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Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Harvard Medical School,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Cushing:

The Secretary of the Tudor and Stuart Club, of which I am now President, has just turned over to us the copy of the *Chief's Life*, which you were so generous as to send us. You are not going to get off as easy as that, however, because you had in it only a card. If I send back the first volume, will you not appropriately inscribe it for the Club's shelves? Your self-suppression in this work has gone beyond all bounds, so you must stand, and deliver in this case.

When the first copy had reached Baltimore, Dr. Welch, its owner, was brought to the Tudor and Stuart Club, and gave a marvellous talk of two hours on Sir William, as suggested by your "*Life*". He puts you close to Boswell, and I am glad to learn that it is he who is to review it in the *Saturday Review*. In this crowded month, I shall not have a chance to touch it, but I am looking forward with the keenest anticipation to that delight in July. It is a rare fortune for us all that brought you to the task. I hope "*Popsy*" will be as lucky.

I have some nice things in mind for the program of next year's Club life, including an appearance, I hope, of Robert Frost. The three public addresses given in the past three years have been of the learned sort, dealing with the Elizabethan period. I am going to break away this time, and, if possible, give the boys a royal year in the love of literature. I want Mr. Gottlieb, and Miss Lizette Woodworth Reese, for example, to give an evening on Sidney Lanier. Dr. Welch has consented to appear again, and says he would like to talk on Elizabethan doctors. I wish he would talk about books and reading, but he says he cannot discuss ^{them} I, rather, am inclined to give them one evening of reading some twentieth century poetry. I am going to watch for the appearance of literary characters in the city, including, for example, first-rate Shakespearean interpreters. If somebody can be found for Tudor music, that will prove interesting. If anything good occurs to you, please be so good as to pass it along. I suppose it is too much to expect a visit from Lady Osler this next year, but in any case, I assume that the picture of Revere will be completed, and we can have an unveiling.

Yours cordially,

Mh Raney
Librarian.