to see you if you would kindly telephone me when it would be convenient, concerning the exciting information which you gave me in a conversation here last Spring.

With kind regards and the season's greetings  
to you and Mrs. Adams,

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

March 14, 1932

Dr. Frank D. Adams,  
Dept. of Geological Sciences,  
McGill University

Dear Dr. Adams:

Thanks for the Saba catalogue.  
His prices indeed are remarkable, and there are one or  
two things I must get, though his incunabula, in this  
list, are not in our line.

Your mention of a "Xylograph book of 1520"  
for \$5 took my breath away - - until I looked in the catalogue.  
It is cheap enough in all conscience, but not as bad as it  
looks. I see that Saba uses the term, doubtless proper in  
Italian, "Silografie", for wood-cut illustrations, whereas  
your "Xylograph book" suggests, and I think, is properly  
applied only to, the 15th century books entirely printed *on*  
wood-cut blocks without movable types.

I would send on the catalogue to Lomer,  
who would probably be interested in the incunabula, but he is  
away. It reads like treasure-trove.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*W. W. F.*

McGILL UNIVERSITY  
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JAMES E. GILL  
*Assistant Professor of Geology*  
F. FITZ OSBORNE  
*Assistant Professor of Geology*

February 29th, 1932.

Dr. Francis,  
Osler Library,  
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Francis:-

This is a catalogue from Saba,  
just received. He is the man from whom by "highway  
robbery" I got that last old book I showed you!!!.  
I am ordering from him a Xylograph book <sup>of</sup> 1520, at a  
price of 100 lire, or about \$5.00, which I think  
another piece of successful robbery.

I am forwarding the catalogue to  
you as I would like to have you as an associate in  
crime. Please do not trouble to return it as I do  
not require it again.

Yours most sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

Enc.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

December 28, 1961

ITHACA, N. Y.

Miss Cécile Desbarats  
The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Miss Desbarats:

Thank you very much for the fine negatives of the three Tozzi letters, which arrived in good order and which I shall now have printed up by our photographic service.

I think I shall probably be able to read enough of the letters to get what I need from them although I despair of ever being able to read every word. You were very kind to present me with them and I hope that I shall be able to repay your goodness in some way.

I see no prospect of visiting the Osler Library in the near future but I am anxious to get back there again and see what changes have been made. Are you in new quarters yet?

I have just received specimen pages of my new book on Malpighi, but I expect that it will be at least three years before the thing can appear since it is such a huge job.

With cordial regards and best wishes for a bright and happy new year.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

HBA:mp

Howard B. Adelman



OSLER LIBRARY,  
18 Dec., 1961.

Dr. Howard B. Adelman,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N.Y., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Adelman,

Thank you for your letter of December 11th.

As it was a doubtful proposition whether the Dean would grant permission to send you the desired letters, I thought it was simpler to have them photographed. I am enclosing the negatives and I hope they will be easier to peruse than the microfilm, but the ink is blurred in all three letters and the paper is badly stained.

Would you please accept these negatives as a small token from the Osler Library. It's so nice to have somebody like yourself using this material.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Cécile Desbarats

Encls:-

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

December 11, 1961

ITHACA, N. Y.

Miss Cecile' Desbarats  
Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Miss Desbarats:

I have now been through the microfilm you sent me and have gotten along reasonably well with it for it is really a very fine print. However I have found it almost impossible to read three letters which are of some importance to my argument and I wonder if you would be good enough to send them to me? These are letters numbers 49, 102, and 104, all written by Luca Tozzi. I shall take the best of care of them and keep them in a fireproof file, and get them back to you as soon as possible; that is to say, within a few days of receiving them.

I am tremendously grateful to you for the help you are giving me.

Once more my cordial regards and sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

December 6, 1961

ITHACA, N. Y.

Miss Cécile Desbarats  
Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Miss Desbarats:

Thank you very much for your good letter of 27 November. The beautiful microfilm of Item 7516 has now arrived. I have not yet had time to examine it carefully but it seems to be wonderfully well done and I do not believe I shall have much trouble with it.

I can see very well why Dean Stevenson should be reluctant to send out a volume of loose letters. If when I come to grips with the matter I find that it would be desirable to see a few of them I shall write to you. I certainly appreciate your generosity in offering to send me letters in which I may be interested.

I should like very much to visit you and the Osler Library again but I fear that my schedule is too crowded to permit a visit in the near future.

Once more thank you very much for your kindness.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp

P.S. I am returning to you the two strips of film which Dr. Frances sent me some years ago. Daugherty-Garand has not yet sent a bill but I shall take care of that when it comes.

the top section of certain letters, where the preceding one, placed lower down, is shown on the same exposure.

OSLER LIBRARY,

27 Nov., 1961.

I really think you and Dorothy Schullian should be such simpler for you, and so enjoyable for us!  
Dr. Howard B. Adelman,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Adelman,

Yours sincerely,

Many thanks for your letters of the 20th and 21st November. I also enjoyed my chat with you and Dorothy Schullian - a quelque chose, malheur est bon! Your inquiry also gave me a very pleasant time rereading the correspondence between you and Dr. Francis. I always like to have a legal excuse to peruse such letters.

We have now run through the whole of the negative film of no. 7516, checking it against the manuscript letters, and discovered that folios 188-312 are complete on the negative film, as well as the following folios 312-324.

As you so truthfully said in your letter "in view of the complexity of the situation", we are sending you a complete positive film of no. 7516. It is being processed at present by the firm of Dougherty-Garand and should reach you in a day or so. At your convenience, you can return the incomplete negative to us, and we will have it rectified for our files. The firm which microfilmed all our manuscripts a few years ago was having difficulties with their employees, and our whole job bore the brunt of their labour troubles!

The complete volume was taken apart by a binder before they started to microfilm the letters, so the volume is now a mass of unbound letters. I spoke briefly to the Dean about the possibility of sending you the whole volume on inter-library loan, but he shuddered at the idea of leaving the letters go out of the library in such a "loose" state. Would it help if he granted permission to send the particular letters you are interested in, viz., 44, 59, 73, 80, 91, 92, 107 and 109?

It's a miracle to me that you have been able to even make head or tail of these letters when you have to decipher them through a microfilm reader, as the letters were originally bound in such a manner that, the continuity of a letter is broken by the insertion of another letter. Now to add to the general confusion, the photographer did not blank out *in many cases*

the top section of certain letters, where the preceding one, placed lower down, is shown on the same exposure.

I really think you and Dorothy Schullian should come up here and spend a few days in the Osler Library untangling this bibliophilic maze. It would be much simpler for you, and so enjoyable for us!

Yours sincerely,

Cécile Desbarats.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

November 20, 1961

ITHACA, N. Y.

Miss Cécile Desbarats  
Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Miss Desbarats:

Some time ago the late Dr. Francis very kindly sent me a microfilm of Item #7516 in the Osler catalogue. I have been giving it exhaustive study lately and I find to my disappointment that the second reel he sent me lacks folios 188-312, which includes letters beginning with No. 118.

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I wonder if it would be possible for you to send me the film for the missing folios? I shall of course be happy to pay for ~~them~~ it.

I hope this will not be too much trouble for you and you may be sure that I will appreciate very much indeed your kindness.

Very truly yours,

*Howard B. Adelmann*

Howard B. Adelmann  
Prof. of Histology & Embryology

HBA:mp

positive prints

*In flight*

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

November 21, 1961

ITHACA, N. Y.

Miss Cécile Desbarats  
Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Miss Desbarats:

It was so nice to speak to you over the telephone this morning.

I have been looking further over the film I have and it is quite clear that, as we agreed, the best thing to do would be to send me a film of the complete volume, #7516, from beginning to end. I now feel that the film I have lacks many letters at the end, too. I do hope that this isn't imposing too big a labor on you.

If when you send me the film you could also send the manuscript it would be an enormous help to me in deciphering some of the letters I am especially interested in and I would be most grateful for the favor. The manuscript would be kept here in a fireproof container to minimize any danger of damage to it.

I do hope that some day, sooner or later, I can visit the Osler Library again, and I hope that you have good luck in locating a librarian. Of course we feel enormously fortunate here in having secured Dorothy Schullian for our history of science collections. I think the only reason we were able to induce her to move is that she was reluctant to go to Washington where living conditions are rather difficult.

My cordial good wishes to you, and my very best thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp

*in view  
of the  
complexity  
of the situation!*

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

May 14, 1959

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

This is to let you know that the positive film of No. 7516 has arrived safely. Thank you very much. I am about to examine it and will answer your questions with regard to it in a few days.

If I understand you correctly, if it is satisfactory you want me to keep this copy and have another one made for your purposes at the expense of the Department of Zoology of Cornell University. If it is convenient I see no reason why you should not go ahead immediately to have another copy made for yourself and send the bill to us.

I appreciate tremendously your kindness and regret the inconvenience I must be causing you.

The Cavaliere D'Aurizio finally cabled me that I would have the microfilms I need from Bologna by the 25th of May. So I have canceled my plane reservation, but I can't help wondering whether I wasn't foolish to do so. Time will tell whether the films will arrive or not. At present I am struggling with about seventy-five apparently insolvable problems: names that can't be identified, quotations that can't be traced, etc., etc.

I wish I could have seen the exhibit on the occasion of your 81st birthday, last month. I hope there will be many more such exhibits and that I can be on hand for the 90th and the 100th birthday celebrations.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp



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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

May 4, 1959

ITHACA, N. Y.

OSLER LIBRARY,  
7 May, 1959.

Dr. Howard B. Adelman,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dr. N. Y., U. S. A.  
The Osler Library

McGill University

Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Adelman,

Dear Dr. Adelman, Sorry the Cavaliere and I have been tantalizing you.

I haven't yet succeeded in working our magnificent and expensive (donated) viewer, but to save further delay we have posted you today our positive film of no. 7516 to keep as long as you like. Let me know if it is satisfactory and includes my transcriptions &c. I can get another copy made for us (at your zoo dpt.'s expense), or if the positive we have sent you is not satisfactory, we can get the whole thing or the deficiencies done over for you.

I go on surviving: even the flu didn't snatch or scratch me. Miss Desbarats set out a flattering pre-obit. exhibit for my 31st birthday last month.

Forgive our delay, but threaten D'Aurizio with the Evil Eye or the curse of Ernulphus.

Once more my thanks and cordial regards. I hope all goes well with you.

Yours sincerely,

Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Adelman

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

HBA:wp

WWF:cd

7 May, 1959.  
OTHER LIBRARY

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Dr. Howard B. Adelmann  
Dept. of Sociology  
U. S. A.  
Adelmann

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

November 4, 1958

ITHACA, N. Y.

visit 7th edition  
of 31st, and blame the blots  
on the "Halloween" devil.  
W.W.F.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I was simply overwhelmed by your kindness in sending me the Regis letter, which I have now transcribed. It clears up a point about which I have been wondering.

I am delighted to hear that a microfilm has now been made of this whole volume, and I should like to purchase a film of the entire item. Will you please at your convenience have this done for me, with the bill directed to the Department of Zoology, Cornell University?

I am dreadfully sorry that the letter picked up a blot from your own letter, which I am returning so that you may see that I am not at fault. The blotted word seems clearly to be dignum, which could of course be read from the film.

