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Dr. Harvey Cushing,
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Dear Dr. Cushing:-

After I returned from Washington, I immediately took your advice and ordered a set of these wonderful volumes and on Sunday last took my first opportunity to seriously go into this work. May I, with this short experience, add my congratulations to the many others which you must have received, in appreciation of the masterly way in which you have collected the information and included so many references to intimate friends. I am sorry that Mother is not here to join in this appreciation of your presentation.

May I take the liberty of relating an incident, again brought to mind as a result of reading the following in Volume II, page 179:-
"How he found time for its preparation is difficult to see" etc. A few days before this address he passed through Hamilton without his definite usual preannouncement and hunted me up in a new house. As I was out he told the maid that ^{he would (?)} just wait and look around and I believe that he asked for letter paper. He gave her his name but as this was Greek to her, no effort was made to locate me. After staying some time, he left before I returned from my rounds and I did not see him again until after his address in Toronto. I am sure that he did take a good "look around" my office and it was always my regret that he discovered "the specious and seductive pamphlets issued by pharmaceutical houses" lying about on my

desk. I can assure that when I heard his address given, I realized, with a guilty conscience, that in much of it the preacher was talking from the pulpit for my benefit. After the address, I asked him about this matter and received the usual kindly but evasive reply. Since that time I have had less regard for the "scientific" information contained in such literature.

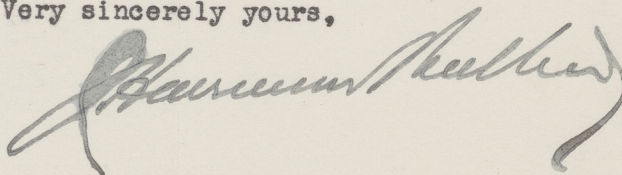
There can be no doubt that the great man stimulated many men in this community. I frequently referred to the spirit of Osler and its ^{society} influence, on the ~~social~~ platform and on other occasions.

In his address, before our local society in '06 just before Xmas, he stressed the proper care of the "brain pan" and the necessity for the young doctor to get away from home frequently to see the work being carried on in other centres.

I hope that sometime in the near future, it may be possible for you to appear before our local society, and that while you are in these parts you will be able to visit Dundas and see something of our medical environment. Our annual meeting will be held this month and I will bring this matter to the attention of the Executive and you may anticipate a more formal invitation for such an address. In the meantime if you see Frothingham, Osgoode or Peabody, no doubt they will supplement our credentials.

May I again thank you for the great privilege of being able to review Osler's life, so interestingly told in these two volumes.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Harrison Mather". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.