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D. Hawley Cushing

August. 17<sup>th</sup> 1920

Dear Sir

I am much obliged for your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> asking if I could jot down any reminiscences of Sir William's son.

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I well remember the first time he called at our works, he had a few books he wished repaired, and was very keen to see the various processes through which the work went, and any old books or bindings we had in hand. From the first it struck me his taste for books was very keen, and like his father, he had a quick eye for any nice old binding. In the restoration of any old bindings he was always anxious the old character should be rigidly preserved. He was fond of nosing around the second hand bookshops on the lookout for anything good in the way of books or bindings and as a result of these perambulations we frequently received items for repairs. I noticed if we received a modern book from him it was generally a good edition. He, like myself, had a fondness for trout fishing particularly with the fly, and he would frequently tell me of the enjoyable days he had when he was stationed in the North of England. The last time I saw him was just before he went to the front, as he wished me good bye he said he would get a few days leave in the spring & have another go at the trout in Combury Park Lakes, but alas those few days leave never came along.



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Lady Ode was kind enough to give me a portrait of him  
taken at Combury Park on the day he had a good bag.

Mr William was fond of the old pigskin bindings &  
those old books which needed rebinding he frequently  
had bound in the style of the old Pigskin.

Whenever he called at our works he would ask to see  
anything we had in hand of an interesting nature in  
the way of old books or bindings.

We shall be pleased <sup>to receive</sup> any thing you would let  
us that needs binding or restoring at any

Yours obediently

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DR. HARVEY CUSHING  
THE PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL  
BOSTON

Dear Charles -

That a nice and highly  
<sup>Christmas Day</sup>  
appreciated letter from you. The  
long story was written with thoughts  
of you and fellows but you  
in mind - else it could  
never have been written by  
the likes o' me.

That you should like it is  
all the praise I need.

Am so glad to learn of your  
shooting trip - and to learn that  
you are all well and flourishing.

May your ways cross some day.

Dec. 26  
Happy New Year.

Yours  
H.C.



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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

*Boston, Massachusetts*

October 14th, 1912.

*Rep. L. 31 flu*

My dear Professor Heger:-

I am hugely indebted for the pamphlet on Vesalius by Alphonse Wauters which you have been so good as to secure for me. This, with your own admirable pamphlet, makes a notable addition to my collection of Vesaliana.

I presume that you are aware that Professor Sudoff and Sir William Osler are going to arrange for a section on the History of Medicine in the International Medical Congress to be held in London in the coming summer. It is their intention to have a special session on Vesalius, in view of the fact that it will be very nearly the four hundredth anniversary of his birth. I have been asked to participate in this section and have had in mind making a report on the portraits (authentic and otherwise) of Vesalius. In case you may know of any portrait in Bruxelles I should be most grateful if you would let me know of it. Sir William Osler has just written me that he has found reference in some old writings to the effect that Canova, out of gratitude to Granville, presented Granville with a portrait of Vesalius by Titian. I wonder if by any possibility you may know anything of the subsequent history of this, or if you may know of any other authentic portrait.

Very sincerely yours,

*Harveyushing*

*Prof. - Definitive  
Tables.*  
Prof. Paul Heger.



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June 21st, 1919.

Mr. M. H. Spielmann,  
The Knoll,  
St. Margaret's Bay,  
England.

My dear Mr. Spielmann:-

Dr. Harvey Cushing of Boston, one of the Editors of the Annals of Medical History, has submitted to us the proposition of publishing your Vesalian Iconography.

Dr. Packard and myself, being willing to go into the matter further, Dr. Cushing has suggested our writing at once to both Sir William Osler and yourself, first of all, to find out whether you wish us to consider the matter at all, and secondly, in case you would be willing to consider our publishing it, to ask that you be kind enough to enlighten us with as many details as you can, to enable us to arrive at a definite conclusion as to costs, etc. We should like to know the number and type or style illustrations planned, the amount of text and the general style of publication desired.

The idea of publishing the work serially in the Annals of Medical History has been vetoed, the suggestion being made that it be brought out under the auspices of the Annals, as an independent volume, it being perhaps the beginning of a series of supplemental volumes.

I am venturing to send you by this mail a copy of the last number published to date, of the Annals of Medical History, and might mention that though dated 1917, this number was published this year, it having been held up on account of the war. Numbers one and two of Volume two are on the way and Number one will be out this month.

I am writing Sir William Osler by this mail, asking him to cable us after decision has been reached, the word "approve" or "Disapprove", so that we may know whether to enter into the matter further. We would consider it an honor to be allowed to produce this for you.

Yours very truly,

PBH/L

PAUL B. HOEBER.

Cable Address: Formed, N. Y.