You have been very good to me indeed. I wish there were some way I could repay all your kindness.

With cordial regards,

Malpighiously yours,

Howard B. Adelman

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp  
Enclosures

P.S. Would you be good enough to return to me your Halloween letter? I would like to have it for my files.

OSLER LIBRARY,  
5 March, 1958.

Dr. Howard B. Adelman,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Adelman,

Good to hear your voice yesterday. I am posting (registered) to you today the two Münster pamphlets, the "Smeraldo" one which you asked for and which has been bound, and also inserted loose in it, the unbound one about Malpighi and Innocent XII. Take good care of the former, for I'd hate to lose this compliment to my "incredible" (or is it "incomparable") kindness (see his notes at end). I asked but failed to get from him the complete references (prescription, *paperation,* &c.) for these papers.

Before Xmas I had a letter from Münster (unanswered I'm ashamed to see) in which he asked if he had ever sent me his more documented "Nuovi contributi alla biografia di G. Baglivi" published by the Accademia delle Scienze Pugliese, and another, "G. Baglivi e i suoi rapporti personali ed epistolari coi principali rappresentanti della scienza medica toscana". He doesn't give their dates or references. I must write him for them. If you need them, perhaps you should write him direct (Viale Audinot, 35, Bologna).

I hope that your four(?) volumes aren't flattening you out and that I may live to see them and another visit from you. Your Cornellian, Bob Fortune, is that rare bird, a medical student scholar, making good use of, and himself useful to, this Library and the Osler Society.

Yours sincerely,

*W.W.F.*

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

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

October 28, 1958

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I regret having to trouble you once more but I wonder if you would be good enough to glance at Letter No. 117, fol. 188-189 in the correspondence between Pierre Regis and Baglivi, and let me know whose work Regis would be glad to use in carrying out the wishes of Baglivi and Malpighi.

The transcript I have includes only: ...Eius operâ libenter utar ad implenda tua et domini Malpighii vota... I suspect, but of course I am not sure, that Regis was telling Baglivi that he would use the assistance of some one to translate his work into Latin, as Baglivi and Malpighi had urged him to do.

I hope this will not be too much of a burden. I do wish it were possible to have microfilms made of the whole volume. This would be a real relief for you I should think.

Once more my thanks and cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp

*Wrote with pen & embossed  
letter 117 from 7516 (leaves  
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eaten on positive film of the vol.  
(when identified) or else as  
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L. 427  
31.X.58.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

April 10, 1958

ITHACA, N. Y.

W. W. Francis, M.D.  
Librarian, Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal 2, Quebec, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Under separate cover I am returning to you the "Munster" items, for the loan of which I am very grateful indeed. I have had them photostated and hope that our photographic service has not kept them so long as to inconvenience you.

receipt  
acknowledg-  
ment  
W.W.F.  
with pen

I am dreadfully embarrassed about Letters 91 and 92, which in one of my muddled moments I failed to find in the letter you sent me in 1955. I return your transcripts with thanks and I hope that I won't ever bother you unnecessarily again.

I am now busy trying to repair some of the defects and omissions in my manuscript before the general revision and pulling together of the whole, which I expect will take at least a year. I sometimes doubt whether I shall be alive at the end of the process, but the only way out is through.

Once more my thanks and cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Adelman

Howard B. Adelman, Chairman

HBA:mp  
Enclosures

OSLER LIBRARY,  
17 March, 1958.

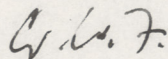
Dr. Howard B. Adelman,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Adelman,

Two Bibles-worth of Malpighi! You have a good excuse if you sometimes become Addledman! I'm relieved to find the enclosed penned transcripts of the letters (91 & 92) to Chouet and Manget which you asked for by telephone today. You probably already have copies of them somewhere in your accumulation, for they went to you in my letter of 29 April, 1955, with transcripts of all the others by Malpighi in our no. 7516, viz. letters 44, 59, 73 and 80, and in a PS letters 107-9.

With best wishes for a sort of workable Melchisedechio-Malpighian longevity.

Yours sincerely,



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

WWF:cd

P.S. No hurry about returning the Münster reprints.

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

March 13, 1958

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

It was awfully good of you to send me the reprints of Münster's articles.

I am having them photographed because I am not sure I shall be able to get them from Münster himself. When I was in Bologna two years ago he promised me solemnly that he would send me everything he had written on Malpighi, but thus far nothing has appeared.

It may take our photographers here some time to turn out the work, but I shall not let them have the reprints until they are ready to begin photographing and I shall return them to you by registered mail. *Meanwhile I'll keep them in a safe place.*

I am plugging along on Malpighi but not making nearly as good progress as I should like. I was ill last fall and could not work for about six weeks, so I am dreadfully behind schedule. I had hoped to have the manuscript ready for the printer in October 1958 but I fear I may be a year late.

The manuscript is huge; it will total about 1,500,000 words (equivalent to two bibles!) and may of course never be printed because of the enormous cost. However, there is *nothing to do* ~~alternative~~ but to go on.

Thank you once more for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman, ~~Chairman~~

HBA:MP



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December 14, 1956

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

The "Tributes" arrived, and have been read and vastly enjoyed. I am delighted to have them and am sorry that my response has had to be delayed by the pressure of pre-holiday activities.

I am working up a request for a subvention to assist in the publication of my work on Malpighi which, as I told you, threatens to run to a million and a half words. Our publisher says that it will take at least three or four folio volumes to contain it. It is a dreadful prospect but I am pushing along trying to complete the manuscript so that I can decide just what ought to be done about shortening it.

It would be wonderful if I could get a post at the Institute of Advanced Studies for the rest of my active period but I am afraid I don't have the necessary "drag."

I am delighted to hear that Robert Fortune is doing well. We do have some awfully good students here preparing for medicine and I wish that more of them could profit from the wonderful McGill atmosphere. I am afraid that most medical schools in the United States are not giving our men all that they ought to get while they are studying to earn their bread and butter. *But we don't have any Oslers or Francis.*

I hope that the deanship does not cramp Dr. Stevenson's style too much but I know what administration can do to a scholar.

Once more my thanks and my very best wishes for the Christmas season and the new year.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*  
Howard B. Adelman

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November 24, 1956

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Frances:

I have recently read of the volume of tributes to you printed on the occasion of your birthday. I am writing to send my belated good wishes and to ask how and where I can secure a copy of this volume.

As you know, I have always been very much interested in the Osler collection and in the wonderful catalogue you were responsible for, and of course my interest has extended to you personally. I have so many reasons to be grateful to you for the interest you have shown in my work. What a pity that the great Waller collection did not finally get a catalogue that could take its place beside the Osler catalogue.

I am pushing along with my work on Malpighi, which grows and grows and grows. I spent last spring in Bologna assembling microfilms of important manuscript materials and I devoted all last summer to writing up a history of the University of Bologna as a background for the life of Malpighi which I hope to include in my book. My "little" account of the University of Bologna has grown to about two hundred typed pages.

I do hope that I can get the first draft finished by the fall of 1958. It is going to be a hard job to do it, but I must try.

I wish that I could get a job free of teaching and administrative responsibilities so that I could devote the rest of my life to writing up a number of things I will never otherwise have the time for.

Once more my cordial regards and felicitations,

Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Adelman

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp

Dear Adalman,

a copy of the flabbergasting "Tribute"  
is being posted to you. I have included  
a couple of disclaimers on <sup>the</sup> fly-leaf,  
but am mainly letting you pay for the  
book, if you will be good enough to  
send (to me) a cheque <sup>payable to</sup>  
McGill University for \$5 (five)

What the deuce is the Flexner's  
Institute of higher studies good for  
if it can't finance your ~~work~~  
pet work and free you from the  
pest of teaching + administration?

That's a fine lad Forstman (?) you  
sent us. He gave us an excellent paper  
on Goethe at the Ophiology Society, pinch-  
hitting for a defaulting 4th-year  
man.

We are lamenting that they've pinned  
the harrowing medical deanships on  
our medical historian Lloyd Stevenson.  
It used to be a post of honor; nowadays it's  
a doc's treadmill.

~~But~~ I migliori Fabrizio - Mal-  
pighiani ansuri.

OSLER LIBRARY,  
29 Nov., 1956.

Dr. Howard B. Adelman,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Adelman,

A copy of the flabbergasting "Tributes" is being posted to you. I have inscribed a couple of disclaimers on its fly-leaf, but am meanly letting you pay for the book, if you will be good enough to send (to me) a cheque for \$5 (five) payable to McGill University.

What the deuce is Abe Flexner's Institute of higher studies good for if it can't finance your pet work and free you from the pest of teaching and administration?

That's a fine lad Robert Fortune you sent us. He gave us an excellent paper on Goethe at the Osler Society, pinch-hitting for a defaulting 4th-year man.

We are lamenting that they've pinned the harrowing medical deanship on our medical historian Lloyd Stevenson. It used to be a post of honor; nowadays it's a dog's treadmill.

*I might have Fabricius. huffpuffians  
argued  
L. W. F.*

WWF:cd

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

October 3, 1955

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much indeed for your good letter of 19 September and for the enclosed letter of Adam Sedgwick which I am delighted to have and which I will add to my small collection of such things.

Yes, Cushing really did say that of Myrtle and you will find his letter printed in the life of Krummer which was issued some years ago. Really and truly the printed catalogue is not an improvement on the first one, incredible as this may seem.

The microfilm of the Bartholin Structura was fine and served my purposes very well. If I can arrange my work I am planning to spend about ten weeks in Bologna and in England next spring.

I appreciate your offer of advice and while I am getting my manuscript in shape for the printer you may be hearing from me more often than you would like. I feel a little isolated here in Ithaca, especially since our library does not have a very large store of classics in the history of medicine and biology.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp

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May 16, 1955

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 11. The Bartholin microfilm has arrived and I assume that it will be all right though I haven't as yet had a chance to project it. You may be sure that I appreciate your kindness; I know that you are very busy.

Please do not worry about the Crummers. I have been chuckling for years over their catalogues. As I remarked in my earlier letter, I was most sympathetic about the mimeographed edition; the thing that really amazed me was that all of the original blunders, and more too, were permitted to go into the printed edition. And what really flabbergasted me was Harvey Cushing's letter asserting that the catalogue made Myrtle one of the great medical bibliographers.

I shall let you know about the film as soon as I have a chance to use it. This will be within a few days.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mlp

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

May 5, 1955

ITHACA, N. Y.

OSLER LIBRARY,  
11 May, 1955.

Dr. W. W. Francis  
The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal  
Dear Dr. Howard B. Adelmann,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

very much for your kind letter of April 29, together with the enclosures. As soon as I possibly can I shall send copies of these and return your transcripts. I hope Dear Adelmann, not to be too great a hurry since I shall be extremely busy for the rest of this week trying to finish up the business of The Bartholin. Structure of the Diaphragm, kept 1676, has been filmed today by a commercial firm, Dougherty-Garand Regd., 1165 Steury Street, who will forward the film this and the bill to the Cornell Library as requested.

me know and I shall see that it is returned soon.  
You are the first one I've heard of who identified Myrtle. She's on my conscience. When I asked them (one of for of their Oxford visits) to donate their catalogues, he looked at her and she looked at him, and made that priceless apologia. After going into a huddle they consented on condition that I wouldn't criticize them. At least I went to some pains to discover that she had been dead for seven years (Statute of Limitations?) before I anonymously broke my word.

