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Dr. Harvey Cushing, Boston, Mass.

Dear Doctor Cushing:

I am very sorry I did not get a chance to see you when you were here in Cleveland the last time, because I wanted to tell you how much pleasure I received from reading your "Life of Sir William Osler." I think it should be in every physician's library. I have also been interested in seeing how many of the laity are reading this biography, and they are all expressing a great deal of interest and a great deal of admiration of the book and of Doctor Osler.

I am writing to ask you your opinion about the question of a memorial tablet for the general reading room in the new Medical Library and what form you thought it should take. My first impression was to have a small bronze tablet with the name of the three doctors on it, but on further consideration, I rather leaned towards the thought that a simpler and much more appropriate plan would be to have carved in marble over the door or to have the name on the door itself "The Cushing Memorial Room." I am just in the very early stages of thinking about it, so that my ideas as yet may be very crude. It is for that reason I would appreciate very much your opinion as to what form this should take. I feel very sure when you see the room itself, which is now far enough along so that one can get an excellent idea as to what it will look like, you will be very pleased with it. Mrs. Edward Cushing and Harvey were there to see the room the other day, and they both expressed themselves that the room was far beyond their expectations. It was very good of you to contribute so generously towards this, and the trustees of the Library appreciate it very much.