EDGAR F. SMITH  
PRESIDENTMILTON J. GREENMAN  
DIRECTORTHE WISTAR INSTITUTE OF ANATOMY AND BIOLOGY  
PHILADELPHIA May 28, 1919

Dr. Henry H. Donaldson,  
The Wistar Institute,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Donaldson:

I have examined the correspondence and estimates relating to the "Iconography of Andreas Vesalius."

In view of the mass of research material awaiting publication in the Institute's journals and of the demands upon the Institute for assistance in promoting other American biological periodicals, bibliographies, reviews, etc., all very essential for the progress of biological science, I do not believe we would be justified in assuming any financial responsibility for the publication of the "Iconography of Andreas Vesalius."

If the Institute can be of any service, by reason of its connection with the anatomists, laboratories and libraries of the world I shall be happy to see that such service is rendered.

If the printing costs were guaranteed we could easily print the work and see that it was extensively advertised. I doubt, however, if it would pay for itself in less than 5 or 6 years.

I regret that it does not seem possible to be more generous in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*M. J. Greenman*



*Broken*THE WISTAR INSTITUTE OF ANATOMY AND BIOLOGY  
PHILADELPHIA

May 31, 1919.

Dr. Harvey Cushing,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Doctor Cushing:-

I greatly regret that after the long delay in the matter of the Vesalius Iconography I have to report in the sense of Greenman's letter to me, which I enclose.

All that we feel justified in doing at the present time, as you see, is to use our existing machinery for the cause without undertaking any new responsibilities.

I wish the matter had come out otherwise, but I am afraid that Greenman is right in making this decision at the present time.

Yours sincerely,

*Henry H. Donaldson*



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New Haven, May 27, 1925.

Dear Cushing: Lest the expression of my feelings be inhibited by the multitudinous duties of the day, I must write immediately to thank you for writing "The Life of Sir William Osler". I am happy in the receipt of a copy as a birthday present and am already so deeply engrossed in the first volume that I tend to neglect my business.

One can scarcely do a greater service than by recording and interpreting sympathetically, understandingly, and constructively the life-history of a great personality. In some ways it is a self-sacrificing task, but in others it is self-enlarging. Since you were responsible for making me keenly regret that I never knew Sir William Osler I am doubly grateful to you for making his life available to all of us.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT M. YERKES.

[Prof. Psychology, Yale].

Philadelphia, May 27th.

Dear Harvey: I cannot refrain from writing you a word of congratulation on your great achievement. You have written a medical biography which easily ranks with Vallery-Radot's "Pasteur" and beats Rickman Godlee's "Lister". We will of course try to do it justice in the Annals [of Medical History]. The profession owes you a debt of thanks.

Yours very sincerely,

FRANCIS R. PACKARD.

Brookline, May 28th.

Dear Harvey: I have just finished the second volume of the "Life of Sir William Osler". Albert had the first and I couldn't wait, so I read the second and I cried over some of it and laughed over some of it and I thank you for giving me a new friend. I have one or two others of those friends whom I have never seen but who mean far more than many acquaintances one does see, and I think you have done a great piece of work which will enrich and uplift the lives of many people. I am looking forward to the perusal of the first volume with much eagerness.

Affectionately,

GWLADYS W. BIGELOW. [Mrs. Albert]



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Ponkapoag, Mass., May 31st.

My dear Dr. Cushing: I must not let another day go by without telling you how deeply interested I have been in your "Osler". You are indeed to be congratulated - it is a living document. You have given us a wonderful picture of the man, and in every page he triumphs. I am thrilled over it, and I have already given away a dozen copies of it. Some have even gone to Kentucky and North Carolina, so you can see how widespread has been the joy you have made possible. Many many thanks for the great pleasure you have brought into this household.

Yours very faithfully,

MABEL AGASSIZ. [Mrs. GEORGE]

Baltimore, May 31st.

Dear Dr. Cushing: This note I fear will only add to your troubles! but your life of Osler has done my wife and myself so much good you should know it. So simple, so natural, you have made it - all men (and women) as well as those of his profession, should read this record of seventy years, get a picture of him they knew, and, if they did not have that chance, get a charming story of one who loved his fellow-men in the fullest measure - then go forth and act accordingly. . . .

Yours truly,

BLANCHARD RANDALL.

[Trustee J.H.U. and J.H.H.]

Baltimore, May 31st. (2nd time)

Dear brother Harvey: What have you been and gone and done! Here is this splendid monumental work utterly incomplete after all, and a new one will have to follow. You in your unparalleled modesty have omitted Harvey Cushing entirely. Bless your tender gentle heart. You ought not to have done it.

May I journey northward and sit at your feet and take notes and then write an addendum? O, what *ταπεινότητα*; well, you are a noble example anyway.

Faithfully as ever,

HOWARD A. KELLY.

Baltimore, May 30th.

Dear Harvey: Let me add my congratulations to the millions you have doubtless already received on the biography. It is perfectly splendid - of course I knew you would do it in just that masterly way [etc.]. Everybody feels the same way about it and Dr. Welch says it is one of the few great biographies. I also admire the way in which you obliterated yourself - you are the only person who doesn't appear in the index - for that my respect is great.