Let us know whether the film proves satisfactory.

I am beginning to believe that I shall not live long enough to see the end of my subject. I do hope that all the people I am talking will be patient with me.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

W. W. Francis, M.D.

Howard B. Adelmann

SM:ulp

WF:cd

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

May 5, 1955

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of April 29, together with the enclosures. As soon as I possibly can I shall make copies of these and return your transcripts. I hope that you are not in too great a hurry since I shall be extremely busy for the rest of this month trying to finish up the business of the school year, and our secretaries are kept equally busy trying to finish up the work of the department. Hence it may be as late as June 1 before I can return this material. If you need it before that time please let me know and I shall see that it is returned sooner.

Please disregard the interlibrary loan request for a film of the Avicenna, No. 470. I am arranging to see another edition of Avicenna which is in the Armed Forces Medical Library. I do however hope that we can have a film of the Bartholin Structura Diaphragmatis Nova, which I really need rather badly. I am very sorry to trouble you so much but my own library, though rather rich in certain respects, has very troublesome gaps.

I am beginning to believe that I shall not live long enough to see the end of this Malpighi project. I do hope that all the people I am bothering will be patient with me.

Once more my cordial thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mlp



Posted at noon. This pm. I transcribed three incoming  
letters 101, 108, 109, on foll. 174-6, + bound them typed on  
one sheet, which in my keep. carbon in #7516 folder. *W.F.*  
re #7516. The letters below are from  
foll. 76-7, 99, 124 & <sup>139</sup>138, 150, 151.

OSLER LIBRARY,  
29 April, 1955.

Dr. Howard B. Adelmann,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

A telephoned 17. III. 55 for post  
re transcripts of letters 91 & 92

Dear Dr. Francis:

Dear Dr. Adelmann, Things have been hectic or I should have answered  
you sooner.

There are two "Interlibrary loan" requests for films  
for your use and I am a bit doubtful about one of them. Can anyone  
possibly want a film of the three huge vols. of that Avicenna, no. 470,  
40 x 26 x 8 cm., ten-tenths of the big pages commentary in small gothic  
type and the rest text? We are still without filming facilities here  
and they have to be taken into town. *W.F.*

I'd love to send you Baglivi's letter book but can't.  
I enclose some letters of mine to Dr. Münster of Bologna, 6 Oct. 1947,  
and 9 Feb. 1948, two and three sheets respectively, giving extracts  
covering all the mentions of Malpighi I could find. I also enclose my  
typed or penned copies of letters 44, 59, 73 and 80, 91, and 92 by  
Malpighi. Please copy and return all the above (I don't want to have  
to decipher them again!) Mark on them anything you think needs checking.  
Meanwhile I'll see if there are others of his in the collection. Are  
you in touch with this Dr. Ladislao Münster, Viale Audinot, 47, Bologna?  
He reads English. I can lend you his two (there may be more) pamphlets  
on Malpighi, if I can find the second, which seems to be missing. I  
enclose the references. I also have a typed transcript of Francesco  
Scalzi, "Giorgio Baglivi. Altre notizie biografiche ricavate da un  
epistolario inedito ..." in the rare Gazette medica di Roma, Dec. 1889,  
vol. 15, a study of our volume to which Waller called my attention. The  
Gazette, very fragile, is in the New York Academy.

More later. Let me know about the Avicenna.

Sincerely,

*W.F.*

W. W. Francis, M.D.

*Heated*

WWF:cd  
Encls:-

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

April 21, 1955

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

*470 = 3 vols.  
4 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 8 cm.  
bound in 1/4 in. of small leather  
commentary manuscript  
mounted in 1/2 in. of leather*

Dear Dr. Francis:

About a year ago our reference librarian wrote about obtaining photostats of letters to and from Malpighi contained in No. 7516 of the Osler catalogue. I was very sorry indeed to hear from your secretary at that time that you were ill and I hope that you are now in the best of health.

I do wish that your travels would some time in the near future bring you into our vicinity; if so I should be delighted to have you visit me at Cornell, and I should like so much to show you the now enormous manuscript of my book on Malpighi and his place in the history of embryology, and to get your advice on many matters. The translations of Malpighi's embryological dissertations will be only a minute part of the whole work but they are the axis around which the whole commentary revolves, and the commentary is simply huge since it includes translations into English of practically the entire corpus of observational embryology from the time of Aristotle up to and including on occasion such people as von Baer and Rathke. Whether I have bitten off more than I can chew and whether the organization of the book is a good one, or not, remain to be seen.

After I get the entire manuscript in first draft completed there will come the enormous job of coordinating it, and probably of shortening it. I sometimes wish that Montreal were next door so that I could come to you for advice on the many problems that have already arisen and the many that are bound to come up in the future. I have already spent over seven years on this task and I am afraid it will be three or four more before the manuscript is in shape for a printer.

*B. Adelman*

I am getting 'round to the first draft of the introduction this coming summer and I have been wondering whether you might be able to find some competent person to transcribe the letters to and from Malpighi at my expense. It is certainly

Dr. W. W. Francis

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April 21, 1955

an intolerable burden to impose on you, and I can understand very well that photostating would not be very satisfactory. I should appreciate any help you can give me in this matter.

I enjoyed reading your remarks in one of the last numbers of the Journal of the History of Medicine about the Crummer catalogue, over which I have often chuckled. The amazing thing is that all of Myrtle's egregious blunders in the mimeographed catalogue are preserved in a printed version which appeared a few years later. If Dr. Crummer was better informed than Myrtle he evidently hesitated to point out to her the errors of her first version.

Another amazing facet of this affair is the letter from Harvey Cushing printed by Crummer's biographer in which Cushing tells Mrs. Crummer that after the appearance of this catalogue she had become one of the great medical biographers! I am afraid Dr. Cushing was nodding when he wrote that <sup>one</sup>.

I acquired your Osler catalogue many years ago and it is, as others have already told you many times I am sure, a marvel of accuracy; it has been a joy to me from the day I first acquired it. I use it constantly, and always with profit.

I'm awfully sorry to trouble you about these letters but please do not hesitate to tell me if it would inconvenience you too much to find a competent copyist.

I don't suppose there's a ghost of a chance of our being able to get it on interlibrary loan so that the copying could be done at Ithaca. I won't blame you a bit for answering a rescunding no to this question.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

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EMORY UNIVERSITY CLINIC

THORACIC SURGERY SECTION

EMORY UNIVERSITY, GA.

OSLER A. ABBOTT, M. D.  
WILLIAM E. VAN FLEIT, M. D.

August 7, 1955

Dr. William Francis  
Librarian  
Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal P. Q. Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Under separate cover I am mailing you two photographs. One photograph is a copy of a picture which I have had since the death of Dr. Tom McCrea. It was sent to me with the portion of his library which I inherited. I thought you might like to have this photograph in your collection. As you can see, it has been somewhat scratched and changed with the years. A few months ago, a lady wrote me from Guelph Ontario that Ward-Price Galleries in Toronto had an oil painting of William Osler available for auction and I bid on it sight unseen. This oil painting is actually a very excellent one technically, except that some unimaginative artist has added some shadows along the course of the left shoulder and obliterated the sideburn on the left side. These items can be cleaned off and repaired. I am not familiar with previous publication of photographs of Sir William with sideburns. I must say the face looks very familiar and suggestive of being Sir William. Certainly, it has the characteristic Osler brow, his nose, mustache and apparently his chin. Is there any evidence that Sir William ever had sideburns of this type, and if so, do you by any chance, have any knowledge of the point of origin of this portrait? The exact authorship of the portrait is in question at the present time and we are looking into it further. If this is really Sir William, then I believe I will go ahead with removal of the additional touching to the portrait done by the unimaginative artist and have it thoroughly cleaned, removal of lacquer, etc. This might well reveal a signature, date, etc.

I would be pleased to hear from you in as much detail as possible relative to this picture, since if it is previously unpublished, possibly we might trace its origin more fully and put a few words in the medical history literature. Also, if it is truly Sir William, I would be pleased to have an adequate sized color photograph of the same made and sent to the Osler Library if you would desire it.

I hope this letter finds you in good health. With best regards to you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours,



Osler A. Abbott, M. D.

OAA:jr

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

September 15, 1955

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am sorry that I have delayed so long in returning to you the material you sent me last April. I have had a copy made of it and will perhaps want to use certain parts of it. If so I shall of course let you know what I would like to use and get your permission before going ahead. I appreciate your kindness very much indeed.

I have worked very hard all summer on the rough draft of the introduction to my book on Malpighi. There still remains a life, including an analysis of all his work except that on plants. This is terribly embarrassing because, as you know, everyone who has ever written on Malpighi's life since Atti wrote in 1847 has been more or less forced to rely on Atti.

Of course a good life should be based on documents and one ought to spend years in Italy rummaging through the archives. This I do not have time to do though I do plan to go to Bologna next spring, and also plan to get microfilms of all Malpighi manuscript material I can discover and can get permission to film. The life I write will of course have to be a compromise between what I would like to do and what the remaining years of my life will permit.

This Malpighi book of mine will be a huge thing inasmuch as it will be a source book including the classical passages from practically the whole corpus of embryology from Aristotle to about the end of the first third of the 19th century. I am hoping to have the manuscript ready for the printer by the fall of 1958. Whether any press can afford to print it remains to be discovered.

I hope that you will let me call on you for advice from time to time in the future.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*  
Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp

OSLER LIBRARY,  
19 Sept., 1955.

Dr. Howard B. Adelman,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Adelman,

Thanks for returning all Malpighi transcriptions (from our Baglivi letter-book) mentioned in my letter of 29 April. There was no hurry and they had not been missed.

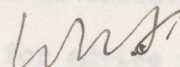
What a goal you have set yourself? A nearly full-length history of embryology as well as an exhaustive monograph on Malpighi. Exages monumentum! And I see you are still on the sunny side of sixty, so you will reach the Exegi stage without doubt. Do call on me for any advice or help you may think I can give.

Did Cushing really say that of Myrtle? If so, had he looked into her catalogues, or was he flattering with tongue in cheek? My own recollection is that the printed volume was an improvement on the first one. It could hardly have been otherwise.

I should be glad to know how the microfilm of our Bartholin Structura, turned out. I don't see the work of the firm that does the filming for us.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



W. W. Francis, M.D.

WWF:cd

P.S. I enclose a letter of Adam Sedgwick, to J. C. Webster (of Edinburgh, McGill and Chicago), ~~who at that time was, I think, writing on the placenta. If it is not of sufficient embryological interest for you to keep, drop it into the wastebasket.~~

(of Edinburgh, McGill and Chicago), who at that time was, I think, writing on the placenta. If it is not of sufficient embryological interest for you to keep, drop it into the w.p.b.

OSLER LIBRARY,  
3 Oct., 1947.

