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Dr. W. W. Francis
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Dear Doctor Francis:

Undoubtedly you are correct about the legality of any medical society having the right to confer an honorary M.D. on anyone. As you probably know, William T.G. Morton, another "one of our boys", received an honorary M.D. degree from, I believe, Harvard. He was enrolled there as a student, but never completed his studies. His diploma does not have the year marked on it for some reason or other.

I haven't been able to locate any record of what the two French Academies, des Sciences and de Medecine, did about Horace Wells' claims.

Dr. Walter Steiner, when in Paris, tried to get some information on this subject, but I believe he said that he wasn't even permitted to consult the records of these societies.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

W. Harry Archer

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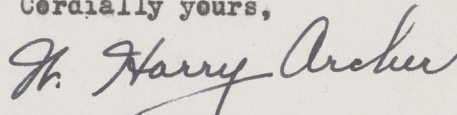
Dear Doctor Francis:

Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the Program of the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the founding of The Connecticut State Medical Society.

It is interesting to note how the medical men claim Horace Wells as their own when he is really "one of our boys". I suppose they would say, "Well, he had an honorary M.D. degree, didn't he?" The answer would be "yes". However there are many unknown details about that M.D. degree and the Paris Medical Society which conferred it. Do you happen to have any information on this subject?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



W. Harry Archer



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Dear Doctor Francis:

As I think I warned you sometime ago, Mrs. Marple and I are coming through Montreal next week on our way to and from Toronto. Because of many factors, we feel that we must make our visit to your city brief, but I do hope that it will be possible to see you, and your time permitting, to examine at least superficially, the Osler Library.

We are arriving in Montreal the evening of Sunday, August 21st and will leave early in the morning of Tuesday, August 23rd. That gives us all day on August 22nd in Montreal and we would be able to visit the library at any time convenient to you.

On our return, we will be in Montreal only for an evening since we feel that we must go home promptly to our hurricane swept Connecticut domicile.

I enclose a self-addressed envelope and would appreciate a note indicating if you can see us and at what time you would like us to appear.

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Sincerely yours,

Charley Marple

CHARLES D. MARPLE, M. D.
Medical Director

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Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

It gives me great pleasure to enclose with our compliments a copy of Maude Abbott's **ATLAS OF CONGENITAL CARDIAC DISEASE** which recently was reprinted by off-set process.

The book originally was published in 1936, but has long since been out of print. However, there has been a constant flow of inquiries about it during the intervening years, and it was generally agreed that a reprinting would be of definite service to those who so earnestly wished copies for themselves. Fortunately, the reprint has proved to be relatively inexpensive, so that we are able to make this monograph available at a cost of \$5.00 per copy.

It will be appreciated if you would bring this volume to the attention of your associates and others who might desire to own copies.

Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Marple

Charles D. Marple, M.D.
Medical Director

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OSLER LIBRARY,
17 Dec., 1954.

Dr. C. D. Marple,
Medical Director,
The American Heart Association, Inc.,
44 East 23rd Street,
New York 10,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Marple,

I hope the "Atlas" is selling well. I wish to order copies for my daughter, Dr. Marian Kelen, Ormstown, P. Q., Canada, and Dr. Charlotte Ferencz, Johns Hopkins Hospital, and to ensure that the sheet dated Aug. 1954, and giving me more credit than I deserve, is inserted in each copy along with one of the two enclosed cards.

Please send me the account. I'm uncertain whether there is any extra price or postage to Canada.

We have recently had it on display in a Maude Abbott exhibit, with several enquiries resulting.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

W. W. Francis, M.D.

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Dear Doctor Francis:

Thank you for your note of July 30th. I have just returned from the West Coast where it was much work and only a little play. I am delighted to know that you have improved from your recent difficulty and hope that you will be with us when we have the tenth printing of the Atlas.

In regard to the reprints, are there a sufficient number of these that we could distribute them along with the book? I think that they would be very useful in this connection, and would be warmly appreciated by those who may purchase copies of the book. If there are not sufficient numbers of these reprints available, perhaps we could have them reproduced by Multilith, if they are not too lengthy. As I dictate, I note that they are about fifty pages long, and that would be far too long for reproduction in the office. It would also be an expensive outside job, I am afraid. Nevertheless, would you let me know how many you have on hand, and how many of these could be made available to us, and also send me several copies for my use in pursuing this detail further.

With all good wishes.

As always,

Charles D. Marple
Charles D. Marple, M.D.
Medical Director

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OSLER LIBRARY,
27 Oct., 1954.

Dr. C. D. Marple,
Medical Director,
The American Heart Association, Inc.,
44 East 23rd Street,
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N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Marple,

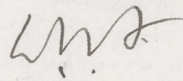
Many thanks for the well-resurrected Atlas, and for the paragraph in the prospectus crediting it largely to me. In the paragraph just before that ~~one~~ "100 cases" looks like a misprint for 1000, but that is the only flaw so far. one

I had wondered if something dire had happened, because some who had attended the meeting, including one of our heart men here, a pupil of Maudie's, said they saw and heard nothing of the Atlas being on sale!

I shall be glad to spread the good news.

With hearty congratulations.

Yours sincerely,



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

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PS. The good yellow label on the title-page makes the book bibliographically sound. Incidentally, it would appear, from the contrast in addresses, that the A. H. A. has prospered financially. It isn't often that a N. Y. institution moves down town!



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Dear Doctor Francis:

The reprinting of the Atlas is completed, and there are just some details before we get into distribution.

Unfortunately, the printer made an exact reproduction, and did not indicate in any fashion that this is a reprinting, nor did he correct the address of the American Heart Association. He has suggested, and in fact, offered to enclose a simple sheet for which I was to write the copy, and I enclose a copy of the material which I have prepared for this purpose.

I would certainly appreciate your comments on this. I also have the idea of pasting in a sticker, but this is explained in the attached copy of my letter to Mr. Mallon. If you find no objections or criticisms of what I have done, would you just send me a note saying okay. If there is anything wrong or if you have any counter-suggestions, I would appreciate them at the earliest possible moment, since we have to proceed with them early next week.

I am sorry to disturb you with this, but I think that you can handle this matter better than anyone else. Thank you for the Bibliography; it was of great interest to me.

Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Marple
Charles D. Marple, M.D.
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Enc.

In reply to my letter 20th
re attached

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We can have the stickers made here and pasted here.

I would appreciate it if you would give me a ring when you have looked over this material, perhaps on Monday. We are having announcements and release material made up, and hope the whole enterprise will under way within the next few days.

August 19, 1954

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Peter F. Mallon
Court Square
Long Island City 1, New York

Dear Peter:

Charles B. Harple, M.D.
Medical Director

Here are two items for the Atlas of Congenital Cardiac Disease, and I wish you would look them over and give me your opinion about them. It may be that we can proceed without delay, but I would like to discuss it with you by telephone before anything is done, and I am getting an "expert" opinion on the material to be sure that it is just right.

The first item is the material for a sheet to be printed and inserted inside the cover. The copy may be too long for your purpose, and it can be cut accordingly, since I feel it should not be more than a single page. What I have done is to combine sales talk and erudition in what I hope is a somewhat interesting and palatable form. If you want my signature, I can provide you with a suitable copy thereof, in a suitable ink, or I can have a cut prepared if you wish. All we have at the present time is a rubber stamp. I do not think any further comment is necessary about this item.

The second item is an idea for a sticker to be made and pasted on the title page, toward the bottom. The general opinion around here is that it would not be cricket to distribute the book without indicating that it is not the original edition. We feel also, that the date and the present address of the American Heart Association should be indicated. At this point, the suggestion was made that we number the copy, since to some people, this would look pretty fancy, and perhaps improve our chances of selling copies to them. I do not feel that the copy for this sticker is necessarily the best way of doing it, and would appreciate your opinion in this connection.

Yours sincerely,
Lewis

Mr. Peter F. Mallon

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August 19, 1954

We can have the stickers made here and pasted here.

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Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Marple, M.D.
Medical Director

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O. L.
20. Aug. 1954

Dear Dr. Marple,

Perhaps a sticker from the ^{new date} address ~~and~~ would be useful. It ~~should~~ begin "~~Reprinted from~~" instead of "~~Published by~~".

The ~~page~~ ^{found} is where that I fancy ~~all~~ ^{all} your excellent introduction will cut neatly out on a page. If not, the pre-Abbott history page could be omitted, but it should be dated in a book with your signature August 1954.

Yours of yesterday was received at 4 pm. Friday, just as I was leaving for the week end, so I haven't been able to give it much thought.

Yours faithfully,

O. L.

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The American Heart Association, Inc.,
44 East 23rd Street,
New York 10,
N. Y., U. S. A.,
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:
Dear Dr. Marple,

While I have asked you to write to you and to the attorneys I am sending you, under separate mail, three or four photos or pulls of pictures of Osler. Please return those so marked. I have no way of guaranteeing any considerable demand for the "Atlas." In the thirteen years since Maude Abbott's death I'm sure I've had at least thirty enquiries for it. I shall consult some others here and write you again. I will be better able to push this matter along than I will, and you may be assured that I will. As for the "Student Life", I am, since Dr. Malloch's death, the sole literary executor of Osler's estate. I'm not sure that the Oxford Press hasn't the copyright of that piece. They first published it in booklet form in 1905, but if you are in a hurry, go ahead with my permission, but if there's time, consult them. I will ascertain if we can make a good showing. If we cannot, the publication. Please send me proof and give me time to make corrections if necessary. That's part of my responsibility. I have experienced when we published a book in cooperation with those who had prepared it, and the sale has been exceedingly disappointing. Though our investment was not great, nevertheless, my suggestions will be questioned if I sell the Association on two items which do not have any considerable appeal.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

I am writing personally also to ascertain if you could provide me with a photograph of Dr. Osler. Perhaps if I explain what my purpose is, it will be your answer. I edit the quarterly publication of my medical fraternity, Alpha Kappa Kappa and am reprinting for historical interest a selection of articles which have appeared in this quarterly over the years and which I think are of particular merit. One of these is Dr. Osler's wonderful essay "The Student Life", which was reprinted in our publication in 1905 with the permission of "The Medical News", where it had apparently first

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Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

While I have asked Dr. Lewy to write to you and to the attorneys for Dr. Abbott's estate, this does not mean that I have lost my interest in the possibility of republishing Dr. Abbott's book.

Finding that I have too many different matters on my hands constantly, I believe that Dr. Lewy will be better able to push this matter along than I will, and you may be assured that I will ride herd on it at all times. We will certainly welcome any suggestions which you can make as to how we can get some idea of what demand there might be for a reprinting.

While I have permission to proceed, my problem is to ascertain if we can make a good showing. If we cannot, the Publications Committee should know this and then decide whether to go ahead or not. We have already had one experience where we published a book in cooperation with those who had prepared it, and the sale has been exceedingly disappointing. Though our investment was not great, nevertheless, my judgment will certainly be questioned if I sell the Association on two items which do not have any considerable appeal.

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Dr. William W. Francis
March 8, 1954
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appeared in print. The essay is, I might add, as important and as timely today as it was almost half a century ago. I am disappointed to find that we do not have a cut of Dr. Osler, nor a photograph of him in our files, and I have been unable to obtain a suitable photograph of him from which a cut could be made. I thought perhaps that you might have one available which would be suitable for the purpose of reproduction in a magazine and which you would send me. I would certainly be pleased to pay for such a picture or to defray any costs of mailing, etc. As a matter of fact, since the essay runs for ten pages in proof, there is ample opportunity for illustration and several pictures could be used if we had them. If you can help me in this connection, I would be deeply appreciative. Although a request of this sort should not include any condition, in order to meet my deadline, I would have to have the pictures not later than March 17.

I have never forgotten for a minute that very happy afternoon spent in the Osler Library almost a year ago, an experience which was made perfect by your presence and your courtesy in showing me about. I look forward to another visit to Montreal and to the opportunity of seeing you again.

Most sincerely yours,

Charles D. Marple

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N. Y., U. S. A.

Osler Library
McGill University
Dear Dr. Marple,

Dear Doctor Francis I'm ashamed to see the date of your letter, which I put aside till I could consult Dr. Meakins, who had tried unsuccessfully to get Mosby to reprint the Abbott Atlas. If your printer is right in his prognosis, the job should be well worth while, though I cannot hazard an estimate of how many the Heart Assoc. could expect to sell at \$6 or \$7. I can, however, assure you that Dr. Abbott's family would not want any compensation, provided that "they were not put to any expense". Both Dr. Meakins and I were assured of that in 1950. Maude Abbott used to have a publication fund with a few hundred dollars in it. I might be able to get a contribution from that, if there is still a balance and in the custody of the Medical Faculty.

I fear there can be no doubt whatever that the plates of the original edition were destroyed.

With apologies and kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
W. F.

William Francis,
(I've been called many worse names than the "Thomas" your letter gave me).

W.F.:cd
You spoke to me there about reprinting or republishing Maude Abbott's Atlas and think that it may be a possibility though, to be sure, there are difficulties. I am informed by our printer that the text can be reproduced by offset process and the plates by some sort of a gelatin process so that 3,000 copies in a form very similar to that of the original could be made available for distribution at a cost of not more than six dollars a copy. It would be

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*I've William, Bill & Billie had
(varieties galore!)
And even Nig, & Willoughby,
But name Tom before!
W.W.F.*

*sent in a p.c. 4.11.
Answer next week*

Thomas Francis, M.D.
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

You will perhaps remember that several weeks ago I visited McGill University and two of the medical students very kindly brought me to the Osler Library where you so delightfully showed us many of the beautiful and wonderful items which are deposited there. Before I go into the matter at hand, I wish to tell you that it has been a long time since I have had so thrilling an experience as that of visiting this hallowed library. I cannot claim to be more than a novice in matters pertaining to Sir William's life, but I believe that I clearly recognize his unusual genius which transcended by far the scientific attributes of his profession. I am reminded once again of the question which comes to my mind, not having known the man—"What quality or what power was it which Osler possessed which placed him so far above not only his contemporaries but literally above all other physicians of modern times?". I suppose that it was not any single quality because there are certainly some men who possess one or another of these qualities in good measure, but I must conclude for my own thinking that he certainly shared in as nearly perfect proportions as possible all the good qualities of a physician and a man; and, by the same token, must have been free of those qualities which are a burden to most of us. At any rate, Doctor Francis, thank you very sincerely for making such a perfect afternoon for me. I will never visit Montreal without visiting or making a very serious attempt to visit the Osler Library. It is an experience much like that of visiting a cathedral.

You spoke to me there about the possibility of reprinting or republishing Maude Abbott's book. I have looked into this matter and think that it may be a possibility though, to be sure, there may be difficulties. I am informed by our printer that the text can be reproduced by offset process and the plates by some sort of a gelatin process so that 3,000 copies in a form very similar to that of the original could be made available for distribution at a cost of not much more than six dollars a copy. It would be

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Thomas Francis, M.D.