With best regards,

W. G. MacCALLUM.



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Cambridge, Mass., May 31st.

Dear Harvey: I have just finished the record of the wonderful "Life" and am overwhelmed with your gift to posterity. Surely no writing could more tenderly and dramatically describe its message; and what a message it is!

Gratefully and affectionately yours,

HELEN DANA.  
[the ex-Mrs. Jim Mumford]

Philadelphia, June 3rd. [4th time]

Now, my dear Boswell, I shall endeavour to cancel, in part at least, the debt I owe you. I finished the "Life" last night. It is the finest tribute from a loving friend to a great and good man that I have ever read. My hat is off to you, my son, and I am proud to count myself among your friends.

No book that I have taken up in a long, long time has held me so spell-bound. I've read almost nothing else since I began it. But oh, the pathos of the later days! You kept me swallowing pretty hard in the last fifth of Vol. II. . . .

Much love to you,

A. C. ABBOTT.

New York, June 3rd.

Dear Dr. Cushing: I am very fond of valorous people who do difficult things; far more than is possible; and I rate the writing of that "Life", even in four vacations, as among these things. It is a pleasure to hear that you thought it not unintelligently reviewed; but that pleasure was nothing to the satisfaction I had in reading the book, and so in feeling the encouragement of those two strenuous souls, Osler and his biographer. . . .

Sincerely yours,

STUART P. SHERMAN.  
[literary editor, N.Y. Herald-Tribune]

Toronto, June 1st.

Dear Harvey: Like everyone, I am lost in admiration and wonder whenever I pick up your Life of Osler. I came through Baltimore a few weeks ago and it would have made you feel that all your work was well done to hear Harry Thomas, Frank Smith, Theobald, Welch and many others talk about Uncle as if made to live again in your work. Harry T. had the volumes like a Bible by his bedside and seemed to save up his little energies merely to get another journey through the leaves. You have made a wonderful thing of his early life and have got the colour in a way that will go far in explaining how W.O. got the wonderful start in life which up to this time has seemed a little beyond even Canadian understandings.

Sir Edmund, the Judge and my mother would have joined me, I know, in letting you feel that the Life has exceeded all expectations; I wish they could have been spared to read it. Everyone here who has any pretence to understanding is most enthusiastic and I can only add my applause to theirs. Sincerely,

NORMAN B. GWYN.



North Berwick, Scotland, May 23rd.

My dear Cushing: I cannot refrain from writing to give you my private personal opinion of your "Osler" - especially in view of the cavilling remarks in some of the reviews - that you have given too much detail. In my judgment there is not a particle too much and such as you have given was necessary for the picture, which is not and should not be a mere impression but as pre-Raphaelite as possible. Certainly to those who knew him intimately, the presentation is life-like, and I, at any rate, put this in my own mind amongst the great biographies; which are great because of their detail and their trueness to life.

Kindest regards,

E. SHARPEY SCHAFER.

Bridgwater, England, May 25th.

Dear Dr. Harvey Cushing: On the evening of Saturday May 23rd I received the two volumes you have compiled on the Life of Sir Wm. Osler. It is indeed a grand contribution to the literature of this century. To say it interests me, is not to give you any idea of the feelings and scenes of days gone long past which it has evoked in my mind. I have only dipped into it slightly, but it will be read carefully. You are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangement of the facts; it is well printed and illustrated. . . . I do not know how to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy.

Believe me, yours very sincerely,

JAMES BOVELL JOHNSON.



OSLER BIOGRAPHY

Extracts from letters received by Dr. Cushing

Apr. 12, 1925.

Montreal.

Dear 'Hardy': I knew an 'advanced copy' was on the way but was thrilled when the two volumes were brought to the house just after lunch yesterday - and the thrill never left me until I retired to bed after midnight. It is so well written, all the notes are so good and so useful, that I should like to retire from the world for several days and simply revel in it. Then it is a book worthy of the Oxford Press in every way and the illustrations could not be better.

You must breathe a sigh of relief that it is 'out' at last. All the work upon it meant a tremendous sacrifice of time but you will feel that it has been one of love for our Master and for the present and future generations. . . .

Yours ever,

ARCHIBALD MALLOCH.

Apr. 17th.

Montreal.

Dear 'Hardy': It is simply wonderful! I can hardly put it down even for meals, and this whole family is getting badly neglected. I can't see how you ever did it, and know what a tremendous piece of work it was, though I don't think of that while I am reading, but only how glorious Doccie O was and I know that is the way you want us all to feel, especially as you have so completely kept yourself out. I am sure every one who reads the book will love you if they do not already! I have not felt so near Doccie O since he died as I do now and of course I am very proud of being in the "On the Terrace" photograph with them. I know Campbell will be delighted with the many nice references to his father. He has not read nearly as much as I have and it makes him frightfully sad. He will have to get away quietly by himself to read it properly.