Dr. Howard B. Adelmam,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca,  
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Adelmam,

You do well to wonder. Our #3212 is a folio of 29 cm., 6 leaves numbered and two of them signed, A2, A3, gothic characters, 2 cols.: Nicolai Leonicensi ad excellentissimi / muni medicum Cesarem optatum Neapolitanum. De / virtute formativa. / Epistola. On the back of the t.-p. a letter of Caesar O. to L. dated Kal. Sept. 1506. Leaf 6, col. 2 ... Finis / Venetiis per Bonetum Locatellum presbyterum Bergo- / mensem. Sextodecimo Kalendas Nouembres. M.D.VI. 6 verso blank.

Our copy is bound with #172 which, curiously enough, is a defective copy of L.'s translations, Ferrara, 1509, G1-V6, containing the aphorisms. A list of the contents is given in our note, but it does not include this embryological letter. Ask the A. M. L. about their similar collections.

#353, Tertius operum Galeni tomus, 4to, n. pl., but probably Lyons, J. Myt, and with preface by Rivirius, Sept. 1528, contains also this one/ original tract, on leaves cccvi-cccxii at the end, sigs. QQ2-7.

Probably your extract comes from a similar collection of his translations of Galen and Hippocrates, but it isn't in the Osler. Vitaliani's "Della vita e delle opere," #3216, despite that title, ignores all bibliography!

Isn't it about time you passed this way again, please?

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF: CD

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

September 29, 1947

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have just received from Davis and Orioli's catalogue 128, item #279: Leoniceus De virtute formativa. In their catalogue is the following note: "Osler, 'Bibliotheca Osleriana,' 3212; from which we take the imprint which does not appear in the book."

I am wondering whether the work they have sent me is really identical with #3212 of the Osler catalogue; my copy seems obviously to be a fragment from a larger work. It is a quarto; the registrum lists only signatures S4 and T3, a total of 14 leaves, unnumbered.

I assume that my copy is an extract from a larger collected work and I would like very much to identify the work from which it has been taken, for the purpose of citation.

Is the name of the printer present in the Osler copy, and if not, do you have any information as to the grounds on which the assignment was made?

I hope that answering this inquiry will not take too much of your time. I shall, of course, appreciate any information you can give me.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

HBA:mp



CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

OSLER LIBRARY,  
Oct. 8 Oct., 1947.

ITHACA, N. Y.

Dr. Howard B. Adelmam,  
Dept. of Zoology,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Adelmam,

Certainly you may quote my letter. D. & O. deserve to have their noses rubbed in it! The "fol." in our description, follo<sup>w</sup>ed by round brackets showing that the imprint is in the book but not on the title-page, should have warned them, to say nothing of the erratic signatures of their copy.

Thirty dollars, forsooth! If you want the work, offer them \$5 for their obvious fragment.

you are a benefactor.

I should like very much indeed to have a chat with you but I am so ~~Yours sincerely,~~ is no prospect at present that I shall be able to visit Montreal soon. I have just finished the first draft of <sup>C. W. Z.</sup> Malpighi's two dissertations on the development of the chick and hope within a year or two to have these ready for the press. It would be very profitable for me to be able to talk over some of my difficulties with you.

With cordial thanks and sincere good wishes,

Very truly yours,

*Howard B. Adelmam*

Howard B. Adelmam

WWF: CD

HB:wp

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

October 6, 1947

ITHACA, N. Y.

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your informative letter. I suspected that, as usual, Davis and Orioli were careless in describing the book I ordered and on the basis of your letter I think I shall return it to them. Thirty dollars seems to me an enormous price to pay for an extract.

Would you object if I quoted to them the first two paragraphs of your letter to me? It probably doesn't pay to attempt to teach a bookseller a lesson but I have had similar difficulties with D. & O. before and feel that it is up to them to provide their clients with accurate descriptions.

I should like very much indeed to have a chat with you but I am so busy that there is no prospect at present that I shall be able to visit Montreal soon. I have just finished the first draft of a translation of Malphigi's two dissertations on the development of the chick and hope within a year or two to have them ready for the press. It would be very profitable for me to be able to talk over some of my difficulties with you.

With cordial thanks and sincere good wishes,

Very truly yours,

*Howard B. Adelman*

Howard B. Adelman

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
STIMSON HALL

Adelmann,

Laboratory  
of  
Histology and Embryology

Ithaca, N. Y. Sept. 29, 1934

Dr. W. W. Francis  
Osler Library, Montreal, Que

Dear Dr. Francis:

Your letter of Aug. 28 did not reach me until after my return to Ithaca a week ago. I hope that this delay will not inconvenience you.

Dr. Beattie's question is certainly an interesting one. While I am not certain, I suspect that Harvey's 'dama' refers to the ♀ of the common fallow deer, the 'cerva' to some other species, possibly the red deer. Willis translates 'dama' as doe and 'cerva' as hind. The latter term, according to Webster's is not properly to be applied to the fallow deer. Why? Harvey seems to treat both together. I am sorry that I can give no more illuminating suggestions, but I shall let you know if I succeed in getting further information.

I appreciate greatly your kindness in finding out

about Fulton's 'Boyle' for me. If I ever succeed in  
getting my Alderanders in shape, I would be happy to  
have you give it a searching criticism.

With all good wishes and thanks for your  
kindness,

Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Adellmann

28 Aug., 1934

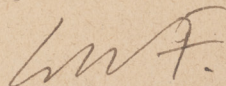
Dr. H. B. Adelman,  
Cornell University,  
Utica, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adelman:

Just after you left here this morning I opened a letter from Dr. John Beattie, who deserted us recently to take up Sir Arthur Keith's post at the Royal College of Surgeons, London. He sets me a conundrum and I wish I had opened the letter before your visit because I hope you may be able to throw light on it. This is his question, "What sort of deer did Harvey use for his work? What did he mean by "cervus" and "dama"? This is very important!" Offhand I would be inclined to answer "male" and "female", but there must be more to it than that. I have not yet looked into it. Have you any suggestions?

I have written to see if I can get a copy of Fulton's Biography of Boyle for you.

With kind regards,  
Sincerely yours,



410 Columbia  
Ithaca, New York  
March 31, 1943

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am deeply grateful  
for your kind words about Fabricius.

Your approbation means much to me.

I am interested to see that you have  
put your finger on two points that

did perplex me for sometime, and in  
making my decision I guess my poor

judgment led me astray. I used

Acqua apendente in the text when  
referring to the town, but in deciding

between "ab" and "of" while retaining  
the Latin form, I was influenced by

the usage of Franklin, who says  
"of Aqua" on his t.-p. (But please don't

imagine that I want to put any  
blame on him!)

The extra tall I was originally  
in my copy and objected to by the  
typographers. I then decided that  
since I took no notice of type size

A DELMANN

The use of the single normal "I" would be less confusing <sup>to the ordinary reader</sup> than resolving it into two, because the De Formato Foetus <sup>does</sup> has "II" on the t.-p. I should have stuck to my guns and insisted on the extra tall I.

If you come across other gaucheities and errors, please tell me of them. Perhaps enough of them will accumulate to justify a list of errata. Just now I am awaiting the reviews with fear and trembling; and your gracious note is doubly welcome.

Thank you very much.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Adelmann

OSLER LIBRARY,  
26 March, 1943.

Dr. H. B. Adelman,  
4 South Ave.,  
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Adelman,

What a fine scholarly job you have made of the Fabricius!  
And the translation reads like good sane English. I was of course  
specially interested in your notes on the colored plates. The  
dedication is touchingly beautiful. The only things I have found  
to cavil at so far are "of Aqu" on the title-page, which I think  
should be "of Aq̄u" or "ab Aq̄u", and the bibliographical transcription  
FABRICI in the 1621 title on p. 132. The extra tall I at the end  
of the 1st line on the original title-page is not the classical  
contraction of the genitive but is the 17th-century printer's  
convention for double I at the end of a word in capitals,, for what  
in lower case he would print as ij. Hence, if the letter cannot be  
printed extra tall, it should be resolved into two. Baffling the  
bibliographer is the favorite posthumous sport of the old printers!

Exegisti documentum! Congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:CD



15 December, 1941.

Dr. Howard E. Adelman,  
4 South Avenue,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adelman,

The Casey Wood lapsus is very discretely worded and thoroughly approved.

I now grasp your "collection of Negliettus". I see that it means the collected works, Opera, of Fabricius. I was looking for a collection of anatomical works by various authors, which is what is properly meant by "a collection"; like Wengert's "Bibliotheca anatomica", &c.

There'll be some more hard knocks from the Jap Navy, but don't worry, we'll get them yet. Resources and staying-power, if nothing else, will do the trick.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

4 South Avenue  
Ithaca, N.Y.  
December 9, 1941

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your kind answer to my last letter. At first, I was inclined to omit any reference to Casey Wood's 1628 edition, but on thinking it over, some mention of it seems necessary. I am submitting my comment to you for your approval or the reverse. I hope I have said nothing to offend him or involve you. This is what I have said:

"As with the De formato foetu, but one edition of the De formatione ovi et pulli was published in Italy - the posthumous edition published at Padua in 1621 by Aloysius Bencius, and later included in the collections of A. and R. Megliettus, noted previously. Casey Wood (Introduction to the literature of vertebrate zoology, p. 336), however, lists a second edition, Padua, 1628; but I have been unable to discover a copy and am inclined to suspect a lapsus calami."

The Meglietti whom I mentioned previously were the publishers of the collections entitled Opera anatomica and Opera physica anatomica (first eds. of the constituent works), Padua, 1625.

Now that war has reached us, nothing seems less important than my book on Fabricius, but I suppose we must all keep on with our trivial labors until the opportunity comes to serve in larger ways. God help us all if we don't win out in this - we simply must! I hope our navy will soon give a good account of itself.

With cordial regards and best holiday greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Adelman

4 November, 1941.

Dr. H. B. Adelsmann,  
4, South Avenue,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adelsmann,

Miss Hibbard had a p.c. from Casey Wood today, saying that he has none of the papers with him which might enable him to check that "1628" entry. So that's that. Meanwhile, since the arrival of your of Nov. 1st an hour ago, I've had a vain search for any mention of Megliettus, who is new to me. What is the title, &c., of his 1625 collection?

I notice that the Royal Coll. of Phys. of Lond., "Catal. of the library", 1912, p. 406, has a pretty obvious ghost, a "1600" ed. of "De f. ovi" - evidently a composite vol. of which the engraved "1600" t.-p. evidently belongs to the "De f. foetu", which is the only item not in square brackets. That factotus engr. t.-p. of Fabricius was a bibliographical nuisance.

No hurry; but when you have occasion to write again, tell me something more about Megliettus.

Yours sincerely,

4 South Avenue  
Ithaca, New York  
Nov. 1, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Please forgive my delay  
in answering your good letter. It  
was a real relief to learn that the  
1628(?) de formatione ovi is probably

a ghost. Possibly Casey Wood meant  
the 1625 issue mentioned by Haller.  
The latter, of course, is merely the  
1621 edition included in the collection  
of Meglietius. I shall be interested in  
Dr. Wood's reply, and you may be  
sure that I shall not compromise  
you in any way either in print  
or orally.

I hope that all this has not been  
too much of a nuisance for you. I  
appreciate all you have done for me,  
and you have my cordial thanks.