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May 25th, 1953

so much better if the original plates were available, but I believe that you stated that they have long since disappeared. It would, of course, be necessary that the estate did not demand any compensation for permission to proceed with this reprinting. It would also be necessary for the Heart Association to do it as a self-liquidating project, without thought of profit, and with some willingness to stand a loss. I would very much appreciate a word from you indicating, if you have any knowledge or any opinion on these questions, how many copies of such a reprinting you believe we could sell at a price of somewhere around six or seven dollars? Are you quite certain that the plates are destroyed and do you have any idea of where we could verify this fact, or controvert it? Do you have any other suggestions to make in connection with the possibility of our embarking on such a project? It will take several months to get local opinions and authority to undertake this project if we find it feasible. Believe me when I say that I personally am heartily in favor of making the attempt and will act accordingly just as soon as I can get local clearance here. Our files indicate only an occasional inquiry for it.

May I have your word on this matter at a convenient date? I look forward to our meeting again.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Marple

Charles D. Marple, M.D.
Medical Director

CDM/mr

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 "Letter of Dr. MacArthur to J. C. Morley 26 Oct. 1950:
 "I have been in Council with Dr. Abbott's relatives here concerning the
 copyright, as this was held by Dr. Abbott. All of them would be quite
 agreeable to waiving their rights to it provided they were not
 put to any expense."



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W. W. Francis, M.D.
Librarian
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Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

Dr. Marple referred to me your letter of March 1. He asked me to inform you that he has obtained permission from the Policy Committee of the American Heart Association to republish the late Dr. Abbott's "Atlas of Congenital Cardiac Disease".

As he wrote you in May of last year, we are thinking of reproducing this work by offset process. Dr. Marple got in touch with three printing houses, two of which have sent an estimate for producing 1,000 bound copies of about the original size at the cost of about \$2,500. This would mean that 600 would have to be sold at the price of \$4.00 a copy to enable the Association to recover the major part of the publishing costs.

Indications are that the demand for the "Atlas" would be very low - perhaps of the order of 250 copies over a period of several years. A canvas of medical and other scientific libraries might give us a better idea and indicate a somewhat greater demand than anticipated.

Because of its historical importance, Dr. Marple has proposed to offer Dr. Abbott's book for sale at the Second World Congress of Cardiology in September in Washington, D.C., if the reprinting can be accomplished in time. It is his idea to have a sort of exlibris in the copies on sale in Washington, D.C., which would give the book the character of a souvenir of the Congress.

Dr. Marple would greatly appreciate having your opinion on the demand for Dr. Abbott's book or suggestions how we can ascertain the demand. He would be grateful for any help you can give us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

F. J. Lewis
Frederick J. Lewis, M.D.
Assistant Medical Director

FJL:CR

27 October, 1937

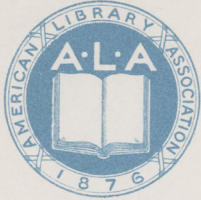
Carl H. Milam, Esq., M.D.
Secretary,
American Library Association,
520 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Milam:

Many thanks to you for your kind letter and to President Craver for his flattering suggestion. It seems ungracious to decline, but I must. I belong to so many associations already - 3 library ones, to say nothing of bibliographical, medical, and historical societies, and I am on more committees than is good for me or for them.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.



AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 520 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO

October 25, 1937

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

My dear Dr. Francis

Your name has been recommended to
President Craver for membership on the A.L.A.
Special Membership Committee.

The Association would like very much
to have the benefit of your services on this
Committee. It is customary, however, to appoint
to committees only members of the Association.
The fact that you are not at present a member is,
we hope, only an oversight. We shall be glad to
enroll you if you care to join. A membership
application blank is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours

Carl H. Milam
Secretary

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Dear Dr. W.

*Many thanks to you for your kind letter and to President
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more committees than ~~I can~~ ^{is good for me or for them.}*

Yours sincerely,

A.M.A.

OSLER LIBRARY,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, QUE.

OSLER LIBRARY,
14th February, 1944.

American Medical Association,
Directory Department,
American Medical Association,
535 N. Dearborn St.,
Chicago,
U. S. A.

The six volumes of Osler's "List of
Deaths" will be ready, except for the
Dear Sirs, the Library. As your copy of the
the date of their deaths, without making any
1905, 17th ed., p. 2131: "Scott, W. J., Que. 1, '05; 1. '05 -
750 Rockland St."

Two men, I think, are confused here, Wm. James and Wm. John.
James who graduated at McGill in 1905 is starred as "deceased" in our
McGill "Directory of graduates," 1924. The physician who has been
living at 750 Rockland Ave., (Outremont) Montreal since 1926 or longer
is apparently John who graduated at U. of Western Ont., London, Ont.,
in 1915. He is not in the current Directory of physicians of the
Prov. of Que. and is not (I am told) in practice. He refuses to answer
the enquiries of his Alumni Assoc. and enquiries we tried to make by
telephone on their behalf.

Apparently you have also found him unresponsive!

Wm. J. Scott, M.D., Que. died December 2, 1928
Sharp, W. J., M.D., Que. died February 4, 1929
Yours truly,
W. W. Francis, M.D., 1938
Librarian.

For answer, if convenient, on the enclosed subjects.
WWF:CD

PS.:
after graduating he worked for 18 years in the Pathology Dpt. of
the Montreal General Hosp. on supplied by

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OSLER LIBRARY,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, Canada

February 7, 1941.

American Medical Association,
Directory Department,
535 North Dearborn St.,
Chicago.

Dear Sirs,

The six classmates of Osler (M.D., McGill, '72) listed below were, with one probable exception, alive in 1925 and are no longer in the Directory. Do your card records enable you to give me the dates of their deaths, without entailing any laborious research? If so, I should be much obliged for the information.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis M.D.
Librarian.

Allan, Hamilton; San Diego, Calif.	Died March 23, 1928
Copeland, Wm. L.; Chicago, Ill.	Died September 18, 1925
Munro, Jas T.; Maxville, Ont.	Died December 9, 1928
Sharp, Wm. Jas. (untraced in 1925) Toledo, O.	Died February 4, 1939
Stark, Geo. A.; Mandan, N.D. S.	Died May 6, 1915
Kaugh, Wm.; London, Ont.	Died May 25, 1936

N.D. W.V.T.
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Deaths p. 141
1916.

PS. Answer, if convenient, on the enclosed duplicate.

Information supplied by

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Directory Department
February 17, 1941

OSLER LIBRARY,
6 Feb., 1952.

Mrs. F. J. Anderson,
Medical Library,
Wayne University,
Detroit,
Mich., U. S. A.

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

Many thanks to you and to Miss Darrach for the gift of your excellent Doctors under three flags. It (or something less digestible?) kept me awake till four the other morning. It reads easily and pleasantly, and the references though profuse are not intrusive.

I am a little disappointed that there is not more about French practitioners. ~~Surely there are some (if I remember rightly) mentioned in Sherrin, who is in your Bibliography (p. 180), but not in your references. I thought I had written about some of them some few years ago to someone in Detroit, but apparently it was not to you or to M. D. I may be dreaming!~~

WAS

Printers have been known to do worse to an authoress than diphthongise her on the title-page.

With kind regards to you both,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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

WVF:cd

* P.S. I see that my 1845- letter (p. 26) contained nothing that you haven't gathered from older sources than Sherrin.

ANDERSON, F. [Mrs David ~~Anderson~~],
envelope

Detroit 21, Mich.,
19318 Appoline Ave.
November 9, 1945.

Dr. H. H. Francis,
Oster Library,
Mc Gill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Dr. Francis:

I am sorry to have waited so long to thank you for the very helpful information you sent me regarding early French medical men in Detroit. Your letter was referred to the Brewster Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library, so that the data could be incorporated in their records. I hope that your search will be successful in your search for the Ahern manuscript, as it seems a pity there is not more material on early medical history of Canada, particularly the colorful French period. I have just received word that the paper for which I asked your assistance has been accepted by the new Journal of Medical History, probably for the April issue. - "Medicine at Fort Detroit in the Colony of New France 1701-'76".

Very truly yours,
Fanny J. Anderson

OSLER LIBRARY,
27 August, 1945.

Mrs. F. J. Anderson,
19518 Appolme Ave.,
Detroit 21,
Mich., U. S. A.

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

Composite

The only source book I know of for the period, besides those you mention, is Ahern, M.,-J. & Geo., "Notes pour servir à l'histoire de la médecine dans le Bas-Canada depuis la fondation de Québec jusqu'au commencement du XIXe siècle", Québec, 1923. It was privately issued in only 100 copies, a ^{or} complete reprint from the Bulletin médical de Québec, so may not be accessible to you.

Of the four men you enquire about, I find no mention of Belisle under any of his various names.

(pp. 226-30)

Forrestier is merely mentioned, and not as a physician, in an account of his father Antoine, born at Severac-le-Chateau en Rouargue (presumably in France) in 1646. He married in 1670 when a surgeon in Montreal and had 15 children, the last in 1699 (ref. to Tanguay, i, 235, 108). Among them were two christened Jean-Baptiste, the first born in 1677, married in 1737; "le deuxième évidemment your man, vint au monde en 1688" - nothing more about him. Most of the account of his father Antoine is taken up by a legal case in which a Montreal woman was falsely accused of infanticide while her husband "Bertrand Arnault ou Arnaud, commis, de la Compagnie de la Colonie de ce pays, au fort Pontchartrain du Détroit", had been absent for some years at Detroit.

A few lines on p. 230 are devoted to another son, Antoine Bertrand Fortier or Forestier (1687-1742), the chief surgeon of his time at Montreal.

The data are taken from (besides Tanguay) "Rapp. du Sec. et Registraire de la Prov. de Québec", 1889-90 and 1892, and "Juge. et Dél. du Cons. Souv., vol. iv."

Here is what the Aherns say about Chapoton and Legrand. The references in round brackets are to Tanguay, so perhaps there is nothing new to you here:

P. 99, "CHAPOTON, Jean Baptiste.
 "J. B. Chapoton fils d'André Chapoton et d'Anne Cassaigne de St-Jean Baptiste, ville de Bagnoles, diocèse d'Azès, Languedoc.
 "Né en 1684, (29) il épousa au Détroit le 16 juillet 1720, Madeleine Estève, aussi Estène, Estère-Stèbre, âgée de 14 ans, fille de Pierre Estève et de Madeleine Frappier du même endroit. Vingt et un enfants naquirent de ce mariage. Le Dr Chapoton vécut au Détroit, où il était chirurgien-major.
 "Il enterra sa femme en 1755 et la suivit dans la tombe en 1760."

P. 372, "LEGRAND, Gabriel-Christophe, Sieur de Sintré.
 "Il était fils de Gabriel-Louis (sieur de Sintré, Chevalier de St-Louis, lieutenant criminel au Bailliage et Vicomte de Mortain) et de Noble Dame Henriette-Catherine de Crenay, du Roché, diocèse d'Avranches, Normandie. Il épousa au Détroit, le 17 avril 1758, Marie-Madeleine Chapoton, âgée de 19 ans, fille de Jean-Baptiste Chapoton, chirurgien-major, et de Madeleine Estène. Elle eut deux enfants et fut enterrée au Détroit le 7 janvier 1765. D'après Tanguay, son premier enfant serait né 4 mois après son mariage et aurait été enterré le mois suivant.
 "En 1764 Legrand prend en secondes noces Véronique Réaume, âgée de 19 ans, fille de Pierre Réaume, bourgeois, et de Suzanne Hubert, du Détroit. Elle eut cinq enfants.
 "Le docteur Legrand demeurait au Détroit. (130) "

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(written?)

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Wrote
to
Delaney

Shern père died in 1911, and George (fils) says in his 1925 preface that he has collected enough material about these and others to make two more vols. which he hopes to publish. He died soon after that and they never appeared. I must find out where the MS. material is at Quebec. It ought to be accessible and extremely useful.

If I can do any more, let me know.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

CP. SET AHERNE,

Rec'd Aug 21/25

"Mémories pour
servir"

pr. M. L.
W. W. F.

APPOLME?

Detroit 21, Mich.
19318 Appolme Ave.
August 20, 1945.

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

My dear Dr. Francis:

I have been working for some
time on the history of medicine
in Detroit during the French oc-
cupation, 1701-1760, and find
that the early records are ex-
tremely meager. There were few
medical men here during the
period.

Jean Lemarre dit Belisle, also
known as Belisle-Lemarre,
(1640? - 1740)

Jean Baptiste Forestier (1688 -).

Jean Baptiste Chapotau (1684 - 1750)

Gabriel Christophe Le Grand.

Among the many sources a-
vailable in the Medical Library
and the Burton Historical Col-
lection, the following references
were consulted:

Sherr p. 266
act of the father
Antoine 1646-
1717
Sherr

Tanguay - Dictionnaire Léxico-
logique des Familles Cana-
diennes. 7 vols.

Abbott - History of Medicine in
the Province of Quebec.

Buchett - Brief Account of the
History of Medicine in the
Province of Quebec. Trans.,
American Laryngological
Association, XVII (1908).

Deagerty - Four Centuries of
Medical History in Canada.

Howell - Medicine in Canada.

Seahorn - March of Medicine in
Western Ontario.

As far as I have been able to
discover, the last two men men-
tioned above came directly from
France to Detroit. Belisle came
from France before 1690, lived in
Quebec for about two years before
coming to Detroit, where he remained
until 1710. His name is included
in a list of men practicing medicine
in Montreal between 1712 and 1740,
according to Deagerty.

Forester was a native-borne Canadian, the son of Antoine Forester, an outstanding surgeon of Montreal. The name of Jean Baptiste Forester appears on several deeds as evidence that he lived in Detroit for several years before 1721.

I would appreciate it very much if you could give me any further information about these men or suggest any other references which might be helpful on early Canadian medical history.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) Fanny J. Anderson.

WM. NANCE ANDERSON, M.D.

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September 17, 1952.

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

Dear Dr Francis,-

Your informant concerning an Osler item was only partly right, it was not a Wordsworth but a Keats article which was shown him. On an occasion several years ago a young Priest visited in our home and I showed him a pamphlet by Sir William Osler "John Keats the Apothecary Poet" The young man contemplated entering medicine and I am happy that he has completed his plans.

The article to which he referred is probably familiar to you but in case it is not included in your Osleriana, it is a pamphlet published by the Friedenwald Co. of Baltimore 1896 apparently a reprint from the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin, No 58, Jan. 1896.

I prize the article because it is one of the Osler items left me by my Chief, the late Dr LeRoy Crummer. It gives me great pride to exhibit this pamphlet because it expresses the Osler understanding and sympathy of the soul of the Artist and is an example of the spectrum of tints by which the English language can be applied by such a master craftsman as Sir William.

Would that Medicine could return to the spirit of the 1890's again.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Nance Anderson M.D.

Wm. Nance Anderson M.D.

OSLER LIBRARY,
10 Sept., 1952.

Dr. W. N. Anderson,
3875 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles, 5,
Cal., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Anderson,

A recent Toronto M.D. ('50), whose name I forgot, who was here just now, maintained that you showed him recently in L. A. a paper (pamphlet) by Osler on Wordsworth. I have no doubt he was mistaken. Can you enlighten me, about his surprising statement?

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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

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OSLER LIBRARY,
9th April, 1959.

April 6th, 1959.

Dear Ken,

I got a card saying that it's only the first 100 years that are hard, but I've found the second half-century very pleasant and I hope that your 81st birthday will be as jolly as mine was last week.