I am sure Kate is awfully proud of you - I wish I could see you both and tell you how I feel about it, - I can't write letters. You have almost given him back to us. Thank you a thousand thousand times.

Always affectionately,

OTILLIE WRIGHT HOWARD.

Apr. 18th.

New York City.

Dear Dr. Cushing: I came home this morning and found your Osler book on my desk and dropped everything to examine it. All I found delighted me, especially your inclusion of words of mine that I am very pleased to have included. Indeed they made my eyes fill all over again.

Dr. Fred Shattuck said to me the other day: "There was no one like Osler!" No, no one; and you seem really to have put him on record. I'll take the book home and read it all through; and I'll write about it in "Life", though there won't be room in that paper for a real review of it. . . .

Yours sincerely and gratefully,

EDWARD S. MARTIN.



Philadelphia, Apr. 19th.

Dear Harvey: A copy of the biography came on Friday and this is just a hurried note to tell you how good it is. I once thought that if Thayer would have done it, he was the man - that was before you started at it - but I felt that he never would get it done if given to him. Now I know that my early idea was quite wrong, for Thayer could never have touched this.

It is among the great medical biographies and will rank with all biographies, medical or otherwise. Neither you nor myself can estimate the impression it will give to one who never knew him. But as far as I can see, no one with intelligence can fail to get your message. You have effaced yourself in a very remarkable way.

As you said to me once, it is terribly sad towards the end - It could not be otherwise. Your last paragraph is splendid - I had wondered how you would end. My very hearty congratulations on the work. It is a great biography. . .

Yours very sincerely,

THOMAS McCRAE.

Oxford, Apr. 19th.

Dear Professor Cushing: Lady Osler has just given me the Osler books and I feel that I would like to write and let you know how I feel about it. You will I know be inundated with correspondence so I won't say much but I would like to thank you. Of course I only knew Sir William a short time, from 1905 onwards, but you have so caught what I always felt was his spirit, that to me the portrait you have drawn is wonderful. As an undergraduate I was a constant attendee at the "Open Arms" and came very directly under his influence at that time. You put his sympathy with and understanding of the mind of the student so markedly, and that was the point which has always impressed me about Sir William. He was the only man to whom one could unburden one's no doubt extraordinarily uninteresting youthful thoughts and come away with the idea that he had really been interested and, what is more, that he thought there was something in what one had said and was able to give suggestions as to following out the ideas.

That faculty which he so undoubtedly had for appreciating the adolescent mind is a very wonderful thing and is one of the points about Osler - one of the very many points - which personally always make me feel ashamed of myself but at the same time tend to stimulate one in one's efforts to broaden. One always came away from the "Open Arms" stimulated and with something new to think about. Please excuse this hopelessly egoistic note but your book has brought up past scenes rather vividly. With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

W. W. WAGSTAFFE.

Baltimore, April 20th.

Dear Cushing: I am not waiting until I have finished reading the Life of Osler to tell you how delighted I am with it. I have read parts of both volumes and shall read the whole, but I have read enough to feel sure that you have produced a really great biography. No one else could have done it so well.

You present a faithful portrait of a truly great man, an authentic record of the facts and circumstances of his life in chronological order, your simple



clear narrative style, with happy touches, but without attempt at rhetorical fine writing, pleases me immensely. Anecdotes and extracts from letters and other writings are used, as they should be, to reveal the soul and character and mind of the man. Your restraint in not being drawn away from the main subject by irrelevant details, while making clear the setting of Osler's life, is admirable.

What a help Lady Osler's letters are in piecing out the story, and what a gift she has as a letter-writer!

The art of biography you have mastered, and I fancy you learned part of the secret from Boswell's Life of Johnson. It is a fine thing to combine the thoroughness and accuracy and painstaking research of the scientific man with a genuine literary gift. What the latter alone can do is shown by such a superficial although readable work as Burton Hendrick's biography of Gorgas.

Your Life of Osler is mighty interesting reading, throughout, and I believe that it will prove so to the general public as well as to the medical profession and the friends of Osler. Lady Osler must be pleased with the result, and if I can speak for all of Osler's friends I say: "Thank you a thousand times and heartiest congratulations."

I appreciate more than I can tell you, your coming to that little intimate family birthday party, just the friends I like to see - and giving me the first copy of the Life, with the beautiful dedication. . . .

Ever yours sincerely,

WILLIAM H. WELCH.

New York City, Apr. 21st.

Dear Dr. Cushing: Osler is in that book. There's no doubt of that. I've read it back and forth until I am possessed and inflated with him, yet I haven't read half of it yet.

