

April 9, 1920.

Dr. Harvey Cushing,
Peter bent Brigham Hospital,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Doctor Cushing,

On April 24, 1919 Dr. Baldwin of Saranac, Sam Hamill of Philadelphia, Bill Lucas of San Francisco, and myself, on our way home from the International Conference at Cannes, decided to run down to Oxford and take a chance on seeing Sir William Osler. We lunched at the little hotel there and after lunch Hamill called up the house to see if we could call. Lady Osler said that Sir William was ill in bed but would be glad to see one of us. Hamill being the one on the telephone and knowing him better than the rest was the one who was to see him. Lady Osler kindly volunteered to send her automobile to fetch us. This we appreciated because it was a raw, cold, rainy day, and none of us had on heavy coats. The automobile took us to their house and we had a delightful chat with Lady Osler and her sister.

Hamill went up to see Sir William and in a short time afterwards Lady Osler came down and said that he insisted that we all come up and at least shake hands with him. So we trooped up the stairs and walked in. I saw him sitting up in bed, ~~having just laid aside a book~~ ^{about laying it hand on the coverlet.} I was the last one in and when he came to me he held onto my hand and made me sit down on the edge of his bed while we all chatted. He talked with us for a ~~while~~ ^{few minutes} and was much interested in asking ~~for~~ ^{about} his various friends. We were there perhaps for five minutes and went out with the delightful impression that he always gave every one.

In spite of his illness I thought that he looked quite well and it was evident that it did not take away the wit from his strong personality.

On coming down stairs we were entertained at tea by Lady Osler, and as the sun came out we had an opportunity to go out on the Terrace.

When we left we all felt what a rare privilege we had had, and the picture of that afternoon stands out as almost the most pleasant of all the delightful trip to Cannes and back.

Yours sincerely,

Fritz B. Talbot

Several years ago I wrote an article on a metabolism frame to be used to collect urine and stools separately. It contained a picture of a drawn out test tube to attach to the male gaiters to collect the urine. I received the following postal from Osler in his own handwriting "many thanks for your interesting pamphlets. That "yard" tap for a kidling is A. 1." and at another date a postal or letter which I cannot find with similar comments on an article describing the "wet-nurse Directory." As I remember it, he said