I was disappointed that Gordon Osler deposited those volumes in Trinity College Library. Anne W. wrote me in 1951 that they were not too accessible and that there was some talk of trying to get them transferred to the Toronto Public Library, as I (and uncle Willie) had originally recommended. I don't think anything came of it.

I supposed you would have little Auntie's copy of the printed list, 1915; "Osler Family Papers, Index", 15 inches tall, but thin. Vol. 5 is full of interesting letters of Edward Osler (1798-1863) your great-grandfather, his sons, &c. I had typed copies made of these particular letters and have them somewhere, always meaning to publish bits of them.

I am interested to hear that "5 big volumes" I have one spare unbound copy of the miscalled "Index", if you need it, you should have it. Let me know. If you ever have time you might apply to the Trinity Librarian and test how accessible the papers are. They were kept "in the vault", which may make it difficult if they are asked for in a hurry.

I had my 50th birthday yesterday and a fairly second nice letter from Bea agreeing that my "veto" was wise, but that she had been "bitterly disappointed." *(acknowledged)* a long telephone call from Vic, who was festooned in Virginia. Gay is a joy to us. Really Nancy might have produced a girl at last. Love to Lib and all of you. I hope things continue to go well.

Thanks for the offer of chauffeuring me to Toronto (15-19), but I have written the perhaps I can meet you and chauffeur you about.
See my apologies for staying away.

WWF:cd

Bill

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JOHN A. BOYD, JR.

April 6th, 1959.

Dr. William Francis,
Osler Library,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Dear Uncle Bill:-

Very many thanks for your letter of Mar. 4th enclosing the more recent of the "Confessions".

I have sent Charles Jennings' on to him with your comments concerning his wife (Ewart Osborne's daughter) and have received a letter back from him just this morning. She was very touched at your remarks, and he was quite thrilled to get the page of ancient history.

I am interested to hear that "5 big volumes of family papers were earmarked by W.O. & E.B.O. for some Toronto depository in 1915". I would be most interested to hear what Toronto depository holds them as I knew nothing of these family papers before.

I had my 50th birthday yesterday and a fairly considerable gathering of old friends at the house. I had a letter from Gay, who is busy with her new grandson, and a long distance telephone call from Violet, who was fogbound in Virginia and unable to get back in time. However, Johnny and his wife, Betty, were there. The house is full of presents - a number of them liquid.

Sorry to hear that you are not up to the trip to Toronto in June, but if you change your mind let me know and perhaps I can meet you and chauffeur you about.

Dr. William Francis.

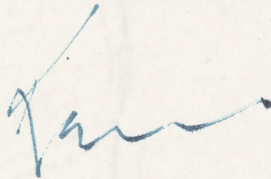
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April 6th, 1959.

I think you are very wise to discourage Aunt Bea from her visit to Canada. It would have been a different matter had she planned to come by herself, but her companion is rather heavy going. Perhaps she takes a lot of knowing, but who has the time! Aunt Bea was quite frail the year before last when I saw her in England.

Many thanks again for sending on the old memories.

Affectionately, your nephew,



Kenneth B. Andras.

KBA/IED.

Love to
Helen + Marion.

Manuel Angulo,
5 de Mayo #35, Sur.
Zacapoaxtla, Pue. México.

6 de Julio de 1953.

Escuela de Medicina de Mo. Gill.
Montreal, Canada.

OSLER LIBRARY,
5 August, 1953.

Dr. Manuel Angulo,
5 de Mayo #35, Sur.
Zacapoaxtla, Pue.,
Mexico.

Dear Sir, Solicito la atención de Ud. para solicitarles sean servidos de decirme si tienen existencia para su venta del libro, "Principios y Práctica de Medicina de Osler" y lo que un ejemplar. Así también me interesaría por libros de Medicina del mismo autor, en la especialidad de "Vias Digestivas".

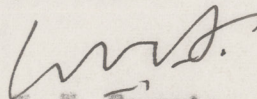
I am not certain whether you want Osler's "Principles and Practice" in English and, if so, in a recent edition (in which case it can be bought from the publishers, Appleton & Co., New York, for about \$10), or in one of the editions prepared by Osler himself before his death in 1919, in which case we can supply a copy for half a dollar, plus postage. Or perhaps it is the translation which you are looking for, namely "Tratado de Patología interna para Médicos y Estudiantes, por Sir Guillermo Osler. 8ª ed. inglesa, ampliamente refundida y revisada con la colaboración de Tomas Mac Crae. Traducida al Español por Francisco Tous Biaggi. 2 Tomos. Barcelona, Manuel Marin, 272, Provenza, 1915." This would probably have to be sought in a Spanish-speaking country.

His collected addresses have also been published in Spanish, "Aequanimitas, con otros discursos pronunciados ante estudiantes de medicina, enfermeras, y médicos recibidos, por sir W. O. Version Castellana del dr. Aristides A. Moll. 5ª ed. Filadelfia (1012 Walnut St.), Blakiston & Co. (1942)".

We have no copies for disposal of Osler's writings on digestive ailments at present. Here are some antiquarian booksellers who might supply these. I have asked each of them to send you their recent lists: American Library Service, 117 West, 48th St., New York 36, N.Y.; Argosy Book Stores, 114 East 59th St., New York 22, N.Y.; Hoosier Bookshop, 1225 Winfield Avenue, Indianapolis 22, Indiana.

Trusting this may be of help,

Yours truly,


Dr. W. W. Francis,
Librarian.

Manuel Angulo.
5 de Mayo #35, Sur.
Zacapoxtla, Pue. México.

6 de Julio de 1953.

Escuela de Medicina de Mc. Gill.
Montreal, Canada.

Muy Srs.mios:-

Molesto la atención de Uds. para suplicarles sean servidos de decirme si tienen existencia para su venta del libro, "Principios y Práctica de Medicina de Osler" y lo que vale un ejemplar. Asi tambien me interesaria por libros de Medicina del mismo autor, en la especialidad de "Vias Digestivas"

Si Uds. no tiene existencia de los mismos, les que daria muy agradecido, su informe para saber donde puedo adquirirlos.

Me anticipo en darles las gracias por la atención que les merezca mi súplica, suscriendome de Uds. atto. y

S. S.

Manuel Angulo

*Please
thank
you.*

OSLER LIBRARY,
23 Sept., 1959.

Mrs. D. F. Angus,
White Cottage,
200 Senneville Road,
Ste. Anne de Bellevue,
P. Q.

Dear Mrs. Angus,

In the name of the Curators of the Osler Library and the Faculty of Medicine we wish to thank you and your sister, Mrs. Bridges, for the 1894 edition of Osler's "Principles and Practice of Medicine", which you have so kindly donated to this Library. As a matter of fact, the original collection lacked this edition, so you have filled the gap by presenting us your father's copy.

We are also very grateful for the 1883-1884 admission card, certified by Osler and Dr. T. Wesley Mills, who was his assistant, and later on the first professor of physiology from 1884-1910. The students, in these days, paid their fees to the individual professors, who gave them a certified card, which entitled them to take the examination at the end of the term. Osler's classes were very popular, so his chief source of income, at that time, was his students' fees!

These two items are of great historical interest, so they are valuable acquisitions to the Osler collection. No doubt your father, Dr. White (M.D. '86), would have been pleased to know that, through the kindness of his daughters, his well-used textbook and student admission card, have been deposited in the Osler Library.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D.,
Dean, Faculty of Medicine,
Professor of the History of Medicine.

LGS:cd

OSLER LIBRARY,
14 Feb., 1950.

Dr. Jean Anker,
Chief Librarian,
University Library,
49 Nørre Allé,
Copenhagen,
Denmark.

Dear Dr. Anker,

Your last year's letters have emerged from somewhere to reproach me for my neglect. My age is my only excuse.

I hope the plans are progressing for CENTAURUS. There are not many in Canada interested enough in the history of medicine to undertake a co-editorship for this country. One excellent choice, if you can get him, would be Dr. E. P. Scarlett, Calgary Associate Clinic, 214 Sixth Avenue, West, Calgary, Alta. Dr. Lloyd Stevenson, who is studying for a Ph.D. at the Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine and who published a good life of Banting in 1948, is a young man, and, I believe, intends to return soon to the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada. He could be helpful.

With best wishes and apologies for the delay.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

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

WWF:cd

DR. JEAN ANKER
CHIEF LIBRARIAN
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
(Scientific and Medical Dept.)

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COPENHAGEN
DENMARK

23. May 1949.

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

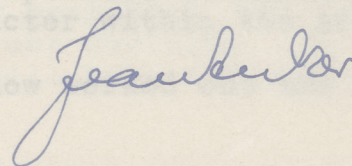
Dear Dr. Francis,

When I wrote to you a month ago concerning the new periodical CENTAURUS I did not realize that you was co-editor of the Journal of the History of Medicine.

Of course, I ought to have known it in beforehand, and I beg you to excuse this negligence.

Under these circumstances I can find nothing else to do than asking you to do me the favour of referring to another Canadian scientific, who in your opinion would be suited for the task as editor for Canada. I hope it will be possible to find the right person.

Yours sincerely,



CENTAURUS
INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE
With a supplement:
CENTAURUS MONOGRAPHS.

In Centaurus Science should of course represent the main part and Medicine the lesser part of this creature. By negotiating with editors I have obtained such favourable conditions that I can start the periodical in this country.

DR. JEAN ANKER
CHIEF LIBRARIAN
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
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22. April 1949.

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

Dear Dr. Francis,

Although you do not know me I take the liberty of writing to you concerning a plan on which I am at present working, and which has already been met with approval from several quarters.

From time to time I have been requested to start the issue of a periodical concerning the history of Science and Medicine. Such a periodical we lack in this country, and in a way we have great need of it. Working at this problem I have, however, come to the conclusion that what we really need is an all round co-operation, also in this field. The general trend of our time goes in that direction especially on account of the ever increasing and ever improving communications between people of different nationalities, made possible by the development of modern technique. The national barriers are being broken down, and in my opinion necessarily must be broken down, if our world keeping time with the development of modern technique shall have hope of a happier future.

In concordance with this point of view I have therefore come to the conclusion that the best thing is to try to start a periodical of a somewhat international character. In this way one might also to some extent contribute in gradually limiting the numbers of periodicals. I know from my position that the numbers of periodicals are increasing at an alarming rate. I must, however, at once and strongly emphasize that this new periodical is not intended to become a competitor to already existing periodicals of a more national or local character within the said field.

According to the plans I have until now worked out the title of the new periodical should be:

CENTAURUS
INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE
With a supplement:
CENTAURUS MONOGRAPHS.

In Centaurus Science should of course represent the animal part and Medicine the human part of this creature. By negotiating with an editor I have obtained such favourable conditions that I am able to publish the periodical in this country.

More detailed information concerning the periodical will appear from the following draft to a program:

Chief Librarian

The CENTAURUS. INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE is issued quarterly. It will bring original papers on the subjects mentioned in the title. Each issue has approximately 80 pages. The annual subscription rate is about \$ 6.00 or 30 sh.

The supplement, CENTAURUS MONOGRAPHS, will appear at irregular intervals and is intended to include comprehensive monographs within the scope of the Review, too large to be published in it. The subscription does not include the Monographs, the price of which will be fixed in every single case.

No payment is made for contributions, but 25 reprints of each article or copies of each monograph will be sent to the author free of charge. Extra copies, if desired, will be supplied at a special rate.

The articles and monographs will be printed in English, French or German.

Manuscripts may be sent to any member of the Editorial Board, or directly to the general editorial office, Nr. Allé 49, Copenhagen N, Denmark. Corrected proofs, however, as well as all subscriptions and business communications should be sent directly to the publishers...

In accordance with my plans there would have to be co-editors in a number of countries, and so I take the liberty of asking you, if you would be willing to become editor in Canada. A fee I can unfortunately not offer you, but as compensation can offer you only a free copy of the periodical and its supplement. On the other hand no economic support is demanded from Canada.

Your task as editor would be to procure at the earliest possible moment as many and as well-suited contributions for the periodical from Canada as possible.

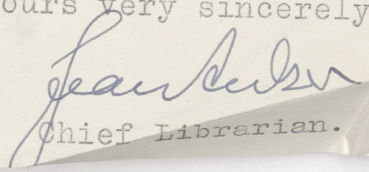
As you will realize a periodical of the said nature would be able to include all material pertaining to the subject - whether extensive or not - and the field would be completely covered.

I hope you will take the matter under your kind consideration and at your earliest convenience let me know of your decision. It goes without saying that you as co-editor for Canada will have a decisive influence as regards selecting material.

Please consider this matter as confidential until it can be carried out.

Dr. Henry A. Viets, Boston Medical Library, who has referred to you, is of opinion that perhaps you will be unable to accept my invitation. If so you would do me a great favour by referring to one of your fellow-countrymen suited for the task as editor. - Included you will find a survey of our Exchange Publications.

Yours very sincerely


Chief Librarian.

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October 9, 1950

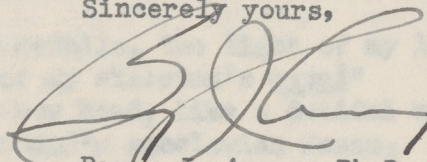
W. W. Francis, M.D., Librarian
The Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Dr. Francis:

Please accept my thanks for sending the pamphlet on the exhibit of anatomical illustrations. Not only has the text provided interesting and profitable reading, but has served to remind me that Miss Elizabeth Carr should be encouraged to resume preparation of her series of illustrated articles on old books in the Archibald Church Library. We have already published several of these in the Quarterly Bulletin.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Barry J. Anson, Ph.D.
Professor of Anatomy

P.S. Regretfully, I report that the Osler poem is new to me, and that, consequently, I cannot supply the stanzas.

Yours,

B. J. A.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS

THE MEDICAL OFFICE
West Chicago, Illinois
No. 2 Chicago St.

July 24, 1950

OSLER LIBRARY,
22 Sept., 1950.

Dr. Barry J. Anson,
The Medical School,
Northwestern University,
Chicago 11,
Ill., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Anson,

Your comical (fancy calling them sacrilegious!)
"Anatomic Christmas cards" reprint somehow got mislaid a month
or two ago and I have only just seen it now. They appeal;
and it is being duly catalogued in the pamphlet file under
"Facetiae".

If you ever come across an anatomic poem of which
Osler used to quote the last stanza and lament having lost the
rest, please let me know; it ended with this clinch:-

Said she, "My medulla, the light of my life
And pith of my skeleton's ossa!"
And he buried her head, like a dutiful wife,
In her husband's subclavian fossa,

I also like the other reprints, the "Saints, Satan, &c."
and your earlier, 1945, article on the Vesalian initials. I'm
impatiently waiting for someone to return the S. G. O., 1949,
vol. in order to compare the two.

I enclose a pamphlet on "Anatomical illustration" in which
I had a hand. It may interest and make amends for my delayed thanks,
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criticism (albeit whimsical) of commercialized, exploited, Christidai

Thanking you for kind correction and with best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Francis

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

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Encl:-

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July 24, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I regret that my supply of reprints of the Vesalian item was exhausted long ago. However, in its stead I am forwarding a reprint of a similar, but less inclusive, paper which appeared earlier in our Quarterly Bulletin.