You know the usual terror of a close-up biographer is the widow; but I judge not in your case. The book couldn't have been done as it is without Lady Osler's help and co-operation. There is a vast deal of work in it, of which no doubt she did her share. I'm going to write to her, and when I get to Boston again I'll go and see you if you are there. Your story of Osler's last illness is extraordinarily interesting.

I think the examples of transplanted British stuff that we have in Osler, and now in John Sargent, are very striking. . . .

Sincerely,

E. S. MARTIN.

Philadelphia, Apr. 22nd.

My dear Harvey: Ever since the Biography came a week ago, I have given up all my spare moments to it and have been entranced. I am reading it slowly, and how you have made the old names live! Dr. Johnson and Dr. Bovell had been such shadowy figures, and you have made them live again as very vivid personalities. And as for the dear subject of the biography, you have given him back to us all just as we knew him; and those of us who loved him, and future generations too, will ever be thankful to you. Isn't Kate proud of you! and what a joy and comfort these volumes must be to Aunt Grace. . . .

As ever yours,

AMY MCCRAE.



New York City, Apr. 23rd.

Dear Dr. Cushing: Here's what I have written. (Editorial for "Life" of May 7th.) I put it in as editorial because it is only on that page that I can command space and because I wanted to talk about the book without delay. I couldn't do a real review in "Life", there is not room enough. The literary weeklies and the newspapers will do that abundantly and be thankful to have a book worth talking about and quoting. . . .

I am very interested in the beginnings of Osler in Canada, and have read that part with a map. I always wanted to know how he came so. I have even read his natural-history investigations though I don't know what some of the words mean. They were important; they made him a doctor. How near he came to taking up with the church, and how strong the church was with those "Canucks!"

The index of the book is first-rate ("A-1" as he would have said) and that is important.

Yours sincerely,

E. S. MARTIN.

London, Apr. 27th.

Dear Cushing: I have just returned from a ten days' holiday in France to find the two attractive volumes of your "Osler" on my table at home. I want to tell you at once what pleasure these, and your work that they embody, have given me, as they will now be giving thousands of others.

Just before Easter I had a week-end with Lady Osler and saw the first copy of both volumes which had just reached her from the Press. After a tête-à-tête dinner with her and a delightful talk, I sat in front of a wood fire in that blessed library with your two volumes on my knee, and I browsed in them till the early hours of the morning. I could not have wished a more perfect setting for my first reading of them. You can easily guess how I felt as I sat in that room among all those books, and with countless memories of his ways and sayings and kindnesses. I meant to write at once to thank you for your part in this, but I was dashing from place to place . . .

Do let me warmly congratulate you. I admire very greatly the skill with which you have got so much material into so small a space, while keeping right proportions of perspective. You have done the most difficult thing of all: you have not allowed detail to obscure the general sense of narrative and progress, and yet you have given abundantly the small details without which no portrait could have been given or any effective tale told. This particular difficulty is one common to all biographers, but in your case it was specially great because of Osler's multifarious interests. Above all, I think you have succeeded in showing his beauty as a human being and a moral teacher, without letting that be submerged in his distinction as a physician or an educationalist, or an antiquarian, or an official.

I think you must be pleased with the form of the book. I think the type and page and general make-up are all quite excellent. The illustrations are all very precious possessions. . . . I feel almost envious of you to have been able to pay such a tribute to such a friend. Like very many others, I owe you a real debt of gratitude for what you have done. . . .

Yours sincerely,

WALTER FLETCHER.



New York, May 1st.

Dear Harvey: Have just seen THE BOOK - Can't wait to tell you how delighted I am with it, though I have as yet merely wandered through its many interesting pages. Smiling, serious, a bit choky, and again smiling, the various emotions came and carried me along, fascinated with your style and amazed at the wealth of material you have fitted together into the story of the life of our Great Master. You must know what a monumental work you have completed.

Yours,

C. N. B. CAMAC.

Baltimore, May 1st.

Dear Cush: A thousand thanks, more than a thousand thanks for the great biography, - 'tis another Boswell indeed! And I am so happy to have it from you - I don't know what more I can say except to congratulate you most warmly and to tell you how glad I am in thinking of how happy the Chief would be if he could only read it. How he would laugh at his jokes! and delight in the remembrance of his old friends.

As ever,

JAKE. (H. B. JACOBS).

Richmond, Va. May 2nd.

Dear Dr. Cushing: My copy of your Life of Dr. Osler just came today . . . You have done such a splendid thing, and all of us old students of the Chief are most grateful. What a wonderful man he was! The last time I saw him was in September 1910 when he learned in some way of my marriage in London and invited Mrs. Vander Hoof and me to spend the day with him at Oxford - and such a day it was! After luncheon we went into his library and he presented Mrs. Vander Hoof with a copy of the new edition of his "Aequanimitas" and after inscribing it on the fly-leaf he wrote below: "A man is only what his wife allows him to be." My wife said afterwards that she had thought of that a thousand times . . .

