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Dear Dr. Cushing:--

It was a very great delight to receive your letter of May 11, and sending me out a copy of your recent Biography of Sir Wm. Osler will be a piece of generosity very greatly appreciated indeed. I have seen several reviews of the work, and was not at all surprised at the unanimous praise they gave it. Dr. Osler left Hopkins the year before I entered, and so I never enjoyed his own teaching, but in the persons of his pupils I received it in all departments and not least of all in the Hunterian Laboratory.

Such books contain between the lines an autobiography of the author, at least the outstanding ones do, and I sincerely hope that this one is no exception. It will have few more appreciative readers I am sure than it finds here in Arabia.

Ancient Persian MSS or even the less ancient Medical books are not to be had locally but I have started lines of inquiry in Tehezan Shiraz and Isphahan. These cities are a long way off from here and the work has to be done by correspondence. It will take a long time to get results this way but it offers the only chance there is, I think. I am casting about in my mind to see if I can discover other possible centers where it would be probable that such things might be picked up. I think I will try to get the Bishop of Persia whom I know very well, to see if he can look me up something.

We are all having a good time out here. The family numbers three youngsters two boys and now a little girl, much the prettiest of the bunch. They and their Mother are in India till the hot weather is over. The Gulf is a little warm this time of year.

You are travelling abroad frequently I am sure. Why don't you come out East once, where we can show you more of interest in a week than any city in Europe can show you in a month. You would enjoy it too. If you gave us any sort of fair chance, by telling us ahead of time I could probably take you out into some spot in Arabia where no Modern Medicine has ever been seen, and then you could see a type of appreciation of Doctors which I imagine might be unique in your experience.

Give my very warm regards to Mrs. Cushing and the boys.

Yours sincerely,

Paul W. Harrison.