

(Dr. T. W. Thursfield, Leamington, Eng)

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

25.VI.18. (June 25th)

Dear Thursfield

You are a wicked man to encourage covetousness! 'Tis a perfect gem of a booklet which I shall prize highly & it goes on my shelves with the Rabelais edition, of about the same size. The entry in the catalogue will refer gratefully to your kindness I have a splendid collection of Hippocrates. My library goes to my old school at Montreal, for which I am making a special collection of all the original contributions of the first rank.

It was nice to see you in such good form.

Sincerely yours,

W^m Osler.

(Note: "The occasion of its being written was a little present which I made to Sir Wm. Osler of a tiny Diamond Edition, beautifully bound, of a physician's Thumb-book "Of the Aphorisms of Hippocrates", published in Amsterdam in the early part of the 18th century").

SELWOOD,
BEAUCHAMP SQUARE,
LEAMINGTON.

April 21st 1920.

To Harvey Cushing, M.D.
at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital
Boston,
Mass.

Dear Sir,

"Biography of the late Sir William Osler."

Observing in the "Times" newspaper
a request for any letters or personal
reminiscences to be sent to you, I venture
to enclose an original note of the late
Sir William Osler, sent to me in 1918.

The occasion of its being written was a
little present which I made to Sir
William Osler, of a tiny Diamond Edition,
beautifully bound, of a physician's

Thumb-book "Of the Aphorisms of Hippocrates", published in Amsterdam in the early part of the 18th century.

This volume will, no doubt, be found as Sir William states in his note, in his Library, which he bequeathed this old school at Montreal.

If this note, with my explanation, is of sufficient importance to be noticed by you, or to be included in any way in your life of Sir William Osler, I have the greatest pleasure in placing it at your disposal, and, unless you care to do so, I do not think it is of

sufficient importance to make it
necessary for you to return it to me,
though I should like to receive an
acknowledgment of your receiving
it.

I have only to add that Sir William
Osler was a very dear and kind
friend of mine, and used constantly
to visit me when in these parts.

He was a great lover of a surreptitious
pinch of snuff, & his disappointment
on his last visit to me, when he found
that I had relinquished the habit
of taking it, & that I was therefore
unable to gratify his desire for it, was

touching and amusing.

I need not say how greatly I admired his character in every respect, and his wonderful attainments, but his love of, and knowledge of good books of all ages and in most languages was most amazing.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant
Thomas. W. Thunfeld
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