With cordial regards,

DOUGLAS VANDER HOOFF (J.H.H. 1905).

Baltimore, May 3rd.

Dear Harvey: I have dipped into the book here and there and am delighted. You may be interested to know that it recalled the Chief so vividly that a curious feeling compelled me to lay it aside for a time. I am deep in it again and have difficulty in laying it down. With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

LAWRASON BROWN.



Palmerton, Pa., May 4th.

My dear Dr. Cushing: Presumptuous though it may be, let me tell you of the joy that the Osler "Life" brought to me amid the trials incidental to carrying on in this sixty-five-bed general hospital. No anticipated pleasure has so exceeded expectation as the first plunge into these Clarendon Press volumes, rich in all the wealth of intimate and momentous association that any worshiper of Dr. Osler could desire. Not an immediate student but an admirer through the influence of my father and Dr. H. V. O., I find in this work (fittingly yours) concrete expression of the man's charm and spirit which I had vaguely idealized. Accept, if you will, this irrepressible note of congratulation and grateful acknowledgment.

Sincerely yours,

ROGER P. BATCHELDOR. (J.H.H. 1915)

Savannah, Ga., May 5th.

Dear Harvey: I cannot find fit words to thank you properly for so kindly sending me your wonderful Life of the Chief. It is certainly one of the very few really great biographies and I am sure that the Chief himself would have been delighted with it. It is written with great literary art and with rare judgment and tact. Accept my most cordial congratulations as well as thanks.

Gratefully yours ever,

LEONARD MACKALL.

Worcester, Mass., May 7th.

Dear Harvey: During an enforced convalescence from a recent mutilation which my surgical friends inflicted upon me, I have been reading your "Osler". The fascination of the subject needs no comment. I can imagine the pleasure you must have had in the preparation but I doubt if you can appreciate the pleasure you have given to others. No member of our profession has ever been more fortunate in his biographer. Its interest has been so absorbing that I haven't been able to think of anything else. I am perfectly delighted and want to thank you for having afforded me the opportunity of reading such an attractive history of so outstanding a figure in the history of medicine and medical education.

Sincerely yours,

HOMER GAGE. (Harv. 1887)

Montreal, May 8th.

My dear Dr. Cushing: The two volumes, which both Mrs. Blackader and myself had been looking forward to for some weeks, arrived today. I have been glancing through the pages ever since. May I congratulate upon the completion of a difficult, but an excellently executed task. The heart and hand of a friend are visible in every picture you draw. The Osler as we all remember him stands out clearly in every page.

No one of his old friends can read the story of the last few weeks with a dry eye. . . . A review of the volumes will appear in the June number of our magazine.

Very sincerely yours,

A. D. BLACKADER.



Philadelphia, May 10th.

My dear Dr. Cushing: I cannot resist the impulse to write and attempt to express to you the pleasure and inspiration that you have given me in your delightful "Life". Having had the good fortune to come in contact with Dr. Osler a number of times all that you have written of his magnetic and inspiring personality I can, from the depths of a grateful heart, subscribe to. In reading your labour of love concerning this beloved physician it occurred to me how fortunate it was for the world of medicine that such a monumental work existed. So impressed have I been with the lasting influence of such a work that I have added to my pleasure in it by ordering a number of volumes for fraternity houses and for individual internes. No man can read a page of your work without seeing a vision of what the profession of medicine might be if there were more Oslers and, may I add with all sincerity, more Harvey Cushings to inspire its members.

Assuring you of the heartfelt appreciation of one man, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN BEARDSLEY.

[Asst. Prof. Med., Jefferson Med. Coll.]

Philadelphia, May 10th.

[second letter]

You've pulled it down on your own head, my dear Harvey, by writing so charming a book.. I've got to talk to someone about it! It's like bringing up old friends from the grave! Take Ogden, for instance, I'd forgotten all about him, I'm ashamed to say. . . . Old Dr. Mullin - you mention him and instantly my memory flashes back to Dr. Mullin's debut at the Hospital. . . . So it goes - almost every page revives an old memory, and marginal notes are growing numerous in my copy.

Yours,

A. C. A[bbott].

Boston, May 10th.

My dear Dr. Cushing: Last night I sat up till quarter before two, reading the first volume of your "Osler" and starting the second one, and I feel I must write you just a line of the warmest appreciation of your work, in giving us such a vivid picture of such a brilliant, wonderful personality and genius. It is very striking to see the picture emerge from the necessary but very interesting medical details and it makes an unforgettable impression.

Forgive the thanks of a lay-woman! and believe me

Very sincerely yours,

ELLEN PARKMAN VAUGHAN.



Brookline, May 11th.