Sincerely yours,  
Howard B. Adelman

Dr. H. B. Adelman

File this.

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Dear Dr. Adelman,

"Ghosts" are notoriously hard to prove, but I'm inclined to think that Fabricius, 2nd ed. 1628, on p. 336 of Wood's "Introduction" is one.

At any rate, it ~~can't~~ <sup>can't be found in</sup> any of the libraries here, including his own collection, in the Indiana Library and the University libraries.

Miss Hubbard, who is in charge of Dr. Wood's zoological collections in the latter, has written him today, asking if he can throw any light on that more than doubtful entry.

I'd let you know what she hears from him. Meanwhile, I wouldn't take that entry too seriously, ~~tho~~ but please don't quote me as saying so - in anything that may meet Casey Wood's eye or ear.

With best regards

Yours sincerely,

W. L. F.

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To Harry C. Rallon  
? will.

Dear Harry Rallon,

Many thanks for the copies of  
the "diaphragm". I take pride in it and  
in the grateful inscription on my copy.  
I've read it again with the greatest  
interest and find a lot of good  
stuff in it, which I don't remember  
your getting out of me or with my  
help.

The elusive Bartholin "stays put"  
on his shelf, and refuses to solve  
the mystery of his escapade. All  
well that ends well.

Kind regards to you and Mrs,  
Yours sincerely,

Please send for cat. no. 192:  
# 110. Redi. Letters, 1825. \$10.00.

Yours truly

and  
Latham

4 South Avenue  
Ithaca, N.Y.  
October 16, 1941

Dr. W.W. Francis  
Osler Library  
McGill University Medical School  
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am forced to call on you once more for help. I have just noticed in Casey Wood's "Introduction to the Literature of Vertebrate Zoology", the following title under Fabricius on p. 336:

"1628. De Formatione Ovi, et Pulli, tractatus," etc.  
2nd ed. folio. Pataviae."

I have never noticed such an edition listed anywhere else, and if there is not some mistake the book must be extremely rare. If it actually exists I urgently need photostats of every page of it so that I can prepare a description of it for my forthcoming book on Fabricius. It is fortunate that I stumbled on it even at this late date when its discovery means extensive changes in parts of my MS.

Would you have time to investigate the matter for me and arrange to have ~~the~~ photostats made from the copy at McGill? I should also like to have some detailed information about watermarks so perhaps it would be best if the McGill library would consent to loan their copy to the Cornell University Library. That would save a lot of trouble all around but I suppose it cannot be arranged. Or I should be glad to pay the services of a librarian to provide the watermark information because I know you must be very busy.

I find myself wishing that this is a "ghost" title because of the inconvenience its late discovery will cause. In any case I shall be very grateful for your assistance.

With cordial greetings and sincere regards,

Yours truly,

Howard B. Adelmann

FOUR SOUTH AVENUE  
ITHACA, NEW YORK

March 23, 1940

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you for your note of the 18<sup>th</sup>. I am chagrined to think that I never answered yours of Feb. 2. I had the best of intentions but have been very busy trying to get my Mrs. in shape before summer. But I do appreciate your 'steer' for I am now going to get color films of the plates in the De formato foetu at Philadelphia.

Mr. Daniel has been very gracious and helpful as has everyone whom I have approached for help. He has already sent me photostats of the legends and they have been very helpful in interpreting some puzzling features in the engraved plates.



The first draft of my  
introduction is now complete but  
it must be extensively revised.  
I shall feel fortunate if the  
ms. is in the hands of our  
press committee by early fall.  
Once more my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Adelman

18 March, 1940

Dr. H. S. Adelman,  
Four South Avenue,  
ITHACA, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adelman,

Thanks for your appreciative note of  
March 14th acknowledging mine of February 29th.  
I am wondering whether you ever got mine of  
February 2nd about those coloured plates and the  
Philadelphia copy of the "De formato foetu" which  
you do not mention.

I hope you got some useful information  
out of McDaniel.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

FOUR SOUTH AVENUE  
ITHACA, NEW YORK

March 14, 1940

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you for  
your kind note of February 29.  
I am glad to know of the  
Fabricius material at Illinois  
and shall write to Fulton for  
further information.

I am glad to say that the  
first draft of my introduction  
nears completion, but what a  
mass of work still remains to  
be done!

My best wishes to you and  
my thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Adelman

29 February, 1940

Dr. H. B. Adelmann,  
Four South Avenue,  
ITHACA, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adelmann,

I have a letter from my book-loving friend,  
Dr. J. P. Fulton, Professor of Physiology at Yale,  
reporting his travels. He was astonished by the  
biological wealth of the library of the University of  
Illinois at Urbana and remarks that they have "a  
Fabricius 'De formato foetu' in original state with the  
1604 'De osteolis venarum'." He says nothing of coloured  
plates.

Yours sincerely,

*W. W. F.*

2 February, 1940

Dr. H. B. Adelman,  
Four South Avenue,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adelman,

Delighted to hear that you have translated the Fabrician embryologies and have noticed our mysterious sense-organ "Picturae" duplicating, in oils, the black-and-white "Figurae". But get in touch with W. B. McDaniel, 2nd, Ph.D., the live librarian of the College of Physicians, 22nd St., Philadelphia. He's your man. In 1937 he noticed that the Stockton Hough copy of "De formato foetu", 1600, which came to them in 1901, has the Picturae and, after correspondence with me, he published a note about them in his interesting multigraphed "Fugitive leaves from the Library", p. 44, (no. 21, Dec. '37): "Thirty folio sheets (some of double size) reproducing, in oils on a black background, most of the illustrations ...".

These, of course, are much more to your purpose than my larynges, &c., would be; and McD., unlike me, may be able to deposit his copy with Cornell for you, or to supply you with photos in color. I enclose extracts from a letter, 30 Nov., 1937, in which I told him all I knew about our Picturae ("ppls.").

Oslar's note in our copy is all we have about its provenance. It came to him probably in 1907 or soon after, for the note (in full) reads, "Given to me by the widow of Dr Hamilton Osgood (of Boston) whom I attended in Oxford, 1906-07."

You heap coals of Aldrovandine fire on my head with your apologetic remarks! I wish I could offer to go over the Fabricius MS. for you, but I'm so much in arrears with current tasks that I'd only neglect it still more shockingly. But don't hesitate to call on me for further help with the present or other specific problems.

On Sunday I met two of your excellent ex-Ithacans, J. S. Fulton (Ph.D.), our lecturer on philosophy, and his charming wife (M.A.).

Coincidentally yours sincerely,  
private PS.

W. H. F.

FOUR SOUTH AVENUE  
ITHACA, NEW YORK

Jan 30, 1940

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have recently been writing the introduction to my translation of Fabricius's two embryological treatises - De formatio foetu and De formatione ovi et pulli - and have had occasion to refer to the colored plates which Fabricius mentions in the preface of his De Visione, voce, auditu. Many of these plates are now in the Biblioteca Marciana in Venice and the copy of the De visione etc. there has oils in addition to the engravings (see Steniz, Anal. Anz., Bd. 35, 1910, p. 338), but it is generally believed that none was published with colored illustrations. However, I note with great interest that the other copy (no. 2558) does have seven plates in oils! Except for the copy in Venice

which contains the original plates,  
I have never come upon the  
description of another copy so  
illustrated. Do you suppose that  
the colored plates in the other copy  
were copied from the originals?  
Possibly they are originals, since  
Stenzi's description does not say  
how many colored plates the  
Venice copy contains. It is all  
most interesting and I wonder  
if the other copy could possibly  
be sent to the Cornell <sup>University</sup> library  
for my examination. I hope you  
won't think me presumptuous in  
making such a request which  
your rules may prohibit. In  
that case would you be kind  
enough to send me a collation  
of it, a statement of its provenance  
and any other details which  
might be significant. Would it  
be possible to have colored  
films made? If so I should of  
course be happy to defray the  
costs.

FOUR SOUTH AVENUE  
ITHACA, NEW YORK

I have always felt guilty about inflicting my very poor Aldrovandus mss. on you, but hope you will feel that the Fabricius is a better job when you see it in print. I simply haven't the nerve to impose a mss. on you again. This one runs to over 900 typed pages. I hope that the Cornell Univ. Press will publish it but that lies in the future.

You may be sure that I shall appreciate any help you can give me in the description of the Fabricius plates.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
Howard B. Adelman.



<sup>1st</sup>  
Trans. of Lib. XIV, # 1765, II, pp. 205—

25 February, 1938

Dr. H. B. Adelman,  
Four South Avenue,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adelman:

Your *Aldrovandus* has been on my conscience more than on my desk and I am positively ashamed to return the manuscript to you after all these years with so little done. As you will see I have gone carefully over the first three pages, comparing it word for word with the text. My chief criticism would be that the translation is too literal, which is a good fault except that it makes difficult reading. A free translation, cast in more natural English while respecting the meaning of the original, would be more satisfactory. When you are publishing it I should be inclined to advise leaving out or condensing the preliminary matter about the morals of the domestic fowls!

I wish I could have given you more help with it. I tried to read it without reference to the Latin but I found that I was continually turning to the fat old folio and that took too much time. I hope that, as you kindly say, my keeping it so long has not inconvenienced you.

With kind regards and apologies,

Yours sincerely,

(v. w. f.)

P.S. You can hardly be blamed for getting into a mess by naturally misreading (with so much of it about!) the e of caeta as i in line 24 of p. 206.!!!  
(the last word on

FOUR SOUTH AVENUE  
ITHACA, NEW YORK

February 17, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Having finished a translation of two of the embryological treatises of Fabricius, I am about ready to return to my old friend Aldrovandus. I wonder if you have had time to read over the translation I sent you some time ago. It was a terrible job to inflict on you and my conscience troubles me for having done so. I am afraid you found it a bore. At any rate I should be happy to have your frank comments on whatever part of it you have found time to read and you may be sure that I shall be most grateful for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

*H. B. Adelmann*

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Laboratory  
of  
Histology and Embryology

Ithaca, N. Y.

December 19, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 17. I am sending you my translation of pp. 205 - 227 of the "De aribus", vol. 2, Lib. XIV.

I have used the edition of 1599-1603 (v. 2, 1600).

I feel that I should apologize once more for sending it to you in such crude form, but I feel that it has reached a stage where I can profit by criticism, and then make a fresh start. I wish I could adequately tell you how grateful I am for your great kindness. Please feel perfectly free to tear into it!

Thank you for your offer to get me a Boyle. I have seen it in the Cornell library copy and since I have been rather reckless in my book purchases lately, perhaps I'd better forego it. It is a little outside my main interest - old embryology.

With many thanks and kind regards,  
Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Adelmann

P.S. I was about to enclose stamps for the return of the Mss but I realized that U.S. postage wouldn't do. However, I shall insist upon reimbursing (over)

you for the return postage. There is absolutely  
no hurry about the return. I have a copy  
& will not have time to work on it for quite a  
while.