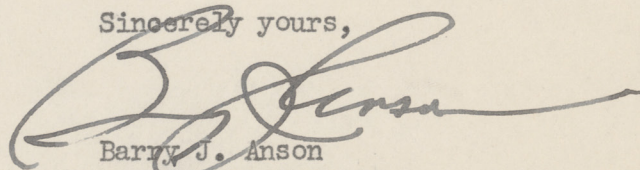
I am chagrined to learn of my error; one should compose a text with the source at hand, not from notes. Unfortunately, I was obliged to depend upon a tabulation (prepared at Western Reserve), since our library does not possess the 1543 edition. Consequently, an early inadvertency was perpetuated.

I have been interested, too, in the initial letters in the Index of the Fabrica. Assumedly the blocks were ready at hand in the printer's shop, available for use in any ambitious project. I've wondered whether they appear in comparable, contemporaneous works from the same press.

Two additional reprints are enclosed in the separately mailed packet. Should they prove to be too frivolous, do not hesitate to consign both to the waste-paper basket. Incidentally, I'm reminded that the little article on Anatomic Christmas Cards was described by one reader as "sacrilegious", when I had intended that it be a criticism (albeit whimsical) of commercialized, exploited, Christide!

Thanking you for kind correction, and with best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Barry J. Anson
Professor of Anatomy

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LONDON OFFICE: 34 BEDFORD STREET, STRAND CABLE ADDRESS: HILANDERO



35 West 32nd Street, New York 1, N. Y.

August 26, 1947

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

The delay in replying to your letter of August 15 has been occasioned by my absence from the office on vacation.

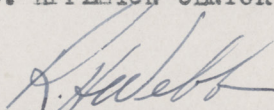
We appreciate the information given in your letter dated August 15 and we will forward this information together with the information contained in the memorandum attached to your letter to both Dr. Henry A. Christian, author and editor of the Osler Practice and to Dr. James G. Carr who prepared the article on "The History of Medicine As Told In Sixteen Editions of Osler's Principles and Practice of Medicine".

In times past there has been some criticism of the indexes prepared for various of our medical titles and I believe I am correct in stating that it was Dr. Christian's desire to have the index to his revisions prepared in such a detailed manner that reference to any part of the book would be simplified and made as rapid as possible. Possibly some space would have been conserved by using smaller type but the tendency in technical books in recent years has been towards the use of larger type and in this particular instance the number of pages saved in the use of a smaller type would have been so small that it would hardly seem to justify making a change.

Dr. Christian has been a most conscientious author and editor of the famous Osler text and we hope that you will be more than pleased with this latest edition with the exception of the criticisms given in your letter of the 15th and the attached memorandum.

Sincerely yours

D. APPLETON-CENTURY CO., INC.


MANAGER, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

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August 4, 1947

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 1 and wish to advise that Dr. Carr's historical introduction to the 16th Edition of Christian-Osler, PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE is not published separately. "The History of Medicine (1892-1947)" is incorporated in the front matter of the 16th Edition, a complimentary copy of which we are sending to you under separate cover.

Trusting the book will reach you promptly and will prove of value to your library, we are

Yours sincerely

D. APPLETON-CENTURY CO., INC.

R. H. Webb
MANAGER, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

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Osler Library
15 Aug., 1947

"Corrigenda"

"The History of Medicine (1892-1947) as told in 16 eds. of Osler's Principles & practice of medicine," by James G. Carr, pp. xiii-xxi in the 16th ed., 1947

CORRIGENDA from Dr W. W. Francis, Osler's literary executor:

- p. xvi, ll. 21-2: for pneumonia; the serum made by Pany has not shown
read pneumonia, the serum made by Pane having been most
extensively employed. Thus far it has not been shown
- xvii, ll. 15-16: for veratrum vidiride read veratrum viride
l. 36: for thyroid gland; (a) congenital form, (b)
read thyroid gland ... (a) congenital form ... (b)
l. 41: after imperfect nutrition add of the hair
- xviii, l. 4: delete comma and to help add dash after myxoedema
ll. 17- : the quotation from the 4th ed. should end with "dwellings"
in l. 21. The rest of the paragraph is from some ed. later than
than the death of Noguchi (here spelled Naguchi!), 1928.
- xix, l. 1: read fell a victim! The 10th edition (1925) has, "The work of/
l. 13: water-soluble (supply hyphen,
l. 36: post-mortem "
- xx, l. 2: for Williams read William
ll. 11-14: this is a quotation, as Osler indicates, from Morison
l. 19: Marchiafava
l. 42: for study of the Canal Zone read story of the Canal Zone,
Panama,
- xxi, l. 16: for lesions read lesion
ll. 17-18: read as to medicinal treatment: "This is most unsatis-
factory, and no one drug seems to have a directly curative
influence

OSLER LIBRARY,
1 August, 1947.

The Editor,
Medical Dept.,
D. Appleton-Century Company,
55 West 32nd St.,
New York, 1,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Sir,

I am told that Dr. Carr's historical introduction to the 16th edition of "Osler" is being issued separately as "The history of medicine (1692-1947)". I find I made a memo last year that Mr. Surber had died. In a letter of his to me in Sept. 1945 thanking me for information he promised to send this library a copy of the 16th ed. when issued. Our Medical Library has already purchased it, but I think that Osler's library should have a complimentary copy of the "History".

Yours truly,

W. W. Francis

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

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September 14, 1945.

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

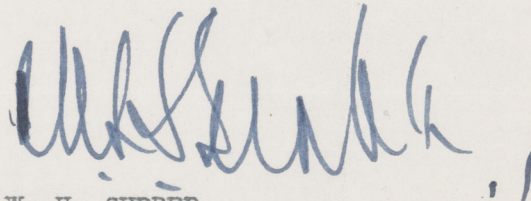
Thank you very much for your letter of September 12 giving us information concerning several editions of Osler's Principles and Practice. Your information enabled us to straighten out a misunderstanding in regard to both the fifth edition and the eighth edition, and we will use this information in the present copy prepared by Dr. Carr.

In the meantime we have requested the Library of Congress to give us a check on all copyrights which we will check against copy before having type set up.

I think Dr. Carr's article is based to some extent on his "Eleven Editions of Osler" bringing his information up to include the 15th edition and Dr. Christian is editing to include information regarding the 16th edition. Probably you have noticed in the 15th edition that Dr. Christian has included some information of historical interest, including a note that will enable one to identify the first printing of the first edition and also adding the names of those to whom the first edition was dedicated on the page carrying the preface to the first edition. Actually there was no preface to the first edition and what we have since termed the preface carried the heading "NOTE".

I am sending your letter to Dr. Christian as I am sure he will find it of interest and particularly your reference to Dr. Mac Dermot's article, and upon publication of the 16th edition I will be sure to send you a copy.

Sincerely yours,



W. H. SURBER
Editor, Medical Department

WHS:HH

Appleton

OSLER LIBRARY,
18 Sept., 1945.

Mr. W. H. Surber,
Editor, Medical Department,
D. Appleton-Century Company,
35 West 32nd Street,
New York 1,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Surber,

Thanks for yours of the 14th and for the promise of a copy
of the 16th edition.

Here is a copy of a published letter about the pirated
edition. If I had looked it up before writing to you, it would have saved me
from some slight inaccuracies. You might send it on to Dr. Christian or
Dr. Carr in case they don't know of it and may want to use it.

Yours sincerely

W. W. F.

COPY from The Lancet,
vol. 1, (11 April) 1903, p. 1068

OSLER'S PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, FIFTH EDITION:
AN EXPLANATION.
To the Editors of THE LANCET

Sirs, - May I ask the courtesy of your pages in explanation of the
premature appearance of a new edition of my text-book? To justify the
confidence which the profession has shown in the work I have tried to
make each edition a faithful exponent of the medicine of the day. I
had hoped to be able to follow the plan of a triennial issue, but,
unfortunately, the fourth edition was not copyrighted in Great Britain,
and in December, 1901, shortly after its publication by Kimpton and
Company, an edition - more American - was published by Pentland. He
was quite within his rights - quite as much so as the American
publishers who, for many years, battered and fattened on the brains
of English authors. That Mr. Pentland should have issued the edition
so promptly - in six or eight weeks, I believe - and that he should
have reduced the price from 24s. to 18s. showed that he had bettered
the instruction of his teachers on this side of the water. To obtain

P. S. O.

copyright in Great Britain a new fifth edition has had to be issued. I regret the mistake that has disturbed the normal process of triennial parturition, but the circumstances justify what Rabelais calls "the pretty perquisite of a superfoetation."

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

Wm. Osler.

Baltimore, March 21, 1903.

Appleton

OSLER LIBRARY,
12 Sept., 1945.

Mr. W. H. Surber,
D. Appleton-Century Company,
55 West 52nd Street,
New York 1,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Surber,

The dates of issue (and copyright) of the editions of Osler's Principles and Practices, about which you ask, are: 4th ed., 1901; 5th ed., 1902; 6th ed., 1905; 7th ed., 1909. The 8th ~~didn't~~ appeared ⁱⁿ 1912 and had a long life. "Considerable changes" were made in 1916, with new copyright, but without breaking up the plates; and the 9th came in 1920.

What Osler called the orderly sequence of three-yearly editions had to be broken in 1902 to stop the sale in Great Britain of the Edinburgh pirated 4th ed., 1901. It seems that Pentland who had published the first 3 eds. (the American sheets, but with his imprint) thought himself unjustly used when your company made other arrangements for the British issues. Within three weeks Pentland reprinted your 4th ed. exactly and put it on the market at half price! Hence the 5th ed. early the next year, 1902, with several changes, to recover the British copyright.

Dr. Archibald Malloch, Librarian of the N. Y. Academy of Medicine, and I are Osler's library executors. He knows more than I do about Osler copyrights, and would be glad to help you on such questions. He has told me that the British Museum has a partial printing with the imprint of Geo. M. Morang & Co., Toronto, 1901, about which I once wrote your firm. The fire, which I now hear of for the first time, probably accounts for my not getting information about this and other points. That Toronto printing may have been done to prevent the sale in Canada of the 1901 Edinburgh pirate. I haven't succeeded in finding a copy of those Toronto sheets.

The only copyright I can't account for in the list on the back of the t.-p. of your 15th ed. is that of 1904. I have seen no copy of the book bearing that date, though your firm had the bad habit of changing the date on the front of the title-page

when printing off a new batch. (I have, for instance, 1st eds. dated "1893" & "1894" and a 5th ed. dated "1903", the unaltered sheets of "1892" and "1902", respectively, the years of the copyrights and first issues of those eds.) So far as I remember there were no changes in the 5th ed. (1902) in 1904. I read the proofs of that ed. and of the 6th, 1905.

I am glad to hear that the 16th ed. will include Dr. Carr's article, modified, I suppose, from his interesting 1934 paper, "Eleven eds. of Osler", which I have just now re-read. Another good study which you ought to see is Dr. H. E. MacDermot's "Notes on the early eds. of Osler's Textbook", *Annals of Medical History*, N. Y., n.s. 6: 224-40, 1934.

Yours sincerely,

W. F.

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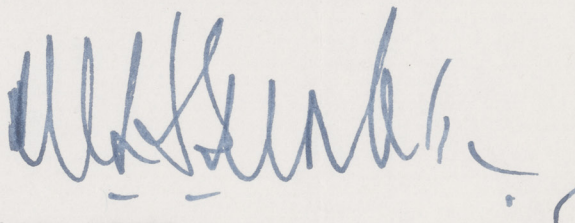
September 20, 1945.

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 18
sending me a copy of Osler's letter published in The Lancet,
regarding the pirated edition. I will be glad to send this
to Dr. Christian.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. H. Surber', with a flourish at the end.

W. H. SURBER
Editor, Medical Department

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September 6, 1945.

Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Librarian and Director of the
Museum of the History of Medicine
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

As all of the early records, including early editions of books, of D. Appleton and Company were destroyed by fire some years ago, I do not have reference to some of the early editions of Osler's Principles and Practice of Medicine, and if it would not place you to any great inconvenience I would appreciate your advising me if the following copyright years are correct for several of the early editions.

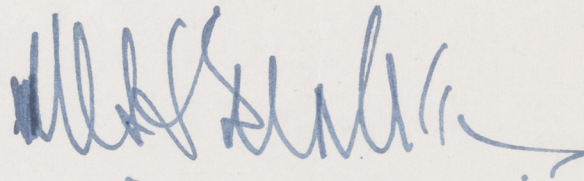
Fourth Edition - - - - - 1901 ✓
Fifth Edition - - - - - 1904-1902
Sixth Edition - - - - - 1909-1905

7th 1909
8th 1912.

One condition that confuses us to some extent is the fact that we have more copyrights than we have editions, this due to the fact that some editions were slightly revised and new copyrights taken out.

In the next edition, the 16th, Dr. Christian will include an article "The History of Medicine (1892-1946), As Told in 16 Editions of Osler's Principles and Practice of Medicine", by Dr. James G. Carr of Northwestern University, Chicago, and I want to be sure that the above information is correct in this article.

Sincerely yours,



W. H. SURBER
Editor, Medical Department

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NEW YORK

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October 26, 1942

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McGill University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

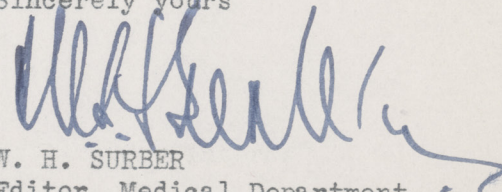
Dear Doctor Francis:

Thank you very much for calling our attention to the misspelling of Lady Osler's name on the copyright page of Dr. Christian's 14th Edition of OSLER'S PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. We will see that a correction is made in the next printing.

An editor no longer with us handled previous editions of this book and I had no record of your former advice. Evidently Dr. Christian is unaware that the name is misspelled as he saw proof of the page before it went to press.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your interest,
I am

Sincerely yours



W. H. SURBER
Editor, Medical Department

WHS:FS

OSLER LIBRARY,
17 October, 1942.

The D. Appleton-Century Co., Inc.,
35 West 32nd Street,
New York,
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs,

I have just seen the 14th ed. of "Osler" and have not had time to appraise its changes. But I regret to notice that on the back of the title-page the same faulty line, "Copyright 1920, 1923, 1925, by Gruce Revell Osler" (instead of Revera) has been re-introduced. I wrote to you about this in Aug. 1935. It occurs in the 11th and 12th eds. but was omitted from the 13th.

Please inform me if you are legally obliged to misspell Lady Osler's name in this connection. If not, it should be changed. I am one of Sir Wm. Osler's literary executors.

Yours truly,

W. W. Francis

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

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January 16, 1942

Dr. W. W. Francis
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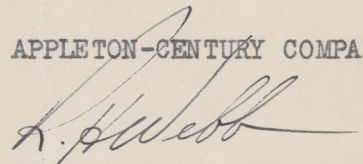
Dear Dr. Francis:

Replying to your letter dated January 14th we wish to advise that we expect to receive this week the completed manuscript for the new 14th edition of Osler PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. This edition has been edited and prepared by Dr. Henry A. Christian formerly head of the Department of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. We hope to be able to publish the 14th edition by the end of May of this year.