Dear Harvey: I am blear-eyed and sleepy all day since my return from Washington, as a result of sitting up so late every night reading your fascinating biography of W. O. Many others must be in a similar state I know. In Philadelphia a week ago Alfred Stengel told me he had sat up until one o'clock the previous night, reading. Sailer who entered the room just then and had heard the remark, said: "John Clark beat your record - he was reading it until two o'clock last night."

Lawrason Brown told me later the same day in Baltimore, where he is laid up at the Union Memorial Hospital, that he had to put the volumes aside. They moved him too deeply, by bringing so vividly before him the Chief who is no more to move among us.

It is a Great work. You have made every friend of Sir William your debtor.

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH H. PRATT.



Toronto, May 19th.

Dear Dr. Cushing: I have just finished reading the first volume of your Osler biography and I wish to thank and congratulate you. You have given us a splendid piece of work, . . . I shall start on the second volume right away, and then I hope to read both of them over again!

Yours truly,

PLAYFAIR McMURRICH.

Adirondacks, May 20th.

Dear Harvey: Drs. Brammen, Kellogg and myself are up here for ten days in the woods and I have brought the first vol. with me. You can guess what a treat it is to have this to read in the quiet of this place. It is a history of medical teaching and progress for the last 50 years - and you have incorporated into this technical record the personal element of your chief subject just as Vallery-Radot did with his Pasteur. I like your date-and-age on each page; how often in biographies have we been annoyed stopping to bring these data into relation to the story.

Don't trouble to acknowledge this for I want to pop off a word to you from time to time as I go deeper into this absorbing work.

Yours,

C. N. B. CAMAC.

Philadelphia, May 20th.

My dear Cushing: To say I congratulate you would but feebly express my feeling regarding your "Osler". Never has a nobler theme been more nobly presented. . . .

Like some others here who have spoken of it to me I sat up to unholy hours several nights on end after getting the books - nights of amazement and delight; and I thank you for doing this splendid work for us all.

Sincerely,

ALFRED STENGEL.

Baltimore, May 21st.

Dear Dr. Cushing: I have just finished reading your "Osler" and cannot refrain [etc]. Although my time at the Hopkins considerably post-dated Osler's he has always been my particular medical hero, and one of my pleasantest memories of the war is an afternoon which Mrs. Moore and I spent at the "Open Arms". He even went to the trouble to write me a letter to my future (unknown) C.O. somewhere in France! He was as kind to me - a young Hopkins graduate he'd never even heard of - as he could have been to his oldest friend. Please pardon my intrusion on your time - I merely want to add my word of appreciation.

Sincerely,

J. E. MOORE. (J.H.H. '16).



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Dedham, May 17th.

Dear Dr. Cushing: I have just finished the "Life of Sir William Osler". My own life will be forever richer for knowing the wonderful man who lives again in your pages. Like a great artist you paint him stroke by stroke: his thoughts, his feelings, his motives, his ideals - his serenity, his endurance, his thrilling vitality - his love of life and of all who lived heroically - his patience. You make his spirit live to inspire us with a higher ideal of what life can mean than we ever had before.

Please do not think of answering this - I had to tell you a little of the deep gratitude I owe you.

Sincerely,

LUCY FARNSWORTH.

Providence, R.I., May 19th.

My dear Cushing: Just my own humble word to add to the chorus of thanks and praise. It is now the witching hour of 3.00 a.m. and I have just finished the Life. It is all so splendid! How ever did you do it in such a relatively short time?

Your concluding paragraphs blurred my vision a bit - pathos of the ennobling sort. When I get sick of provincialism I shall read the Life as an inspiration.

Again many thanks and all good wishes,

J. E. DONLEY.

[U. of Pa. Med. Sch., '02]

Columbia, S.C., May 19th.

Dear Dr. Cushing: I cannot resist writing you a line to say how much I have enjoyed your Life of Dr. Osler. It is one of the most inspiring books that I have read in many a day, and has made it possible for me, too, "to enjoy an attack of bronchitis". Those of us who have been more or less brought up in the Osler tradition have appreciated his goodness, loveliness, and accomplishments, through unremitting industry directed by high ideals, but I am sure that most of us have not been familiar with the beautiful background of his youth, - after all the determining factor of his life.

I believe that the hope expressed in your dedicatory remarks will be realized, for it is inconceivable that students of medicine could fail to read such a wonderful life and, reading it, fail to be made better by it.

Yours sincerely,

J. HEYWARD GIBBES [J.H.H. '12]



Wilmington, N.C., May 16th.

Dear Dr. Cushing: An an humble worker in the ranks may I tell you what a great debt so many of us, born and unborn, owe to you for bringing the human side of Sir William Osler to the members of the profession? Only a few hours ago my copy came and the day's work was halted to allow me to see what manner of book it was. If I may presume I would say that you have caught the spirit of the common doctor's need and you have rendered the greatest single service any man can render. It is not the scientific attainments of Sir William that I wish to hand on to my sons, but those things about him which made him so human, so thoughtful, so unselfish, so wisely helpful, but above all kept him himself: the greatest, wisest and best of all physicians of all time, beginning the line at Hippocrates and not forgetting Sydenham or Harvey or any other of the immortals.