H.B.A.  
December 11, 1932

Laboratory  
of  
Physiology and Embryology

Dr. W.W. Hoar  
The Osher Library  
McGill University, Montreal

Dear Dr. Hoar

I have read the edition of 1871-1883 (v. 2, 1000).  
of pp. 202-222 of the "Revue", vol. 2, pp. 214-215.  
I am sending you my translation  
I feel that I should apologize over more for  
sending it to you in such crude form, but I  
feel that it has reached a stage where I  
can graft up criticism, and then make a  
fresh start. I will be able to do this  
you are grateful to me for your great  
kindness. Please feel perfectly free to turn into  
it!

I have seen it in the Cornell library copy and  
since I have been rather restless in my  
book purchases lately, perhaps I'd better  
forget it. It is a little outside my main  
interest - old anthropology.

With many thanks and kind regards,  
Sincerely yours,

Howard B. Silliman  
I was about to write a stamp for the  
return of the book but I realized that the S. Gilroy  
collection was now, I shall insist upon returning  
(over)

23 December, 1935

Dr. H. B. Adelman,  
4, South Avenue,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Adelman:

I have received the manuscript this morning and will do what I can with it. How long may I keep it? Please do not hesitate to reclaim it as soon as you need it. I have not had time to go into it but it looks like a very neat copy. Do you mind if I make pencil marks on it?

With kind regards and the season's greetings,

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

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STIMSON HALL

Laboratory  
of  
Histology and Embryology

Ithaca, N. Y.

Dec. 11, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

You will perhaps recall my visit to the Osler Library two summers ago. At that time I told you of my translation of Aldrovandus's work on the generation of the chick and you were kind enough to say that you would like to see the Ms.

I now have a crude, working draft finished and I wonder whether you would be good enough to look it over critically. I am anxious to get suggestions on the rough draft so that I can utilize any criticisms in making a final effort. You may be sure that I will greatly appreciate your goodness. I hope you will frankly tell me if the task will consume too much of your time. If you care to see the Ms I shall send in or after hearing from you.

I still recall with pleasure my visit with you, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in Ithaca sometime.

With my best wishes,  
Sincerely yours,  
Howard B. Adelmann

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Vol. 2, 1894 ed.

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Will: (Vol. 2, 1894 ed.)

Dear Dr. Francis  
Galer Library, McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec  
Canada

You will perhaps recall my visit to  
the Galer library two summers ago. At that time  
I told you of my translation of *Chalcididae*'s  
works on the generation of the chalcids and upon  
were kind enough to say that you would like  
to see the MS.

I have been a while working on a finished  
and I wonder whether you would be good  
enough to look it over critically. I am anxious  
to get suggestions on the rough draft so that  
I can bring out criticisms in making a  
final effort. You may be sure that I will  
greatly appreciate your goodness. I hope you  
will kindly tell me if the book will compare  
too much of your time. If you care to see the  
MS I shall send in an after learning from  
you. I still recall with pleasure my visit with  
you, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing  
you in Ottawa sometime.

With my best wishes  
Sincerely yours,  
Howard B. Hebl

Dr. Howard  
Laboratory  
St.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

STIMSON HALL

Ithaca, N. Y. 17 December, 1935

Dr. Howard B. Adelmann,  
Laboratory of Histology & Embryology,  
Stimson Hall, Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Jan. 4, 1936

Dear Dr. Adelmann:

I should be very glad to see your manuscript and to give it as much time and criticism as I can. I suppose it is a translation of part of that enormous first chapter of Book 14 of Aldrovando's Ornithologia. We have here the second volume, containing that book, in an edition published at Bologna, 1634.

I remember your visit very well. In fact I have you on my conscience. Was it Fulton's bibliography of Boyle which I offered to get for you and never did? Do you still want it?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. W. F.

let it be too great a burden  
a very happy

Vol. 2, 1834 ed.  
Protophyla  
to



CORNELL UNIVERSITY

STIMSON HALL

Laboratory  
of  
Histology and Embryology

Ithaca, N. Y.

Jan. 4, 1931

Dr. W. W. Francis

Oster Library, Montreal

Dear Dr. Francis:

I have received your letter  
acknowledging receipt of my mss.  
Please keep it as long as you like and  
feel free to mark it up with your comments.  
I feel very fortunate, indeed, to have the  
benefit of your revision, but please don't  
let it be too great a burden.

With best wishes for a very happy  
New Year,

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Adelman

WILLIAM S. AKIN

Publishers' Advertising Representative

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OSLER LIBRARY,  
6 Feb., 1957.

Mr. W. S. Akin, Curator,  
19 South La Salle Street,  
Chicago, 3,  
Ill., U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Francis:

Dear Mr. Akin,

You will be sorry to hear that Dr. Francis has been laid up since Xmas with flu and a severe back-ache. The last mentioned affliction became so acute that his doctor finally put him in the Neurological Institute for a few days in the hope that they could find what was really causing the trouble. He is now back in his own apartment, and is really looking very much better. Nevertheless, I fear it will be quite a time before he will be able to come back to the Library.

I discussed your letter of January 23rd with Dr. Francis and he asked me to thank you for your kind greetings, &c. As for the possibility of your friend Dr. Spaeth becoming a member of the Osler Society, he is afraid that owing to the fact that this is an undergraduate society, it is really "closed" to outside doctors. If he would like to become a member of the "Friends of the Osler Society" he would be more than welcome to do so. I am enclosing a card just in case he would like to order a copy of the W. W. Francis: Tributes from his Friends which would automatically make him a member of this Society. This is not a method used to boost the sales of the volume as there really are very few copies left! It is always so cheering to hear about an "Oslerian" like Dr. Spaeth, and I do hope he will understand the set-up.

You are sure to enjoy "Lions in the Way" by Anne Wilkinson. She has done a magnificent job and allowed the vivid and entertaining letters of all the different members of the Osler family to speak for themselves. The other little book "Canadian Portraits - Osler - Banting- Penfield" is not of the same calibre, but as I have not perused it yet (it awaits cataloguing), I should not condemn it.

W.S.Akin;J.E.

P. T. O.

Why don't you hang out your own shingle? I'm sure Osler would give it an extra blessing as you could lead many of his own professional colleagues to happy Oslerian hunting grounds which are unknown to a great many of them.

(Not indispensable by any means, but still enthusiastic.)

Sincerely yours,

Cécile Desbarats

Encl:-

I discussed your letter of January 23rd with Dr. Francis and he asked me to thank you for your kind greetings, etc. As for the possibility of your friend Dr. Speeth becoming a member of the Osler Society, he is afraid that owing to the fact that this is an undergraduate society, it is really "closed" to outside doctors. If he would like to become a member of the "Friends of the Osler Society" he would be more than welcome to do so. I am enclosing a card just in case he would like to order a copy of the W. W. Francis: Tributes from his Friends which would automatically make him a member of this Society. This is not a method used to boost the sales of the volume as there really are very few copies left! It is always so cheering to hear about an "Oslerian" like Dr. Speeth, and I do hope he will understand the set-up.

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WILLIAM S. AKIN

*Publishers' Advertising Representative*

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JANUARY 23, 1957

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

My dear Dr. Francis:

Greetings, salutations, etc. First of all, I hope you are as chipper as ever. At sixty-three and four fifths I am about ready to throw in the towel. Maybe you can recommend some unpublished vitamin that will restore youth to a travelling salesman. O Tempora! O Mores!

Now, I have made a friend of one Dr. Spaeth and I have been a book scout for him in various and sundry ways. Also, he has a cousin in his sophomore year at McGill Medical School.

This friend is interested in this Osler Society. I told him I was a member of The Friends of The Osler Society in that I was only a layman. He is wondering if he can become a member of the Society proper. Please enlighten me on this point. Thank you.

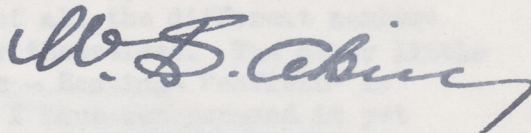
Well, I found a very interesting Cushing letter. Now, I am going to get Dr. Fulton of Yale to autograph his biography of Cushing. Then I will have the works.

I see a new book on Sir William came out in Canada. I have sent for it. Also, another new book was published entitled "Three Doctors". I have sent for that.

If this keeps up I may start studying medicine and hang out my own shingle. Maybe I had better stick to advertising and let things rest with aspirin. Anyway, I still get great comfort from your prescription "Billiana".

My respects to Miss Desbarats, the indispensable.

Cordially yours,



W.S.Akin:J.B.

W.S.Akin

WILLIAM S. AKIN

Publishers' Advertising Representative

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April 30, 1959

OSLER LIBRARY,  
8 May, 1959.

Mr. W. S. Akin,  
Dr. W19 South La Salle Street, ed Physician  
Chicago 3, Memorial Library  
Ill., U. S. A.  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Akin,

I hear you had a birthday party. Thanks for the birthday remarks. No, it was not a McGill legal holiday and they didn't even fly the McGill flag at half-mast, which is what I should expect at 81. Miss Desbarats set out a very flattering pre-obit. exhibit of me.

I'm glad you cottoned on to Stenn. I ought to be writing to him before you, for I don't think I've acknowledged his good Osler paper. I'll do it soon. Meanwhile, many thanks to you for "The Infirmities of Genius" by my friend Bett, a founder of the Osler Club of London. We already had it, but I can do with a second copy, even if my "Infirmities" are of a different order.

You are a breezy soul and won't mind my enclosing my more humble and correct address. The great Dr. Welch told me I had nothing to complain of; people wouldn't wait till he was dead before calling his The Welch MEMORIAL Library.

I had another thrill last week. I was the guest of Dr. Stenn to attend a luncheon at the University of Illinois for Dr. Severson, your dean, and to hear his lecture. It was good to see him again. It is always good to see anyone from Canada. It is like seeing home--even if I am a Yankee. I have handled Canadian publications and done business with Canadian firms so long that I feel I am a Canadian.

W-O-fully,

W. W. Francis

So, belated congratulations and many thanks. Eat an apple a day to keep the doctor away and stay as healthy as you are. Rest assured it was a sad experience last month to have to return to Chicago without having seen you in the flesh. However, I will be up there in September. Until then Dominus et Pax vobiscum.

WWF:cd  
Encl:-

Most admiringly yours,

W. W. Francis

WSAKIN:bb

*Picked up an interesting of ...  
that of ...  
practice ...*

WILLIAM S. AKIN

*Publishers' Advertising Representative*

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TELEPHONE STATE 2-8496

April 30, 1959

Dr. W. W. Francis, The Beloved Physician  
The Osler Memorial Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

I hear you had a birthday and that it was actually a legal holiday on McGill Campus and poems were written and great feasting took place. I'll bet that even Sir William Osler enjoyed the day, wherever his spirit was resting. I heard all about it from several sources. So, though weeks belated, may I offer my congratulations and wish you at least a century more so you can not only pontificate over the Osler collection but continue to spread that inspiring and energizing influence over all mankind that you do and have done for years at McGill.

Elevating gossip spreads as fast as scandal, even faster. I have made a thick and lasting friendship with Dr. Frederick Stenn who visited you to gather data and pictures for a paper on Sir William Osler, read before the students at Northwestern University. I have several copies. It was published in their journal.

