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April 3d, 1920.

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Doctor Cushing:

Your good letter of the 30th is at hand. I have fulfilled your directions by verbally spanking Francis Trudeau and he will respond forthwith; if not, if you will let me know again I will administer an even more severe punishment. I am enclosing the only worth-while note that I have of my own from Osler. As you perhaps know, I was only a so-to-speak attaché to Osler's immediate friends, and did not have the associations which I have often longed for and that most of you enjoyed. I was born too soon! However, I occasionally had a short note from him, acknowledging a reprint or an annual report. Most of these, however, were sent to Dr. Trudeau. The card enclosed is characteristic, as Osler had no expectation of the patient getting well because he had advanced tuberculosis in both lungs and in the larynx. The interesting part is that he did get well and so far as I know is well at present. His reference to Gwyn is to his nephew or cousin (I forget which) who spent some time at the Sanatorium for alleged T. B. I always believed him to be a case of simple atrophic laryngitis. I wish you great pleasure in your task of collecting Osler's memoirs. I was privileged a year ago to call upon him at Oxford, when returning from the Red Cross mission to

Nephew, Rev. Robert (Bitter) Brown (1873-1934)
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Cannes. A number of us, including Fritz Talbot, Palmer Lucas, ~~or~~ Sam Hammell and myself, made a special pilgrimage for the purpose. We found him in bed following a tooth extraction the previous day under gas anesthesia. During his unconsciousness from the gas anesthesia the dentist had, (without Osler's permission or knowledge), injected him with a vaccine, on the theory that it would prevent subsequent infection! In expectation of a reaction from this, he remained in bed. Fortunately there was no reaction and we were able to see him, although Lady Osler at first had forbidden it. He however heard us talking downstairs and sent word by a maid that if we did not come up he would come down in his pajamas. This settled it and we went up and had a short interview with him. We found him very much like his old self, very cordial; and it was a delight to see him in a good mood and so well preserved. I am sure I feel as all do that no man in our generation embodied so much that made for enlightenment and progress/as he, and withal, personal qualities which endeared him to all of us.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward R. Galdwin

P.S. The sketch in the Am. Review of Tech. was by our universal biographer, Knopf. I will ask him to send you a reprint
ERG