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Wor Harvey Cushing
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Dear Sir

I wanted very much to tell you how I am enjoying "Sir Wm Osler" and after a chat about the book with Mrs A. S. Davis the other day, she being a close friend of Mrs Whitney, I decided to write even tho I am not thru the second volume. You have taken infinite pains in this book and stored away thousands of things which not only interest but encourage others. I first saw the volumes in a store in San Francisco in Sept., but they were too heavy to carry in my bag. so I waited till I returned East and then bought them hoping to read them & give them to a friend at Christmas. I had just finished the first volume at that time but gave them away just the same, expecting to buy a set for myself. Fortunately the same books were given to me at Christmas so I continued unintermittedly reading a little in bed each night. It just happens (if you will) to be about the most interesting biography I have read and as I too have always liked microscopy & have mounted diatoms & bone sections by "dry" & "Kulman" methods, I assume I can read some of Osler's articles. & I was a member of the Am. Microscopical Society in '80's. There are scores of places where you make Osler Tangier, human but remarkable to me. He gained his way by ~~toil~~ work and hard continuous effort even if he enjoyed it and I for one feel much like thanking you heartily for your selflessness and I assume the public also feels and acts the same.

Yr very truly W. H. Whitney