If you wish to have a copy of the new Osler sent to you upon publication, will you please advise.

Yours very truly,

D. APPLETON-CENTURY COMPANY



MANAGER, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

REW:AM

Draft of letter for the Dean, acknowledging
to Dr. Arcieri a copy of this book. 1945.

W. W. F.

Caesalpinus may have suffered some undeserved neglect, but Harvey is so firmly entrenched that your attack is not likely to have much effect outside of Italy. I doubt if it does your cause ^{any} good to accuse such men as Foster, Singer, and Fulton of national or racial prejudice. The shoe seems rather to be on the other foot. Fascist propaganda, we hope, has had its day!

Questions of priority are ticklish. You prefer Colombo to Servetus for the lesser circulation, but fail to mention, apparently, that Servetus's description exists in a manuscript as early as 1546, or the astonishing fact (which disposes of both of them) that the lesser circulation was equally well described in the 13th century by the Arabic writer Ibn-an-Nafis.

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Dear Millie

This is the least referred to. He certainly had a half-on Harvey and such madmen as John Sullon and others.

It seems to me to be a Jewish trade - much ado about little except for propogand purposes. How should I answer him?

John Markins

P.S. He is sending Maurice Abbott a copy of the book, which, like
will probably come to me.

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OSLER LIBRARY,
8 Nov., 1945.

The Dean

Dear John,

Cesalpino is known in English by his Latin name, Cesalpinus.

Below is a draft of a reply to Arcieri's letter of Oct. 26th. If you don't like to sign it as it is, change it, or I could put it in the form of a report to you which you could enclose with your formal thanks.

Herewith a copy of his quarterly Alcegaona, of 1939. Notice the Fascist date XVII at the bottom of the cover; the change of his name which used to be "Giovanni P." on p. 1; and the advertisement of the Italian original of this book on p. 2. Evidently it was written in the full flood of Fascist aggression.

P.S. *as above.*

W.W.F.

Draft for the Dean

Dear Dr. Arcieri,

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P. T. C.

ALCMEONE

PHONE: LEHIGH 4-3888

Journal of History of Medicine
217 EAST 116TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 2, 1945.

Maude E. Abbott, M.D.
McGill University Faculty of Medicine
Montreal, Canada.

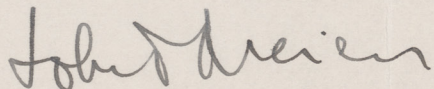
My dear Dr. Abbott:-

Under separate cover I am taking the liberty to send you a copy of a book I published recently on the discovery of the blood circulation by the title, "The Circulation of the Blood and Andrea Cesalpino of Arezzo."

I shall appreciate it very much, my dear Dr. Abbott, if you want to be kind enough to express your opinion about it, which I should consider myself honored to publish in my journal of history of medicine, ALCMEONE, in due time.

With my sincere thanks and appreciation, I beg to remain,
my dear Dr. Abbott,

Yours very truly,



(John P. Arcieri, M.D.)

(Professor of History of Medicine,
University of Rome).

(Diplomate in Cardio-Respiratory
Diseases, University of Rome).

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13 December 47

Mr. W. W. Francis, Cataloguer
 Osler Library, McGill University
 Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Mr. Francis:

I am considerably amused by the uncommon naivete ascribed to me in your note of 11 December, replying to my inquiry, which I meant to be friendly and not critical, concerning Bibliotheca Osleriana Nos. 2588 & 6623.

Happily for the profession of bibliography there are respectable reference tools such as the Osler catalogue available, and I am sure that at the earliest age of curiosity "Bd. with" would not present any problem of understanding to a reasonably intelligent user of even so erudite a compilation. However, unfortunately, the foibles of presumption on the part of most of us who describe books have usually been such as would seem to work to devise special techniques for the perpetuation of bibliographical hocus-pocus. This is one of the reasons we have been so unsuccessful in developing an interest in books and book collecting among those who are not catalogers and scholars.

To refer back to my original inquiry, when I searched the Fienus entry, 2588, I had hoped to find a pertinent reference concerning the book and its literary values. This is not an unusual use of the Osler catalogue. Then, with the clearest conception of the meaning of "Bd. with" I expected to find Fienus' name mentioned in the subsequent entry, 6623 - another usual finding in the Osler catalogue.

I might note, though, that a volume printed in 1617 and another one printed in 1608, cannot be (from Antwerp + however) in "original" vellum covers, to the ten is generally observed with accuracy. L.A.

When there was no reference to Fienus' book under 6623 I assumed, perhaps preternaturally, that there might have been a typographical error in the cross-entry, and that an explanation or query before mine had perhaps resolved the problem.

I am sorry to have troubled you, so cordially apologize and wish you the best of Merry Christmas Greetings.

Sincerely,
Lee Ash
 Lee Ash
 Bibliographer



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Number 114 EAST 59th STREET
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK
Telephone PLAZA 3-8868

9 Dec 1947

Bibliographer
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec
Canada

Dear Sir:

Whenever you have an opportunity I would appreciate clarification of Bibliotheca Osleriana No. 2588, Fienus.

The reference, "Bd. with no. 6623 (see note)," is confusing us no-end upon searching 6623.

Whatever information you can offer will be very welcome. Thank you,

Sincerely,

Lee Ash
Lee Ash
Bibliographer

11/4/47

Dear Sir,

If you can guess that "Bd." stands for "Bound" ^{with} these should be no beginning (let alone "no-end") of confusion. The note to no. 6623 describes the interesting binding from the monastery of Offspringham.

Yours sincerely

L. W. Francis
Cataloguer.

ARMOUR ✓

THE NASSAU CLUB
PRINCETON, N. J.

August 2nd 1944

Dear Doctor Francis:

It is fully a month since I was last in your truly delightful Osler Library but to-day I find myself reading - once again - your fascinating address of May 24th 1937. It was so very good of you to have given me a copy of this offprint. Dr. Radin was good enough to send me a copy of Corporal William White's paper (which I saw for the first time in your Library) and I shall have these two bound, for permanent reference. Have you any other such papers or addresses? If so, it would be such a privilege to become "seized of" them, as the lawyers would say. Please do not think me too much of an Oliver Twist in all this.

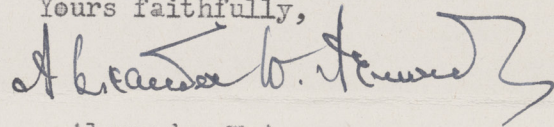
You were indeed gracious to take so much telling me things, and showing me your treasures. Your obiter dicta was so illuminating. Also, I received such polite attention from your charming assistant, whose name I have stupidly forgotten. But she is such a lovely young woman that I cannot forget her. When I'm next in Mont'l I'll come again, if I may, and browse in your beautiful shrine. I was telling Dr. York, our University physician, about this experience and he remarked that Dr. Osler has been the great inspiration of his life. Whenever a P'ton

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boy comes to the Doctor seeking light and hope and courage, he always places in his hands a copy of "A Way of Life" and inevitably it works. So many have remarked that they never knew such a man ever lived or that such an inspiring statement had ever been made.

Yours is indeed a happy life, to be a sharer of the treasures assembled by this truly great physician and dearly loved saint. My grateful thanks always for your graciousness to

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alexander W. Armour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Alexander W. Armour

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

ARMOUR ✓

The Lure of Autograph Collecting

LECTURES OF INTEREST
TO HISTORICAL, PATRIOTIC, AND
LITERARY SOCIETIES



MR. ALEXANDER WILLIAM ARMOUR, who has made the collecting of historical documents a lifelong hobby, has had lantern slides made of more than one hundred and fifty especially interesting items of his collection, which now numbers more than eight

hundred, and gives lectures on the subject of autograph collecting. These lectures have interested a wide range of audiences, including Historical, Patriotic and Literary associations, as well as groups of younger people, such as boys and girls in Preparatory Schools, High Schools and Scout Troops.

Mr. Armour's slides present letters, official and state documents, etc., emanating from such notables as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, Thomas Carlyle, Robert Browning, James Russell Lowell, Walt Whitman, Queen Anne, Queen Victoria, Napoleon Bonaparte and Florence Nightingale.

Mr. Armour's book on autograph collecting ("Notables and Autographs") was published in 1939, and he has received letters of appreciation from the Directors of many libraries, including the New York Public Library, The Pierpont Morgan Library, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the William L. Clements Library, the Boston Public Library, the Widener Library (Harvard University), the Henry E. Huntington Library (San Marino), the British Museum and the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

Mr. Armour is available for lecture engagements. He resides at The Nassau Club, Princeton, New Jersey. His telephone is Princeton 580.

OSLER LIBRARY,
6th Sept., 1944.

Alexander W. Armour, Esq.,
The Nassau Club,
Princeton,
N. J., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Armour,

I am glad to have the photo of your Osler letter. The date, I think, would be 1915 or thereabouts, and the "Lane" to whom it is addressed would not be the surgeon but the London publisher, John (of the "Bodley Head"). He was evidently helping my sister, Mrs. H. C. Osborne (W. O. didn't bother about final e's) to find a publisher for her first book, "Poems by Marian Osborne," Lond., Chiswick Press, 1914. John Lane died in 1925, and my sister's dates are 1871-1931. She was Osler's favorite niece. I don't think he succeeded in enticing Leacock to Workam Gardens.

Cushing's Life of Osler, 2 vols., 1925, is full of his letters, but no collection of them, as such, has been published. I have about 300 originals here and copies of many others.

Miss Desbarats and I were very gratified by your ultra-appreciative letter of Aug. 2nd, and I am delighted to hear of Dr. York's good use of "A way of life." The booklet is given to all our medical students by the will of an old pupil of Osler's.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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THE NASSAU CLUB
PRINCETON, N. J.

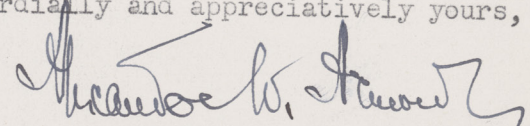
August 30th '44

Dear Dr. Francis:

file in Osler letters box.

I enclose a photograph (greatly reduced, of course) of the letter written by the great man, in my manuscript collection. Is the addressee Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, who died not long ago? Has anyone brought out a book of the Sir William Osler letters yet? It could be a delightful compilation. The reference to Leacock is interesting.

Cordially and appreciatively yours,



Alexander W. Armour

6 May, 1936

Dr. J. M. Armstrong,
625 Lowry Medical Arts Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

I am flattered by your invitation to address your very distinguished looking Cos-Onidus Society, and am equally distressed to have to decline the invitation. I have nothing ready in the way of medical history which I could brush up into an address to give you, and I have not sufficient time with various things on hand to get up any suitable paper. I am very much impressed with the two programmes you sent me.

Of course if that evening is free I should be delighted to attend your meeting.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

625 Lowry Med. Bldg.
St. Paul, Minnesota
U. S. A.



April 27, 1936.

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

Dear Doctor Francis,

You are planning to attend the Medical
Association Meeting in St. Paul June 22 to 24
next. As there are no scheduled activities
of the Association on the evening of June 23,
Cos Cnicos, our Minnesota Society for the
Study of Medical History, plans to have a
dinner meeting on that date. We shall be
very much pleased if you will consent to
be our guest and deliver an address on
some phase of Medical History. Our members
and guests would greatly appreciate your accept-
ance of the invitation and we trust you may
reply favorably. I am sending under separate
cover two programmes of previous meetings of
the Society. Yours very sincerely,

625 Lowry Medical Bldg. St. Paul, Minnesota
Dorcasus Tracy

OSLER LIBRARY,
6 April, 1945.

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
School of Dentistry,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh,
Pa., U.S. A.

^{Dr.}
Dear Archer,
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Thanks for the latest "Historical Sketch of Anesthesia". I am almost bewildered by the frequency of your publications on the subject, but equally impressed by their ingenious diversity and their unflinching interest.

On p. 18, I am a bit doubtful about "refrigeration anesthesia, first noted by Larry", to which I should like to have the reference. (Is it, perhaps, Larrey, father or son?). There is a note in our printed catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana", p. 140, as follows:

"Bartholin (Thomas, 1616-80) in his book on snow ('De nivis usu', Copenhagen, 1661, p. 132) has a chapter (xxii) on its use as an analgesic: 'This was taught me by Marco Aurelio Severino ... at Naples ... To avoid gangrene he recommended us to apply the snow in narrow parallel lines and to wait a quarter of an hour, when the feeling would be so deadened that the part could be cut without pain' (trl.)."

Can you tell me anything about Benjamin Perley Poore, author of "Historical materials for the biography of W. T. G. Morton," Washington, 1856, of which he published "a few copies" for revision? Osler got a copy from Morton's son.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

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I wonder when he found the snow at Naples?

OSLER LIBRARY,
22 January, 1945.

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
Professional Building,
Pittsburgh,
Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Archer,

Many thanks for the "Life and letters" of H. W. It looks like a pretty "definitive" record. Your enthusiasm has evidently been well rewarded. You seem to have unearthed a lot of interesting details about your tragic hero.

The illustrations also are valuable features of the handsome book and very well reproduced.

I haven't yet seen an account of the Centenary celebration at Hartford, in which I expect you played a big part. I must look it up.

With every good wish for the new year.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

WWF:CD

OSLER LIBRARY,
16 January, 1943.

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
Professional Bldg.,
Pittsburgh,
Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Archer,

A copy of the Wells pamphlet has come to light in our Medical Library, "Dr. Wells, the discoverer of anaesthesia. New York: J. A. Gray, printer and stereotyper, 13 & 18 Jacob St. Fire-proof buildings. 1860." It has 15 printed pp. plus a poor engraving of the usual portrait, and is dated 10 years earlier than the Osler copy, 16 pp., Hartford, 1870. Pasted in is an original autograph letter of Mrs. Wells, dated "Hartford April, 1860," of which I enclose a copy, as I've no doubt it will interest you. There is no address but I suppose it was sent to one of the prospective attendants of the "Medical Convention to be held at New Haven."

Can you tell me whether similar letters of hers are known and perhaps published; or what action was taken, if any, by the Connecticut(?) medical society in 1860?

Yours sincerely,

WHP:CD
Incl:-

OSLER LIBRARY,
11 May, 1943.

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
Professional Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Archer,

I haven't Dr. Raper's address, but I see that you got the article out of him, so will you please pass on to him my congratulations on his "Review" of the Long celebrations in the March Bulletin of the History of Medicine? It is a masterly and judicious bit of debunking. The only flaw in it seems to occur in the title: "Centennial anniversary" is surely redundant!

Hugh Young is an old friend and teacher of mine, but he well deserves to be operated on without an anesthetic for his misguided longings.

Yours sincerely,

L. V. F.

WWF:CD

June 5, 1942.

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
Professional Bldg.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Archer,

I didn't know that Wells had a medical degree, and I haven't succeeded in finding out anything about it. I am pretty sure that no medical society ever had the right to (or ever did) confer an honorary M. D. on anyone. Only a University or College (or the Archbishop of Canterbury!) could do that. I think the "Parisian Medical Society" before which he appeared (Brewster's letter of 1 Mar., 1847, p. 8 of your "Chronol. Hist.") was a society of English-speaking physicians and students. Is there any record of what the two French Academies, des Sciences and de Médecine, did about his claims?