He was my friend and if I ever attain to anything creditable it is only a tiny part payment of what I shall always owe him and his memory. I was never his student but in spite of that he was my principal teacher. It was my custom while he was in Baltimore to run up from this nearby point and attend his ward rounds. He called me the "Georgia cracker" and would trip along the corridors with his arm over my shoulder. [Paragraphs of reminiscences]. . . You will appreciate why I feel so inadequate to pay to his memory the veneration I feel. Your book makes a new day; every worthwhile doctor in North Carolina will have read that book through within a year or two for I shall see to it. It will do more to uplift them than all the other efforts of the past. My boys will now read it in place of Pasteur's Life except when they have time for both.

Please pardon so much effusion; I only want you to know something of the appreciation of the backwoodsman far removed from the great centres, kept alive scientifically only by such reading as this and an occasional medical meeting. My sons will make higher types of doctors whether physician or surgeon, and surely one can do a man no greater service than this of elevating the sons to a higher level of life in all its aspects.

Very sincerely yours,

EDWARD JENNER WOOD.

Cambridge, Mass., May 17th.

Dear Harvey: Before leaving for home [St. Louis] I want to say a word to you about your Osler book. I finished the second volume last night and before going to sleep I was conscious of a sensation of a fine and rare experience. It was due, I think, to the vivid contact with a rich, tender, and spiritual personality.

Osler to me before was rather vague and distant - a medical figure of outstanding merit, an author, teacher, and great physician. Now he is something different - a kind of medical apostle shining with the tenderest of human qualities. Then too, Harvey, you have told an interesting story and told it well. . .

Affectionately,

SIDNEY I. SCHAWB.



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Baltimore, May 14, 1925.

Dear Dr. Cushing: I suppose you are bothered with numerous letters of congratulation on your biography of Osler, but I should like to add a word of sincere thanks for doing it so splendidly. You have portrayed so exactly the conditions in 1913-1916 that, as I read, I lived over again those years. The volumes are so fascinating that I have neglected all other reading for the past few days and look forward to re-reading them when I go abroad at the end of the month.

The May Number of the Bulletin had already gone to press, so that I was unable to insert a notice in that number, but there will be a preliminary review in the June Number and a more complete one later.

Thanking you again for this great contribution to all of us who loved Sir William and Lady O,

Yours sincerely,

WILBURT C. DAVISON.

Philadelphia, May 14th.

My dear Dr. Cushing: [Invitation to Phila]. . . The Osler volumes are giving more pleasure and entertainment than any books that have arrived in Philadelphia for many years. I am in no position to criticise the literary merit of the work but if I take the word of men familiar with literary criticism you have produced a unique work that will not only inspire this generation of medical students, graduate and undergraduate, but will preserve the wonderfully vital influence of Osler for the generations to come.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN BEARDSLEY.

Baltimore, May 15th.

Dearest Harvey: I am enclosing you my review of your book. The "Forum" publishes it, but they say that they must make a few cuts as it is a little long for a book-review. I think of your book exactly what I have said in the review; only one thing you won't see and that is that your book has about broken my heart, - You make Sir William alive again - and I know that he is dead. You know.

Yours ever,

EDITH E. R[EID]



Milwaukee, May 12th, 1925.

My dear Dr. Cushing: The books have come. Family pride makes me do the acknowledging because Henry is too absorbed to do so. His first question was, "Can he have made it interesting to a layman?" My interest, so far as I have been allowed a volume, is, I suppose, something of an answer to that.

Henry stumbled upstairs last night at midnight, (after 4-5 hours of it) muttering, "Amazing - its perfectly amazing; and with next to nothing to do it on."

And this morning the coward warned me, in the face of a day's work, "not to bring those things around"! So you may know that there is real enthusiasm and appreciation in at least one household. How relieved you and Mrs. Cushing must be to have such a fine peice of work done! With kindest remembrances,

Yours very sincerely,

FRANCES OGDEN.

Boston, May 13th.

My dear Harvey: Your "Osler" in two volumes came to me this morning with your very sympathetic greetings. I count myself a fortunate man to receive such a token from the biographer of such a medical saint as Osler was. The word comes to me as I write and I feel that it fits his character for he had qualities so rarely seen in combination that they make him stand out as an epitome of all that we should respect. He came as near actually being worshipped as any medical character in my day ever did, in my opinion.

I rejoiced when I knew you were to be his biographer for no one could portray his qualities better than your good self.

My capacity for reading is so limited that it will take a long time for me to do what I want with this book. Meanwhile, accept my congratulations on the responsive manner in which it has already been received. They tell me that the demand for the book is already great.

With ever so many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. COLLINS WARREN.