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Dear Dr. Cushing:

Any assistance that I can give you  
would be a great pleasure to me, in the matter  
of the M. O. biography. but unfortunately my correspondence  
was too voluminous to keep and has been regularly  
destroyed from time to time so that, so far as I know,  
I have none of Osler's letters. As I remember  
them I projected the change of the Medical News to  
a weekly, which took place in January, 1882, Osler was  
one of the men I secured as a local correspondent,  
and I think that so long as he remained in Montreal,  
all letters from there were by him. The publishers  
should have a bound set of the volumes with the authorship  
of each unsigned article marked in it by me, and I have  
so told Dr. McCree but I do not know whether  
they have been preserved or he has been able to  
unearth them.

I have endeavored, but in vain, to recall any -

circumstances of his life while here that seem  
worth recording, which you might not have, but  
in vain. He always loved his practical jokes  
and got off on me the Edgerton J. Davis letter  
which appeared not long after he got here.  
(Ind. News, Dec. 13, 1884, p. 673). I was a little  
suspicious of it, when it came and so published  
it with a statement of where it came, but at the  
time I had no suspicion of his being in it. It was  
a very clever piece of work concerning which we  
subsequently had many hearty laughs, after he  
had acknowledged to me its authorship.

Sincerely yours

Wm. Hays