He may be one of your boys, but we'd gladly medicate him, even if we can't steal him from you.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. F.

Archer

5 December, 1940.

Dr. Harry Archer,
School of Dentistry,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Dr. Archer,

I am sending you to-day under separate cover the four photostats. You will notice that ^{the} "antidotarium", like all books of that time, is printed in abbreviated Latin, which not everyone who knows Latin can read. Let me know if you would like me to transcribe the "Spongia" formula for you in normal Latin.

When I said that this was the first thing printed on anesthesia, I was excluding the "deep sleep" which the Lord God caused to fall upon Adam while ~~He~~ ^{He} excised the rib to make Eve (Genesis, 2, 21); that, of course, was printed in the first Bible, about 1484-6.

I enclose a bill from Mr. Thompson, the photographer, for \$ 1.15. If convenient, you may send me the remittance, payable to him, and I will hand it to him.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

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Antidotalium
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4 December, 1940.

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
School of Dentistry,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Dr. Archer,

I have the two photostats of the "dwale" (2 pages) from the MS. no 7591, but perhaps I had better keep them now and send them with the others that you want. Neither that MS. nor the 1471 Nicolas (7467) has a title-page but I'll have photostats made for you from the latter showing the "Spongia" and the colophon (last page, giving title, date and name of printer. Title-pages are a later development. The MS. is recent enough to have had one, but the beginning and end of this receipt book are missing.

I shall be glad to have your "History" and shall let you know (not so gladly) of any flaws I may be able to discover.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours.

W. W. F.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

December 3, 1940

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

Dear Doctor Francis:

I was very much interested to hear about Mr. Bain. It is to be regretted that he hasn't more time to devote to this work.

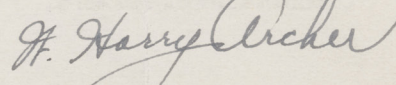
I am sending you under separate cover another copy of "Chronological History of Horace Wells, Discoverer of Anesthesia", and two copies of "The History of Anesthesia" one for you and the other for Mr. Bain.

Your kindness in offering to have the "dwale" (seperific potion) photostated for me from MS. no. 7591, pp. 43-44 and the formula for the Spongia somnifera which appears in the 1st ed., 1471 of the antidotarium of Nicholas of Salerno, is greatly appreciated. Would it be too much trouble to send me a photostat of the title page of this MS. and book?

Thanks for the reminder of Osler's printed Catalog. I will try and locate one here in the city. I wish I had thought of it while writing the "History of Anesthesia". I would be glad to have you tell me of any errors that may be in this article. My formula for spongia somnifera varies somewhat from yours, see page 333.

With kindest regards to you and Mr. Bain, I am

Sincerely yours,



W. Harry Archer, D.D.S.
Assistant Professor
Head of Anes. & Exod. Dept

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13 November, 1940.

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
School of Dentistry,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Dr. Archer,

At my suggestion Mr. D. C. Bain has turned over to ^{me} your letter of Nov. 4th to answer. He is a young business man who still cultivates the leanings towards medicine which unfortunately he was not able to gratify when he left school. He has developed a keen enthusiasm for paleography, early printing, and the history of medicine, which gratifies me immensely. He is my star pupil. Unfortunately, Saturday afternoons are about the only time he gets for working here in the library.

He wishes me to thank you for the Wells pamphlet, which he has offered to me. I know he would like to keep it, so could you please send me another? I notice that it is the same as your interesting Bulletin article, but admirably illustrated.

I shall have the "dysale" (soporific potion) photostatted for you from that MS. no. 7591, pp. 43-4. It may take a little time, as our official photographer seems to be away.

The rubric with which the MS. ends, incomplete, on p. 140 (not "142") simply reads, "here is a charme/ for the tothake." But there are several complete dental receipts in the MS. Mr. Bain has made the following list of their rubrics for you:

- p. 2, For the Tothake.
- 2-2, For the child's mouth that the flesh growth on the gomes ther of.
- 63-4, A good medcyns for the tothake.
- 64, A charme for the tothache.
- 64-5, To make tethe white that arne blak or yel/ow.
- 80-80, For the Tethe.
- 102, For the toth Ache.
- 110-20, For the tothache.

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We have the 1st ed., 1491, of the Antidotarium of Nicholas of Salerno, and I enclose a typed copy of a translation I made of the formula for the Spongia scannifera, the first thing printed on anesthesia. How it ever worked as an inhalation I could never understand. As a potion it might be fatal or innocuous, depending on the unknown strength of the ingredients. Could you care to have a copy or photostats of the Latin formula? Let me know.

Yours sincerely

W.W.F.

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

PS. Do you know Osler's printed catalogue of this library, "Bibliotheca Osleriana", Oxford Press, 1929? It is probably in one of your Pittsburgh libraries. You would be interested in the Anesthesia section, pp. 135-51, especially the notes on the pre-ether period, pp. 138-8.

11 April, 1939

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
University of Pittsburgh
School of Dentistry,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Archer,

Thanks for the "Dental Rays" with your good article on Wells. Also for your letter of the 7th. 75 years ago it was scarcely possible for any printing office to get out the many volumes of a large work like the Encyclopedia Britannica all in the same year, and that is why the successive volumes sometimes bear a different date on their title-pages, but the proper way to refer to them is of course, 8th edition, volume 2, 1853, or 8th edition, volume 8, 1854. The question that interests me most is whether the editors of that edition commissioned Simpson to write on anaesthesia and received his article too late to go under that heading, or whether he refused to write on anaesthesia as such and only undertook to write on Chloroform.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

April 7, 1939

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

*Thank him for the "Dental Keys" with
art. on bills.*

Dear Doctor Francis:

Many thanks for your kindness in going to all the trouble to have the photostats made of the Simpson's article on Chloroform in the 8th edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica 1854.

Can you explain why the cross reference from Bol 2 is dated 8th edition, 1853 and Vol 6, 8th edition is 1854? My curiosity is also aroused as to what may be in Volume I. If I come across this information, I will gladly send it on. If you should happen to locate the information I would appreciate hearing from you.

The bill has been turned in to the Dean's office and has probably been paid by now.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Harry Archer (P.D.)

W. Harry Archer

WHA:PD

14 March, 1939

Dr. W. H. Archer,
University of Pittsburgh,
School of Dentistry,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Archer,

I am sorry there has been so much delay in your getting the photostats of Simpson's article on chloroform in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, 8th edition, 1854. When you first asked for them I think I wrote you explaining that our photograph department was disorganized. I have just succeeded in getting them done and they will go off to you immediately. There are eight photostats and the charge I think will be \$2.40, but please don't remit until you receive a bill either from the photographer, Mr. Thompson, or from the University.

You will notice that the cross-reference "Anaesthesia. See Chloroforme" is from Vol. 2, 1853. This is curious because the alphabet begins with that volume. Our set lacks Vol. 1, so I don't know what it may have contained in the way of preliminary matter, but of course it is most unlikely that it would have anything on anaesthesia.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

March 6, 1939

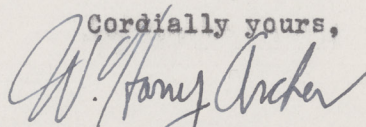
Dr. W.W. Francis
The Osler Library
Mc Gill University
Montreal, Canada

Dear Doctor Francis:

Some time ago I wrote to you asking, if it wasn't too much trouble, to have photostated for our library the article by Simpson in the Encyclopedia Britannica, in I believe the 1850 edition. This is an important article, one which I have been unable to locate in Pittsburgh. I am advised by a Pittsburgh Librarian that even the Library of Congress in Washington does not have this edition of the Encyclopedia.

Hoping to have an early and favorable reply, I am,

Cordially yours,



W. Harry Archer B.S. D.D.S. F.I.C.A. F.A.C.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Anesthesia and Exodontia

WHA:PD

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

January 4, 1939

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

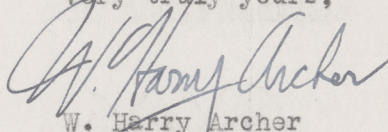
Dear Doctor Francis:

I was very happy to learn through Dr. Gison that you have in your library the 8th edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I have been unable to locate this edition in Pittsburgh.

If it wouldn't put you to too much trouble I would greatly appreciate your having photostated in Vol. 1 the page showing "anesthesia, see chloroform" and the article on chloroform in Vol. 6, beginning on page 627 and the History of Anaesthetics beginning on page 631 of the same volume. We want to bind these photostats and put them in our dental library.

I was also interested in your statement concerning Tait McKenzies picture which is supposed to represent "Pain". If there are any other inaccuracies, I wish you would advise me of them. Also any other individuals in Canada who might like to read my criticism.

Very truly yours,


W. Harry Archer

WHA:PD

W.W.F.

W.H.A.
ANAE
1854

1 December, 1938

Dr. W. Harry Archer,
School of Dentistry,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Archer,

Thanks for your vindication, "Horace Wells
dishonored". I would suggest that you send a copy of it,
if you have not already done so, to Dr. Thos. Gibson,
Professor of the History of Medicine, Queen's University,
Kingston, Ont. He tells me he is busy slashing Fülöp-
Miller's much criticized book for their local Quarterly.

Yours sincerely,

W. G. F.

Libman

ARCHIBALD ✓

8 May

E. W. A.
42 CARLING AVENUE
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

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Dear Billy,

The very kind invitation of the
Order Society to their Annual Banquet
on May 10, which I appreciate deeply,
- dated May 1st, only reached ~~me~~
here several days later when I was
away in Chicago. It was addressed to
900 Sherbrooke W.

There is no "dinner" that I enjoy, or
have enjoyed, so much as this one; nor
any diners whose company is more pleasant.
Choose Spirits! - In two senses! In vino
veritas - atque jucunditas! (Say, boy,
how's my Latin? If it's wrong, blame an
old German Studentenlied - or my memory!)
But I can't come! Tying me. This
year, my nose is fixed by the stoutest
Sturkinsh adhesive tape to this Ottawa
freestone, at any rate till July.

It will need plastic surgery under the
D.P. & U.H. (Baxter or Ferris) when I
am put on the shelf. No more of that!
Horrible in prospect. But a sacrifice to
my Country 'tis of thee! And ^{to} God Save Mac King!

In plain English, dear William, I send
my sincere regrets, and ask you to convey
them, with my thanks, to the President (yourself?)
and all the incumbers.

Remember me also to Dr. Fulton. Tell
him I am surprised at his giving up
Central Physiology for Bombs, Fragmentation,
Incidental ^{58 ft -} 56-pound wounds, and Vulnerable
Areas. I admired his historical presentation
of the subject months ago. But I am not
really surprised: rather do I congratulate him.

Have a good time, all of you, and remember
me in your prayers and your libations to
Bacchus. Ave! - but not Vale!

Yours ever
Edward.

42 CARLING AVENUE
OTTAWA

Dec 9 - 43

Dear Brie,

I can't tell you anything
about John Mc. Crae's ancestral acres
in Scotland or where the memorial is.
I looked up Macphail's short essay,
- characteristically literary, uninformative,
and inaccurate - on John's life and his
forebears - or is it fore-bears. He tells of
his mother's father, John Eckford, but
names no place of the Mc Craes. I'm
thinking of Norman Gowen or Walter Gow. And there
are two of Mrs. Kilgour's children living
in Winnipeg - David Kilgour, and
Catherine whose married name I know not.
I'm a Director of Winnipeg at the Mount
Royal Hotel. Sorry. I'd love to have
a picture myself.

Extract of letter from E. W. Archibald (9 Dec. 1943).
42 Carling Ave, Ottawa, P.

I have been owing you a reply to your letter of gentle admonition in re Jones - Re and his kind invitation to give "a grand message" to his congregation on Medical Sunday. But I couldn't really see myself ascending those stairs to his pulpit, and facing a crowd of faces.

I wrote him a friendly letter. I plied off on the score of unbelief. I said I could not conscientiously repeat the Athanasian Creed. He had me there! He replied that the Athanasian Creed was never recited in his church. Of course, I meant the Nicæan. Or is it? There's only the two, ain't it -? Anyhow I bloody well couldn't do it. You see what nearly 4 years with the brutal and licentious soldier in Ottawa has done to my polite language!

Do one thing for me. Get me the passage in Homer where he describes how the D.G.M.S. of the Greek army took out arrows. It's his technique, I want. Forget the surgeon's name. Or he may have been a Trojan. I'd be grateful

Your ever Edward.

OSLER LIBRARY,
8th December, 1943.

Dr. E. W. Archibald,
42 Carling Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Eddie,

Do you happen to know the place in Scotland which is the home of the McCraes, and where there is said to be a memorial, with John's name on it, and those of the family who died in the last war? A photo of the memorial is wanted for the next number of the "Torch", an annual got out by the "Colonel John McCrae Memorial Branch" of the Canadian Legion at Guelph. The secretary, Mr. Alex. A. Shepherd, 61 Lyon Ave, Guelph, has written me for it. They are also making a "Memorial Garden" on the site of John's birthplace.

How goes the book?

Greetings to Mrs. A., and Miss Pickels.

Yes
W. W. F.

EEF:CD

FRANCIS

To possible writers of my obituary (NO hurry):

It is not necessary to tell the truth, so if you are hard up for flatteries, you might quote from these "puffs" which my good wife has cherished.

From Harvey Cushing (who had persuaded Lady O. to let me take my time over the catalogue) from Oxford, postmarked July 1924, to Mrs. F. at the seaside:

Don't you worry. No other living person could do what Bill is doing — or dead person for that matter, not excepting W. O. The whole business is simply amazing to me. If I have given him a little filip I'm glad, but what I may have said or done to cheer Lady O. was quite unconscious on my part. I may add that I am hugely beholden to Bill for giving me so much of his time. But after all, the Biog. as well as the Bibliog. needs the touches and painstaking care which he alone seems able to give. ...

Hug the Billikins for me. Affly, H.C.
(Holograph)

ARCHIBALD

From E. W. Archibald (holograph) to me: Jan. 21st 1940

My dear Billy,

Accept the hearty thanks and heartier congratulations of one who is, and always has been, a humble admirer of yours. I refer, of course, to your contribution to the little Festschrift in honour of H. C.'s Seventieth Birthday. You were good to send it to me. The admiration I spoke of is not untinged with envy. Yours has been an ideal life, fulfilling a worthy ideal with quiet, tenacious enthusiasm, breathing a clean air untainted by the dust of the arena. Our own Archibald crest bears the legend, "Palma non sine pulvere." But you disprove that general truth, or you prove the rule of the exception, by gaining the palm without raising a dust. I often do envy you.

Now, a word about your own short "address". Briefly for to say, it is worthy of your own "Chief." It is really Oslerian. I find the vivid happy phrase, le mot juste, the little merry quip, the light touch of scholarship, the deeper love of the older, the finer, literature — and all suffused with a warming glow of friendship, so obviously sincere — I find all those things, and more, that characterized that great man. You inherited his spirit. Nobody could fill his shoes. But the spirit is that which maketh alive. I have read nothing, for a long time past, that has so satisfied and pleased me as this Address of yours. May you yourself have twenty "more years" of your own work, to be followed by ten more "of not too senile leisure".