I had another thrill last week. I was the guest of Dr. Stenn to attend a luncheon at the University of Illinois for Dr. Severson, your dean, and to hear his lecture. It was good to see him again. It is always good to see anyone from Canada. It is like seeing someone from home--even if I am a Yankee. I have handled Canadian publications and done business with Canadian firms so long that I feel I am a Canadian.

So, belated congratulations and many happy returns of the day. Eat an apple a day to keep the doctor away and stay as young as you are. Rest assured it was a sad experience last month to have to return to Chicago without having seen you in the flesh. However, I will be up there in September. Until then Dominus et Pax vobiscum.

Most admiringly yours,

*W. S. Akin*

WSAKIN:bb

*I picked up an interesting of literary figures?  
that I thought should be in your library - young  
forwards under separate cover.*

WILLIAM S. AKIN  
Publishers' Advertising Representative  
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ans'd  
4 Feb

January 29, 1959.

Miss Cecile Desbarats,  
The Osler Memorial Library,  
Mc Gill Unoversity,  
Montreal, Que., Canada. (God's country)

My dear Madame Secretary:

I just wrote a nasty letter to one Dr. Frederck Stenn, 6400 South Kedzie Avenue., Chicago and Asst. Prof. of History of Medicine at Northwestern University, reminding him that he promised me a copy of a pepare he read recently be fore the students on Sir. William Osler. I want it for my Osler collection. If he doesn't across then I may do something bad.

And all this reminds me that I am concerned over the welfare and physical condition of Dr. Francis. How is he. His disposition is always perfect but how is his appetite and his blood pressure.

This Doctor Stenn tells me he was up there recently.

By the way ask Dr. Francis a question for me. I met one Dr. Walter C. Burkett of Evanston, Illinois, a surgeon at Evanston Hospital, at a social shindig the other, to which Mrs. Akin dragged me, and he found it unusual for me a layman to become so ineterested in Sir. William Osler. Among other things he said that he was mentioned by name in Cushing's Life of Osler. I don't find any reference in the Indix and I wonder if Dr, Francis recalls such? Hiwever, I am determined to read the Life again to check for myself but if Dr. Francis does recall Cushing one Dr. Walter C. Burkett, please let me know.

BURKETT

However, I have news for you. I will be up there the week of March 9th. I have to attend a conference (I arranged that) with my Canadian publisher and our rector, Dr. H. Ralph Higgins is is to preach at the noonday services in the Anglican Cathedral that week----and I want to show him Montreal and I hope to get him up to the Osler Library.

All for now. See you about March 11th---in person. In the meantime let me know hor Dr. Francis is. tell him I am especially worried about his appetite. So long.

Cordially yours,

Wm Akin

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never heard "belly-aching"

I can't find Dr. BURKETT

(one T) in Cushing's index, but she

is a good proponent of John Aikin & deserves to be there. W.L.F.

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ALLAN C. RANKIN, M.D., D.P.H.  
PROVINCIAL BACTERIOLOGIST  
DIRECTOR

FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, March 29th., 1934.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M. D.,  
The Osler Library,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL. QUEBEC.

Dear Dr. Francis:

As the local Osler Club is sort of pet of mine Allan Rankin has turned your letter over to me for reply.

We have a very active undergraduate Osler Club, which has been continuously in existence for ten years. It was founded in September 1924 at my home by the members of our first graduating class in their final year. Up to the present the membership has been restricted to the final year in Medicine, and meets twice a month during the college session, except when the class contains more than twenty-four members, when two clubs are formed which meet on alternate weeks. There are four special meetings during the year. The first meeting of the new club in the autumn, when an address on the life and work of Osler is given by a member of the Faculty. Up until his death, this address was always given by the late Col. F. H. Mewburn, who had been associated with Dr. Osler in Montreal. Since the loss of this direct link this address has been given by Dr. H. Jamieson, the Professor of the History of Medicine. The mid-December meeting is 'Old Members' meeting and the program on this occasion is arranged and given by old graduate members.

At the last meeting in March the incoming senior year are the guests of the club at a regular meeting, to familiarize them with the club routine. The final meeting is taken by a member of the faculty speaking on a subject of current medical interest. This has usually been myself and the meeting a supper one at my home.

This club is distinct from the regular medical undergraduate society, which meets independently, and is more of an intensive study club.

The regular meetings follow a definite program:

1. A short historical sketch.
2. A medical paper.
3. Reporting of an interesting medical case.

The historical and medical subjects are selected at the beginning of the year and posted. Any member wishing to take a special subject, chooses it and the remainder are drawn by lot.



W. W. Francis, Esq., M. D., (cont'd).  
MONTREAL. QUEBEC.

EDMONTON ALBERTA  
CANADA

The students have taken a very keen interest in the club and with few exceptions have worked heartily in the preparation of their papers.

Just at present they are considering the question of leaving some permanent record of the succeeding clubs in the school. It has been suggested, and I think it a very good idea, that the Club donate a book each year to the medical library. This has been held up temporarily over the question of a suitable book plate, and it just occurs to me now, that perhaps you might be able to help in this regard. Where are designs for book plates obtained? Have you any suggestions for the contents of a plate, it would seem well be incorporate some Oslerian feature, in addition to a local one. Any suggestions would be much appreciated. The new secretary will be elected in about ten days time. I could send you his name and address then.

Hoping this information is what you require,

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

*John James Ower*  
John James Ower.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN



EDMONTON, ALBERTA  
CANADA

March 28th. 1934.

W. W. Francis, Esq., M.D.,  
The Osler Library,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL. CANADA.

My Dear Francis;

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter of March 24th.

The Osler Club here, is an undergraduate club  
of which Johnny Ower is the Honourary President, and  
I am passing your letter to him. He will, no doubt,  
be very glad to send you the information asked for.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Man R. Rankin*

The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada  
24 March, 1934

The Dean,  
Faculty of Medicine,  
University of Alberta,  
Edmonton, Alta.

My dear Rankin:

Greetings! It is a long time since we have  
seen you in your old haunts.

As Secretary of the Osler Memorial Committee  
of the Canadian Medical Association I have been instructed  
to collect data about clubs or societies bearing the name of  
Osler among undergraduate medical students in Canadian schools.  
Is there not a society at Alberta? If so, would you please  
give me some particulars about it:

Name and address of the secretary; how many  
members; how many meetings per session; are papers prepared  
and read by the undergraduates at these meetings; and what is  
the scope of the subjects dealt with (general medicine or  
particularly the history and literature of medicine); when was  
the society founded?

I should like, if possible, to have this  
information, or as much as you can readily give me, for a  
meeting of the Committee on April 3rd!!

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Alberte

February 7th,  
1931

Doctor W. F. Gillespie,  
Department of Surgery,  
University of Alberta,  
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Doctor Gillespie:

Your letter of January 3rd to Sir Andrew Macphail was forwarded to me on January 20th, with a request that I deal with it.

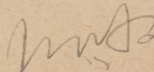
The best bibliography which I know of, dealing with <sup>the</sup> collections of music and medicine is contained in the Surgeon-General's Index Catalogue, which I suppose you have in the University Library. In all three series under the word "Music" there are lists of books and journal articles by medical men, and, looking through these lists, I have been struck by the extraordinary scarcity of articles touching upon medical men as musicians, but I notice that Col. F. H. Garrison wrote in the Bulletin Soc. Med. Hist., Chicago, 1917-20, Vol. II, pp. 158-176, an article on "Medical Men Who Have Loved Music". Perhaps he could send you a reprint of it. His present address is: Welch Library, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore.

I notice among the great men of our profession who have written on music the names of Billroth and Helmholtz, also Johannes Muller and James Rush, son of the great Benjamin.

Have you in your Library Osler's catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana", Oxford Press, 1928, (128 University Avenue, Toronto, \$19.00)? If so, you will find in the Index, under "Music" some items of interest, e.g., No. 4649 Champion (1567-1620), known chiefly as musician and poet, but who was also a medical man; some curious attempts to set the pulse to music; various works on the effects of music on the body; a book on the voice by Wesley Mills, who succeeded Osler as Professor of Physiology here at McGill; and the books of Muller and Rush which I mentioned above. If our catalogue is not available I would be glad to give you further details of these works.

If you are writing to Col. Garrison, I am sure he would be glad to give you better information on the subject.

Yours sincerely,



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

*Alberta*



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PLEASE QUOTE

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EDMONTON, January 3rd, 1931.  
ALBERTA

Sir Andrew McPhail,  
McGill University,  
MONTREAL - Que.

Dear Sir Andrew:

As an interested reader of your various contributions to medical history, I am writing to ask you a question in relation to one of its by-paths.

We are attempting to collect information with regard to contributions to the field of music which have been made by medical men, both past and contemporary. Our study ought to include also, those musicians who had at one time studied medicine, e.g., Kreisler and Berlioz.

We thought it might be possible that your broad acquaintance with the field of medical history generally, might prove to be a splendid source of information as to bibliography, or at least two other men of the profession who browse in music.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to give, I am,

Yours very truly,

*W.F. Gillespie*

W.F. Gillespie  
Department of Surgery.

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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

1881

Sir Andrew Campbell  
McGill University  
MONTREAL

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3824 Roger <sup>de</sup> Hippis

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3335 Marguet

2156 Neil Morn officer  
of music & body, 1674  
1729.

3410. Wesley Mills. voic.

3468 J. M. Miller voic.

3866. Rush (poet).

W. F. Gillespie  
Department of Surgery

W.F.G.W.

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PHONES: { OFFICE 9255  
RESIDENCE 81619

H. C. Jamieson, M.B.

625 TEGLER BLOCK

Edmonton, Alta. April 22, 1931

Dear Doctor Francis,

Illness on my part and absence from the city of President Wallace has delayed acknowledging receipt of the Drummond manuscript before this.

A letter is on the way from Dr Wallace to Mrs Drummond.

I wish to thank you sincerely for your interest in securing this poem. It is framed and in the medical library. We have also secured this year a statuette of the "Athlete" by Tait MacKenzie.

I am trying to secure material from Canadian Medical men who have succeeded in accomplishing something outside of

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H. C. Jamieson, M.B.

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625 TEGLER BLOCK

Edmonton, Alta.

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Medicine

I should like to get together for a paper and possibly to collect into a book for our library the outstanding contributions to medicine by Canadian physicians as represented by their published papers. Such for instance as Banting's first paper, Collip's, Osler's greatest contribution. Can you help me with this?

Thanking you again for your kindness  
Yours sincerely

Heber Jamieson



2nd April, 1931.

Dr. Heber C. Jamieson,  
Professor of the History of Medicine,  
University of Alberta,  
Edmonton.

Dear Dr. Jamieson,

As the outcome of your letter of the 20 Dec. to Sir Andrew Macphail, who, as I wrote you on 7 Feb., put your request into my hands to deal with, I am happy to be able to send you, enclosed herewith, an original autograph copy of the late Dr. Wm. Henry Drummond's poem, 'J. B. Belair', signed with his initials.

I have received this from his widow, Mrs. May Harvey Drummond, 1455 Drummond Street, Apt. 816, Montreal, in a letter dated 26 March, of which the following is an extract:

"Confirming our telephone conversation, I am now enclosing the MS. of 'J. B. Belair' which it gives us all great pleasure to donate to the University of Alberta."

While, of course, it is presented to the University and not to any individual, it is intended to be used for the purpose mentioned in your letter of 20 Dec.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of this document to me, and if the University authorities would send an official note of thanks to the family of Dr. Drummond, addressed to Mrs. Drummond, it would, I am sure, be much appreciated.

Have you done any more about John McCrae's MSS., or do you want me to do anything?

I may say that I am very grateful to you for having 'started something'. My help has not been entirely disinterested, since the result of the negotiations will probably be that all the remaining Drummond MSS. will be deposited in this Library.

Yours sincerely,

*W. W. F.*

W. W. Francis, M.D.M  
Librarian,  
Osler Library.

Enclosure.  
Registered.

*Alberta*

February 7th,  
1931

Prof. Heber C. Jamieson,  
University Hospital,  
University of Alberta,  
EDMONTON, Alta.

Dear Doctor Jamieson:

Your letter of December 20th to Sir Andrew MacEhail was forwarded to me by him on 20th January, with a request that I deal with it.

I have got into touch with the Drummond family and have found that the late Doctor Drummond's manuscripts are in the possession of his widow, Mrs. W. H. Drummond, 1455 Drummond Street, Montreal. I asked her if you might not have one of her husband's poems in his handwriting. She has the matter under consideration and will let me know as soon as she has had an opportunity of consulting her son, who has been away. I had a conversation with her today. She seems reluctant to break up the collection, but, as I pointed out to her, if she took from it one poem we could have it photographed here and a note could be written on the back of the photograph stating where the original of that poem was to be found. With such a procedure it would hardly amount to breaking up the collection if one or two poems were sent to university or public libraries where they would always be preserved and accessible. I hope, therefore, that she and her son will consider the request favorably. I will let you know as soon as I hear definitely from them.

With regard to John McCrae's manuscripts, I would be willing to write to Doctor Tom McCrae, an old friend of mine, if you prefer, but since you know Mrs. Kilgour, perhaps it would be better for you to make the request to her. I will also write to T. McC. if you would like me to do so.

This library of Osler's contains a literary section which includes some literary works of Canadian medical men, e.g.: J. B. Crozier, (1849-1921), who graduated at Toronto but lived in England and wrote many philosophical works which I think have never been properly appreciated; his autobiography "My Inner Life", 1898, and his "Last Words on Great Issues", 1917, are of some Canadian interest. Two Canadian medical poets whose works we have are G. Walter Steeves, (1853-1915), "A Book of Verse", 1916; and W. H. Ellis, "Wayside Weeds", Toronto, 1914; the former lived in England, the latter was Professor of Chemistry at Toronto.

Alberta

Prof. H.C.J., Feb. 7/31- 2

Have you in your library Osler's catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana", Oxford Press, 1928, (128 University Avenue, Toronto, \$19.00)? If so, you might find some of the items listed under "Canada" of interest.

*in the index*

I should like to have for this Library the reprint on early medical history of Alberta which you mention in the last paragraph of your letter to Macphail, as well as any other writings or history of medico-literary interest.

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Yours sincerely,

*W.W.F.*

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

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21 October, 1936

Miss Elizabeth H. Alexander,  
15 Queen's Crescent,  
Glasgow, C.4

Dear Miss Alexander:

Many thanks for the really "Further" bibliography. What a mass of erudition dies with an intellect like Ferguson's, and what good service you have done in rescuing much of that erudition from oblivion and making it available for interested scholars.

I notice a slip on p. 18 at the end of the first paragraph about the "Powder of Sympathy (54)", where the name Frolius is author of the "Royal Chemistry" should be Crolius (cf. Bibliotheca Chemica, vol. 1, p. 185).

Please let me know if you should like me to return to you or send on to anybody else the copy of the second edition of the original bibliography which I received in mistake.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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22, MANOR PLACE,  
OXFORD.

Jan. 13th, 1948.

TEL. 3849.

Dear Dr. Francis,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of congratulation on the completion of Erasmi Epistolae. It seems to me nothing short of a miracle. Of course it is due to Mr. Garrod.

I am so glad that you can give such good accounts both of the Library and of your family. I find it hard to believe that your little baby girl whom we used to know is now both doctor and wife. I wish them every happiness.

With renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Helen M. Allen

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OSLER LIBRARY,  
31 Oct., 1947.

Mrs. P. S. Allen,  
22, Manor Place,  
Oxford,  
England.

Dear Mrs. Allen,

I have just received vol. XI, the consummation of the truly great Opus. It must have been hard for you to carry on without the mainspring, so to speak, these last fourteen years, but so much the more satisfaction should you feel that you have been able to complete the great enterprise as P. S. A. planned and began it.

(B.M.)

Both the Library and my family are flourishing. The daughter, Marian, got her M.D. two years ago and married another last year, Dr. Andrew Kelen. They are both working in local hospitals.

I hope you have something interesting to occupy your time, now that your great task is well done.

With hearty congratulations, and happy memories.  
Vale.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

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22, MANOR PLACE,

OXFORD.

TEL. 3849.

1946-7?

Dear Dr Francis

I was so delighted that you should have remembered me, & sent me your article on titles & blurbs. Thank you very much. Anything that brings me into contact with the Oslar Society I much appreciate.

I have just been reading a note about the Froben edition of Pliny. The last letter of Evadne ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> printed, & I hope volume XI will be published before so very long. I am filled with amazement & gratitude when I think of this. I hope you & your family have come safely through the war & that the Oslar Library flourishes

22. MANOR PLACE  
OXFORD  
TEL 3849

Kindest regards

Yr sincerely

Helen M. Allen

I was so delighted that you  
should have remembered me, &  
sent me your article on the  
& Gladys. Thank you very much.  
And I hope you will contact

with the other couple I mean  
appreciate.  
I have just been reading a note  
about the Frobisher system of  
The last letter of Professor  
printed, & I hope volume 41 will  
be published before so long.  
I am filled with amazement &  
doubts when I think of this  
I hope you & your family have  
been safely through the war & that  
the other two have prospered



22, MANOR PLACE,  
OXFORD.

TEL. 3849.

28 August 1942

Dear Dr Francis,

It was very pleasant to get a letter from you, recalling the "sodalitas" of Sir William. And I am very glad that the book of my husband's Letters pleased you. But I am sorry that I can give no hope of anything that my husband said about Sir William has been printed. At least I know of nothing. Nor do I recollect finding any notes among my husband's papers. Should anything turn up I will send it to you.

You give no news of yourself, but I hope all goes well with you and your family.

How well Canada is playing her part in this great struggle with evil.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Helena Allen*

7 July, 1942.

Mrs. P. S. Allen,  
22 Manor Place,  
Oxford, Eng.

Dear Mrs. Allen,

I am enjoying the Letters of P S A, reading them, I'm ashamed to say, for the first time when the charming book is three years old. It found its way into the University Library (in another building), not here. I was glad to see the notes you have added on Osler on pp. 106 & 159. In the latter you mention P S A's fun<sup>is</sup> oratio in his Honour before the Bibliographical Society. Was the text of that ever published in full? Or could I obtain a copy? I find only a brief report of P S A's remarks, in support of a resolution by Maden (Jan. 1920), on pp. 46-7 of the Transactions of the Soc. (June 1920).

An angular bracket after "Cowles", where he is first met on p. 154, would have spared me the pain of suspecting the Press of such a misprint!

Besides the grateful tribute in the preface to vol. 4 of the Opus (1922), I have an idea that I have seen something else in print by P S A on Osler, but I find no note of it.

How perfectly the great Opus has been carried on! I shall be sorry when you finish it. The arrival of a new volume is a happy reminder of a humane scholar whom to have seen and talked with a few times is to remember always.

I hope the years and the heart-rending times are treating you as kindly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada  
20 February 1935

Dr. Walter C. Alvarez,  
Mayo Clinic,  
ROCHESTER, Minn.

Dear Dr. Alvarez:

It gives me great pleasure to send you, under separate cover, reprints of twenty-four of Osler's papers, the only items of which I still have copies left for distribution. If, when acknowledging receipt, it is convenient for you to enclose the amount of the postage in U.S. stamps, we shall appreciate it. We often have use for them.

It is a curious that Osler at the time of his death had no copy of his own first paper. You are lucky to have picked it up. We had quite a search, and finally had to buy a whole run of ten volumes at an exorbitant price.

Yours sincerely,

W W F

MAYO CLINIC  
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

DR. WALTER C. ALVAREZ

February 15, 1933

Dr. Francis  
Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Dr. Francis:

One of my friends told me that you were kind enough to let him have a set of reprints of Dr. Osler's writings. I am wondering if you have enough left so that you could spare me some. I would certainly appreciate them and treasure them. I would be glad also to pay postage.

Incidentally I thought you might be interested to know that while in London recently I picked up the volume for 1859 of the little Journal of Science in which Dr. Osler's first paper was published.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Walter C. Alvarez*

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MAYO CLINIC  
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

DR. WALTER C. ALVAREZ

March 1, 1933

Dr. Francis  
Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Many many thanks for the reprints which  
I am delighted to have. I enclose postage.

I hope that someday I will get to Montreal  
again with enough time to sit down and thoroughly  
enjoy your wonderful library.

Sincerely yours,

*Walter C. Alvarez*

WCA:MH  
Enc.

H. CEDRIC ALWARD, M. D.  
1930 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Friday December 9th. 1938

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

Dear Dr. Francis:-

I am very grateful to you not only for the reports and added references, but also for your kindness and consideration in sending them at such short notice. They are exactly what I needed to add interest and point to the subject of precipitate labors.

Dr. Slemons has had to refrain from practice this past year and I have been able to carry-on for him. He is back again now and looking very fit. He asked me to include his kindest regards.

I realize that I took unfair advantage ~~in~~ writing you in such haste and I deeply appreciate your prompt reply. With kindest regards, I am,

Very gratefully yours,

Cedric Alward,

7 December, 1938

Dr. H. Cedric Alward,  
1930 Wilshire Boulevard,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Dr. Alward,

I have had the Canada M. & S. J. account  
of Osler's obstetric case copied (it is only a page), also  
some notes of mine concerning it, and I enclose them here-  
with.

I shall give your messages to Simpson and  
Miss Mudge. Please remember me to my good friend Slemons.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

air mail

H. CEDRIC ALWARD, M. D.  
1930 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Monday December 5th.1938

Dear Dr. Francis:-

You were kind enough to show me through the Osler Library about five years ago. Having imposed upon you once I am repeating the process and trust you will not think ill of me.

I am writing a paper on 'Some Medicolegal Aspects of Obstetrics' before our local society. Under the section on precipitate labor Dr. Slemons suggested Dr. Osler's case, occurring on the train. I had hoped that either Dr. Dock or Elmer Belt would have the necessary number of the Can. Med & Surg. Journal but it is not to be found hereabouts.

Would you be so good as to let me have the highlights of this interesting case. I have read the short account that was published in the Medical Record for Jan. 1888 but would be very grateful for the other report.

I am rather pressed for time as my paper is to be read Tuesday December 13th. However if this should prove too much to ask don't bother about it.

Would you kindly remember me to Dr. Simpson and Miss Mudge and with kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

H. C. Alward.