...

Yours ever

Eddie.

I was so deeply touched (and honestly flabbergasted) that I answered thus:

My dear Eddie,

"The Carpenter said nothing but
'The butter's spread too thick'."

All very well for him, the callous old cynic, but when I get my Nunc Dimittis — you give me till 92! — I should like to take your letter with me. Fancy my shivering ghost at the gate of the Elysium Medicorum; some spirit akin to yours, say Ambroise Paré, addicted in life to his motto, "labor improbus," is gatekeeper of the day: "Qu'as-tu fait, toi, de la vie?" What a passport your generously beautiful pièce justificative would be! Hilda puts it proudly in her "puff" file (which isn't crowded) but I —

J'enfouis ce trésor dans mon âme immortelle
Et je l'emporte à Dieu.

Tityre, tu patulae recubans sub tegmine fagi — you once quoted it at me. It is one of life's ironies that I should be envied by you who do the best work of the world efficiently and gracefully and, granted the leisure, could also make a better job of mine than I do. But discount the envy, and there is enough left in your unsolicited testimonial to relieve me of the necessity of pleading, as my only apologia, those comfortable words of R. L. S., "No man is useless as long as he has a friend."

I must have done well with that "Address by the Oslerian Protobibliothecary" (as they pilloried it on the programme); I've had bouquets from many, including the lamented victim, but none so flattering as yours.

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Multos et felices tibi tuisquo,

Yours gratefully,

Billy

(C o p y)

3432 Drummond St.
Montreal

Orig. at home in "puff file"
with fair copy of answer
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Jan 21st 1940

ARCHIBALD

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A last word - about Billy Howell. I had a note the other day. He is in bed (probably you know this already) with frequent anginal pain, nitroglycerin three or four times a night. This for the previous three weeks. I cabled him. Quel sacré cochon que ce diable qui s'appelle L'Angine! Non Angeli, sed Angine! But the old priestly pun is sadly inappropriate.

Yours ever 'Eddie' Archibald

COPY. W.W.Francis to E.W.Archibald, 30 Jan'y, 1940. My handwritten copy is on the back EWA.'s letter of 21.i. 57 in Mrs. F.'s "puff file"

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Poor old Bill Howell -- Linqenda tellus et domus et placens Uxor (World, home, and loving wife must be left behind) -- I'm glad I spent a good week with him over there in 1938. The last letter I had, about Xmas, opened vituperatively as usual -- we correspond on friendly terms of mutual abuse -- but ended with a semi-valediction on a "mortem non timendam" note.

True! but may the years be good to you -- multos et felices tibi tuisque,

Yours gratefully,

Billy)

- 1 Excessive work!
2 A. de Musset, end of "Souvenir".
3 Virgil 1st Seloque
4 Horace, Odes, II, 14.

OSLER LIBRARY,
14th Dec. 1943.

Colonel E. W. Archibald,
42 Carling Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Eddie,

Even an ex-Fresbyterian ought to know that there are three creeds. You have forgotten the usual one, the Apostles'. Apparently we Canadian Anglicans have dropped the Athanasian, not considering it polite to say even of a Methodist that "without doubt he shall perish everlastingly."

I enclose a good summary of the treatment of wounds in Homer, from a MS. of Payne, the best of the English medical historians. Machaon, the surgeon, and Podalirius, the physician, sons of Aesculapius, were both combatant heroes, liable to be called into consultation, but as a rule each hero treated his own wounded. I don't think there's any account of how Machaon treated arrow wounds. It was in connection with Machaon's own wound that Idomeneus paid us the famous compliment, "For worth many another is the medical man who cuts out the arrow and applies soothing drugs" (Iliad, XI, 514-15). Twelve arrow wounds are mentioned in the Iliad, but in no case do they push the arrowhead through, which was the usual later way of extracting it (Gurlt).

I could probably find the actual descriptions of some of these cases if you want them, but perhaps these generalities will suffice?

Here's to a more happy Xmas and a less Jappy New Year.

Yours ever,

WWP:CD
Encl:-

Archibald ✓

E. W. A.
42 CARLING AVENUE
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

May 12, 1943

Dear Billy:

I was delighted with your little note with its message from Pleadwell, whom I remember very well. I had a very pleasant fortnight out there in April '36. After Pearl Harbour I wrote my surgeon friend in Honolulu, Judd, and asked him for details concerning ballyhoo statements in Time and Life on their surgical results, especially the value of chemotherapy. His reply was a very cautious one - sort of 'I could, if I would'. He, too, obviously thought there was a lot of ballyhoo in the matter, but did not want to say so.

The work here is really very exacting. I am standing it all right.

I was sorry to miss the dinner on the 6th, which I determined to go to if it were held. Unfortunately I was sent to Camp Borden on duty for that day and the following, including having to make a report on the demonstration of a new splint in Toronto. Your account of it (the dinner) increases my regret; but I think you really ought to have drunk two toasts - I need not mention to whom.

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on a pedestal St. Simeon Stylites had nothing on you

As to Wyatt Johnston's reprints I should be very glad to inscribe it to Archie Malloch, seeing you approve it, and hope that I can do so some day in New York.

Mrs. Archibald returns your greetings cordially. As to Miss Piekels, who should have been up here a year ago, she laughed at your remark but made no protest. And as to myself, being likened to old Simeon on the top of his Style, I do protest. He climbed up there to withdraw from the world, and his sanitary arrangements were very imperfect. When I am at the top of my style neither of these things is true.

Yours always,

Eddi.

Personal

OSLER LIBRARY,
8 May, 1945.

Colonel E. W. Archibald,
R. C. A. M. C.,
c/o Dept. of Militia,
Ottawa, Ont.

home address.
42 Carling Ave

Dear Eddie,

We missed you on the 6th, especially after your preliminary enquiries had raised in us the fond hope that you might be among the fragments to foregather. There were seven of us - MacMillan, Macdonald, Wickham, Henderson, Turner, Hingston*, and I. We had cocktails, dinner, Burgundy (Scotch for them as can stomach it) and reminiscences till 11. No formal toasts - shades of the O. C. not even the King!

I saw the Birkett girls in the afternoon and we sent them some roses.

I took your John - & - Tom - McCrae - E. W. A. copy of Wyatt Johnston's reprints in the hope of getting you to inscribe it further to Archie Malloch, who wants it for all four sakes, and also needs it. I am posting it to him today. There are lots of less provenancial copies about. Adam must have distributed them wholesale.

Greetings to your even better half, and to Meakins, and to Miss Pickels whose occasional conversation I miss - pithy pronouncements on the perfections of her boss and the imperfections of the rest of us, who are mostly of her opinion. Surely for prolonged and graceful-balancing on a pedestal St. Simeon Stylites had nothing on you!

Tuus ad cineres,

W. F.

* Donald in fine form
& looking much better.

OSLER LIBRARY,
5 October, 1943.

Colonel E. W. Archibald,
42 Carling Ave.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Eddie,

Archdeacon Gower-Rees, who is deficient in Anglo-Catholic prejudice and would put John Knox into his pulpit as gladly as he would Laud, tells me he has picked on you to give the "Address" on his "Medical Sunday" this month. Last St. Luke's Day, after years of importunity, he got me into the pillory to read W. O.'s "Man's Redemption of Man". But doubtless you could easily think up something of your own to give us. It's no great ordeal to an Old Master like you and I'm sure you would gracefully edify the St.-Georgians and get some of the profession to church for a change. Miss Pickels will write you out some convenient fire-and-brimstone notes from the Shorter Catechism, and as the sermon doesn't come till about half an hour after the service begins you could probably - pace Bill Howell - be in time for it. Anyway, don't say I didn't encourage you.

Think of the merit you would acquire, à la Kim, even if you have plenty already. So, none of your nolo praedicare, please.

Gurli and I are waiting for a proper unhurried visit from you.

Yours ever,

Billy

P.S. In any case you won't be as ^{irresponsive} forthright as Campbell Howard, "I would not ask you to treat one of my patients, and I don't see that you should ask me to preach one of your sermons."

WWF:CD

11 March, 1938

Dr. Harry L. Arnold,
University Hospital,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Dr. Arnold:

If you would like to have a copy of that
1882 pamphlet by W. Kroth on Apollo with the Aesculapian
staff for the Ann Arbor Library, get the Librarian to
"check" it, as we say, in the current list, # 7, of the
Medical Library Exchange, in Lot 606 on p. 39. Ten copies
are offered.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. W. F.

University Hospital
Ann Arbor, Mich.
May 13, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

I wanted to thank you for telling me about Dr. Potter's recently published book on the "Babylonian Caduceus and Aesculapian Club." I wouldn't have missed it for a good deal; I sent for a copy immediately and have read it with much enjoyment. The style of writing is a little peculiar -- perhaps it betrays the author's age a little; and in many places there are little obscurities and insufficiently developed observations. For example, he says Mercury was a "very different" god from Hermes, and was "unfortunately confused with him."

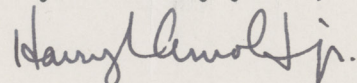
He makes one point, however, and established it with references and drawings from Ward's Seal Cylinders of Western Asia, which I feel is a very good one and rather important too. It is this: that the twin-serpent emblem of Babylon, as depicted for example on Gudea's libation vase, became so thoroughly familiar to everyone that it began to be represented diagrammatically, so that in the upshot it had been reduced to the simple "open-topped figure 8" seen in the most ancient representations of the kerykeion. I think this is a very attractive hypothesis, the more so because it unifies what I had believed to be two rather divergent views of the origin of the emblem. (I believe I did leave myself a loophole, though.)

I expect to be in Montreal for a day or two or three, some time during the first half of July of this year. I should be very glad of an opportunity to see you for a little while, if it can be arranged. If I don't hear from you before then I shall make a point of looking in at the Osler Library while I am there.

I have had one note from Mr. Nichol, acknowledging the receipt of my reprint and outlining his own view of the symbolism of the caduceus, and promising another when he has read the paper.

I hope we may be able to meet in July.

Very sincerely yours,



Harry L. Arnold jr.

24 April, 1937

Harry L. Arnold Jr., M.D.,
University Hospital,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Dr. Arnold:

I was very glad to hear from you again and to learn that good old "Timmy" Nichol has been useful to you. The reprint has just arrived and I am sure I am going to get a lot of pleasure and instruction out of it.

Have you seen a book which has recently come out, "Serpents in symbolism, art and medicine, the Babylonian Caduceus and Aesculapius Club" by Edwin S. Potter, M.D., privately printed, Santa Barbara, Cal., 1937². It was issued in February and is obtainable from the author at the price of \$3. It is illustrated and runs to 85 pages. It looks like a pretty good work. The author is a retired major in the U.S. army.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. W. F.

What & when did I write him?

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY AND SYPHILOLOGY
UDO J. WILE, M.D., PROFESSOR

FILE NO.

April 19, 1937

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

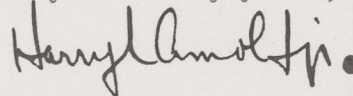
Dear Dr. Francis:

I am sending you under separate cover a reprint of my recently published report on the history of the caduceus, in the preparation of which you so kindly assisted. You will note that I did not make use of all the information you offered me; I think this is principally because certain items of it didn't seem quite in harmony with the lines of investigation I wanted to emphasize at that time. However I still have them at hand, and value them none the less for not having included them in the paper in its present form.

I am doubly indebted to you, as I may have suggested previously, for not only have you been a most indulgent correspondent yourself, but you have also helped me to an association, by letter that is, with Mr. Nichol. One might say of him, in paraphrase, that "to read a letter from him is to love him."

Thank you again for your assistance. I would be delighted to hear from you again if you can find occasion and opportunity to drop me a line.

Very sincerely yours,



Harry L. Arnold Jr., M.D.

HLA/A

749 E. University
Ann Arbor, Mich.
March 19, 1935

Dear Dr. Francis:

In connection with gathering material for a paper on Snake-emblems in Medicine, to be given before the Victor Vaughan Society for medical history at the University of Michigan Medical School, I have come upon one point which has not been cleared up. That point is the origin and early history of the error by which the caduceus of Mercury came to be used as a medical emblem. Garrison and some other writers state that Froben, a Swiss medical publisher, first used it in a medical connection, and that Sir William Butts, physician to Henry VIII of England, bore it in his crest. I have been able to ascertain, however, that Froben was not a medical printer and that the Butts arms did not include the caduceus -- and, moreover, that the caduceus was employed in English heraldry a hundred years after their time in a strictly non-medical connection.

I am writing you, then -- at the suggestion of Mr. Randolph Adams, curator of the William L. Clements library here -- to ask you whether you can throw any light on medical uses of the caduceus prior to 1844, when the Churchills employed it on the title page of Pettigrew's "Superstitions, etcetera." In the event that you can, I would be very much interested in obtaining a representative photostat or so, at the library's usual rates for such work. Non-medical uses of it would also be of some interest, of course.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Harry L. Arnold jr.

Harry L. Arnold jr.

23 March, 1935

Dr. Harry L. Arnold, Jr.
749 E. University,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Dr. Arnold:

I am glad to hear that somebody is writing on snake emblems in medicine. There is a lot to be learned on the subject and the question seems to come up frequently. Unfortunately I am not able to throw any light on your particular problem of the medical uses of the caduceus before 1844.

An old schoolmaster of mine, Mr. R. T. Nichol, and very expert in the history of heraldry, is now on the staff of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. He might be able to help you if you would care to write ^{to} him, mentioning my name.

I suppose you know the short chapter on the Greek emblem in medicine, pp. 251-254, in Camac's "Imhotep to Harvey", N.Y., Hoeber, 1931, and the three or four references which he gives, including the excellent article by McCullough in the "Military Surgeon", 1917, vol. 40, p. 127-184. I have nothing here to add to those references, except a brief article, "Apollo with the Aesculapian Staff", by Warwick Wroth, a reprint from the Numismatic Chronicle, London, 1882, 3rd series, vol. 2, pp. 301-5, illustrated. If that journal is not available to you I could lend you the reprint.

Someone surely must have written a good book on the symbol^{ion} of the serpent - if one could only find it. There are a few likely-looking references under "Medicine (Emblems and Symbols of)" in the first two series of the Index Catalogue of the Surgeon General's Library.

Yours sincerely,

749 E. University
Ann Arbor, Mich.
March 26, 1935

Dr. W. W. Francis
McGill University

Dear Mr. Francis:

Thank you very kindly for your reply to my inquiry about snake emblems. The very fact that you could not throw any light on early medical uses of the caduceus was in itself really encouraging, if only in a negative way.

I have written Mr. Nichol, as you suggested; and I have obtained a copy of Camac, fortunately, from an acquaintance here, as there was none in the library.

I am sorry to say that our library here does not have the volume of the Numismatic Chronicle to which you referred me, and I would like very much to obtain Wroth's article. If you would be so kind as to loan me the reprint I assure you I would treat it well and return it promptly. I enclose postage.

A Dr. Sozinskey has written a book which deals largely with the symbolism of the serpent, entitled Medical Symbolism (Philadelphia & London, Davis, 1891). It is excellent so far as it goes, but it doesn't clarify my problems at all.

Thank you again for your letter -- and, in advance, for the reprint of Wroth's article.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry L. Arnold jr.

1 April, 1935

Dr. Harry L. Arnold, Jr.,
749 E. University,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Dr. Arnold:

I have your letter of March 26th and
I now enclose the little article by Wroth, which I
am afraid is rather slim.

In the "Historical Sketch and Laws
of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh",
Edinburgh, 1867, I notice an illustration on an
otherwise blank page facing p. 1, representing presum-
ably the mace or staff of the College, but it has two
serpents twined around it and consequently looks
rather like a caduceus without the wings and surmounted
by a cock. It has a rather modern appearance, but it
might be worth your while to enquire when they adopted
such an emblem. The College was founded before 1681.
The frontispiece of the book shows the rough club of
Aesculapius (with one serpent) carved on each side of
the door of their building.

Sincerely yours,

W. J.

*: memo. Wroth, "Aesculapius and the Asclepeian
staff" *Numismatic Chron.*, Lond., 1882,
3. ser., vol. 2, pp. 301-5. PAMPHLET file.

749 E. University
Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 5, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Francis:

Thank you very much for lending me the reprint of Wroth's article. As you said, it was a trifle slim, -- but it was most interesting to see evidence of the use of Aesculapius' staff in connection with another god: I had encountered no other instance of that.

I have just received my third letter from Mr. Nichol, with an answer to at least one of my more important questions. It seems certain that Sir William Butts did not employ the caduceus in his crest or arms, several writers' statements to the contrary notwithstanding. What English physician first did use it, remains to be discovered. I hope to hear soon from Mr. Parsloe, of the Institute for Historical Research, in London.

Thank you, too, for your information about the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh: I am writing them today.

By the bye: Sir William Osler is said to have spoken, in his Silliman Lectures, of the Aesculapian staff with its entwined "serpents." But it is also suggested that he never finished proof-reading those lectures, and so may never have had the opportunity of correcting this error -- if indeed he ever actually made it. Can you throw any light on that matter?

Mr. Nichol referred repeatedly in his letters to his very great and enduring regard and affection for you, and asked me to assure you of them. I do so now, with the feeling that I'm highly privileged to be able to intermeddle in such a matter.

Thank you again for your very kind assistance to me in my studies. I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Harry Arnold

18 April, 1955

Dr. H. L. Arnold, Jr.
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Dr. Arnold,

Thanks for promptly returning the Wroth reprint.

Osler is very wrongly accused of giving the Aesculapian staff serpents. His Silliman lectures (1913) were published in ~~1911~~ 1921 & (slightly revised) 1922 by the Yale Press under the title, "The evolution of modern medicine". The book should be in your University library. If not, I will gladly copy the two relevant paragraphs, pp. 48-9, for you, about the serpent as an emblem of healing. He does not mention the staff as such, which is shown in the pictures ("with the sacred snake"). But he does refer to the vase of Gudea, c.2350 B.C., "with two serpents entwined round a staff (Jastrow, Pl.4)", i.e. in Morris Jastrow, Jr.'s "Aspects of religious belief & practice in Babylonia & Assyria," N. Y., Putnam's, 1911, opp. p.14. *Hence, evident, the misunderstanding.*

Dear old "Timmy" Nichol, he instilled into at least one school-boy a love of Latin and into all of us a healthy respect for its vowels. A "false quantity" always brought a good whack with the cane. He "came too late into too old a world", a medieval Fundamentalist, infinitely more picturesque than the Tennessee variety; after downing his Anglican cane and becoming a sort of super-Papist, he was for a time, about 1900, Prior of the "White Rose League", a Legitimist society of New York, if you please, whose object was to bring ~~back~~ you rebels of '77, and us ditto of 1888, back into the Stuart fold just as soon as it might please a certain Bavarian princess to claim the thrones of George Washington & his London namesake! Probably the War cured him of that, but he is still a loyal son of Adam, who was created with all the knowledge that mankind has ever had or ever will have!

Yours sincerely,

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NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

September 17, 1947

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

My dear Doctor:

It was exceedingly kind of you to write me such a friendly note about my father's book. I hope that when you have the opportunity to go through it carefully you will approve. My own lack of qualifications for attempting to put together the material he left was painfully evident, as you will realize better than most, but I did feel the material was interesting and deserved a chance to be heard.

Again let me say how kind I think it was of you to write. Forgive my not signing this. At the moment I have three broken fingers on my right hand.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank D. Ashburn

FDA:JL

OSLER LIBRARY,
15 Sept., 1947.

Mr. Frank D. Ashburn,
Brooks School,
North Andover,
Mass., U. S. A.

Dear Sir,

I had forgotten that your good father was dead until I saw the title-page of "The ranks of death." When he was Librarian at Washington he was ex officio a "curator" (Oxonian for trustee) of this library.

I haven't had time yet to study the book but it gives me the impression of being an excellent work, thoroughly well edited.

I should like to congratulate you. It must have been a difficult task for a layman.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Francis

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

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Asherson

photostats mailed
June 14th

21 Harley Street,
London, W.1.

4th May, 1951.

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

Dear Dr. Francis,

I am extremely indebted to you for your
courtesy in replying to my enquiry and I am more
thankgrateful to you for your efforts.

I would very much value a photostat copy
and if you can find the time a translation of
the latin.

I am collecting some material for writing
something about Duverney who was "the Father of
Otology". Incidentally, I have been unable to
secure any portrait of this writer although he
lived to the ripe age of 80. Do you know where
one is available?

Do you know anything about a book called
"Some Apostles of Physiology" by Stirling 1902?
I have recently secured a copy and in it is
written, "This is a copy of W. Osler". Would this
be his own copy or would his name have been put
in by the donor?

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Dr. W.
This is the
property of -

Once more, very many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Asherson

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(1855-1904).

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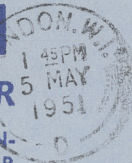
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Dr. W. W. Francis,

Osler Library,

McGill University,

MONTREAL, Canada.

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Mr. N. Asherson, MB, 1924.

21 Harley Street,

London, W.1.

M. Asherson 1924

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Typed & sent 14.5.51.

Carbocation

Stirling #6517.

Dear Mr Asherson,

I shall have the photostatic attempt made, in a week or two. It involves a trip with the book into the town, and I'll try to translate it letter, fulsome flattery and all. \$

I find no reference to any portrait of ourverney. The New York Academy of Medicine has an unpublished history. I'll ask them and let you know the result.

So that Mrs W.O.'s Stirling is! You say "This is a copy of W. Oser" is written in it. ~~Just~~ an ink stamp printed on it. "This copy is the property of" followed by a line on which the recipient's name is filled in with the pen? It was privately printed and not printed for sale.

The copy we have here now was given to "Robert Milnes Murray, F.R.C.P." who died in 1904, and he may have acquired it after Oser's death, ~~when he was found~~ ^{the finding on finding} that his copy was missing. I suppose there is no trace of intervening owners? He was a great copier of having given it away before starting to collect the historical library this historical collection, in spite of the interest he had in the subject.
Yours sincerely,

MR N. ASHERSON,
21, HARLEY STREET, W.1.
LANGHAM 3197.

13th April, 1951.

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

Dear Dr. Francis,

7516 Mr. W. J. Bishop of the Wellcome
Research Institution Library has been good
enough to refer me to you in regard to
the Baglivi (George, 1668-1707) letters
from the Osler collection. Amongst these
letters are some from DuVerny. Is it
possible for me to secure a photostat
copy of them and is any translation
extant?

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

M. Asherson

G. V. DuVerny

Joseph Guillard DUVERNEY (1648-1730)

in a little box

30. IV. 51.

here
letter of Joseph Guillard
who, I suppose, is
something. ~~Is it~~ 77
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further time to transcribe
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copies ~~of~~ (insert)
now.

M. W. ASHERSON.

21 HARLEY STREET, W.I.

LONDON E.C.1.

13th April, 1951.

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

Dear Dr. Francis,

Mr. W. J. Bishop of the Wellcome
Research Institution Library has been good
enough to refer me to you in regard to
the Davini (George, 1808-1807) letters
from the Osler collection. Amongst these
letters are some from Davini. Is it
possible for me to secure a photostat
copy of them and its any translation
extent?

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

M. W. Asherson

P. V. Davini

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Dear Mr. Tolson.

30. IV. 51.

There is only one letter ^{here} of Joseph Guetard
Duverney (1648-1730) who, I suppose, is
the DuVerney of ~~the~~ your engraving. ~~It is~~ It is 77
& 78, leaves 131-2 & 134, in no. 75-16; letter 78 being
a copy of it in Ruchlin's hand. Unfortunately the
volume is so tightly bound that it cannot
not be satisfactorily photographed. ~~I~~ I
afford a rough ^{sketch} ~~drawing~~ of the ^{Latin} contents. If
necessary I will take further time to transcribe
the Latin, or if you still need the photo,
I'll attempt to have it made. The ink
has run in spots, so it is not easy to
read, even with Ruchlin's ~~copy~~ (in exact)
copy.

Let me know.

Gendrus, M.F. 1689. Dietrich

(Paris, 3 sept., 1692: Devenez to Radin)
 was had delayed the delivery by the Lyons secretary of
 B's or Malpighi's letters to ^{D.} Flattara, etc., especially
 as that ^{D.} had promised to that 15 years before
 and had enjoyed Redi's friendship at Florence.
 Praise of ^{D.} B's works, Malpighi. That pleases D.
^{most} is that B. thinks surgery should be brought in line with
 the mechanics of fluids & solids, & was ^{to} ^{AB} to find
 & publish ^{his} work. But on warning, don't lay
 stress ~~on the hypothetical~~ fermentation, that
 hypothesis, lauded at first by all the nations,
 is almost dissolved in smoke. To ^{D.} ~~his~~ fermentation
 is an occult ~~power~~ ^{force} quality as Gendrus
 [M.F., "Dietrich", 1689] says in his book which must have
 reached Italy. ~~He wrote that~~ Concerning B.'s
 request ~~of~~ for his opinion about the nature of fibra
matrix et morbosa, D. would say that
 who suspects it will make B.'s name in-
 vited and bring his fame abroad. Many
 things known to ancients are now wrapped
 darkness, and M. Thevenot (to whom D. conveyed
 Malpighi's & ^{B.'s} ^{matrix}) gives ^{D.} is writing
 asks B. to carry out the work & also to keep
 them informed of its progress. The Messengers
 of the about whom Malpighi enquired 6 months
^{are common to} ~~are common to~~ Germany and no doubt will
 soon be back in Italy. D. has not heard from
 Radic for a year & asks B. to forward them to
 him to show how ^{well} ~~they~~ ^{he} stands of him in France.
 D. is glad that ^{he} ^(Radic?) will soon publish some studies
 on coffee ("Caphé", which B. calls Caffe) with

FIBRA
 MOTRIX
 ET MORBOSA

modulus

two letters of Dr. Costoni (?) of Tschou. Sautscentis
to Pallini, Magliabeschi and Pasdella.

University of Toronto
TORONTO 5, CANADA

February 26, 1951.

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

OSLER LIBRARY,
16 March, 1951.

Dear Dr. P. G. Ashmore,
Dept. of Anatomy,
University of Toronto,
Toronto 5, Ont.

I have been making some observations in our
dissecting rooms on Cooper's ilio-pectineal ligament.
The name of Sir Astley Cooper has apparently been attached
to it. Dear Dr. Ashmore, but I am unable to find out why it is
so called, or who is responsible for the name.

I haven't found out why Cooper's name came to be
attached to that ilio-pectineal ligament. But it is significant
that Jessie Dobson, "Anatomical Eponyms," 1946, p. 18, gives
references to the sources of (2) C.'s Fascia, (3) C.'s skin ligaments,
and (4) C.'s Ligament (from olecranon to coronoid process), but
not of (1) "C.'s Ligament (upper part of the pectineal fascia)."
If she couldn't find it, it is probably no disgrace for us to plead
ignorance. Cooper seems to have enough eponymous ligaments with-
out this one!

Yours sincerely,

It occurred to me that perhaps she means the
reference for (2) to cover (1) also, but I have looked through the
"Structure and diseases of the testis, London, 1830, without finding
any pectineal fascia. It couldn't, I suppose, be the "fascia
transversalis united to the spermatic cord in its passage" depicted
in fig. 3., pl. 5, pt. 1? My knowledge of anatomy is vestigial.
Fig. 10, pl. 9, pt. 1 (fetal testis) "shows ligamentous cords ...
from peritoneum and internal ring ... so as to form a ... sheath
to the spermatic cord under the cremaster muscle."

If I come upon any other clue, I'll write
again.

Johnson's testis
complete with a lobule (anterior side of testis)
1830, pl. xi, fig. 10
with the spermatic cord

Yours sincerely,

L. G. F.

WFP:cd

University of Toronto

TORONTO 5, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

February 26, 1951.

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

Dear Sir,

ilio
I have been making some observations in our dissecting rooms on Cooper's ileo-pectineal ligament. The name of Sir Astley Cooper has apparently been attached to this ligament, but I am unable to find out why it is so called, or who is responsible for naming it.

Professor Grant has suggested that your library might contain this information, or that you might be able to suggest some references which would be of help to me.

I shall be delighted to hear from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

P. G. Ashmore
P. G. Ashmore M.D.

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THE ASIA INSTITUTE

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The Librarian

Dear Sir,
The Professor of Arabic,
The Asia Institute,
13 East 67th Street,
New York 21,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Sir,

Dear Sir,

I beg to say to you a query that a
Your enquiry of July 18th addressed to the (different) *is*
University of Montreal has reached me today. I am not certain
of your name (— Lichtenstein?). *at present in name has directed to me.*

The apparently unique copy of the unabridged version of
al-Ghafiki's al-Adwiya al-mufrada is here in the Osler Collection
(no. 7508 in the printed catalogue, "Bibliotheca Osleriana",
Oxford, 1929). It is volume 1 only, A-K, and is embellished with
367 colored drawings. *He*

A complete photostat copy is in the Meyerhof Collection
at Cairo, and a microfilm made fifteen years ago is in the Princeton
University Library. Another microfilm would cost, I think, about
\$25, and I do not see that we could accept untransferable payment
for it in France or England. *(on medicine) of al-Ghafiki of this me,*

He *but* *France or England* *it out?* *He also would like to have an estimate*
of the cost.

Yours sincerely,

W.W.F.

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

Will you be good enough to let me know how
much it would cost, also
cept payment in France or England. *If the latter*

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THE ASIA INSTITUTE

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July 18/1957.

The Librarian,
University of Montreal
Canada.

Sir,

I beg to pass on to you a query which a colleague of mine, an Indian scholar who is at present living in France has directed to me.

He says that your library has a manuscript (on medicine) of al-Ghāfiqī's al-Mufradat. He wishes to obtain a microfilm of this ms., but will be able to pay for it only either in France or England or, as he puts it, 'to back it out'. He also would like to have an estimate of the cost.

Will you be good enough to let me know how much it would cost, also whether you could accept payment in France or England. If the latter

would not be possible, and the cost is not too
high, I may be able to pay for it here and
arrange payment with my colleague in some
manner or other.

Sincerely

Chas. F. Brinkley
Professor of Arabic.