

Collection: Sir William Osler fonds

Names: Osler, William, Sir, 1849-1919

Description: Sir William Osler was a Canadian-born physician and educator, known as the most brilliant medical teacher of his time. His *The Principles and Practice of Medicine* (1892) was an influential textbook. This collection was purchased from Dr. Felix Cuhna in 1965 via the dealers Zeitlin and Ver Brugge. It includes letters, off-prints of periodical articles by and about Osler, portrait photographs and some books. There are approximately twenty autographed letters and more than one hundred unsigned copies of letters sent to a number of correspondents, notable among them being Fielding H. Garrison. Notes on the letters (made by Zeitlin and Ver Brugge?) are on file with information on the whole of the Cuhna-Osler collection.

Dates: 1889-1919

Location: Memorial Room Extension – rear shelves

Items: 10 cm of textual records

Inventory:

OSLER LETTERS – PART A

(Arabic numerals refer to envelopes, Roman numerals to items)

1. I. To Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b. 1874); [no month or year]; addressed from Oxford; autograph letter.
2. III. To Dr. Edward N. Brush; [1910?]; addressed from Baltimore; autograph letter.
3. VI. To “Dear Sir”; November 22, 19- ; addressed from Oxford; autograph letter.
- VII. To Dr. William Snow Miller; postmarked December 8, '09, from Oxford; autograph postcard.
4. VIII. To Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b. 1874); April 14, 1915; addressed from Oxford; typed letter, signed.
- XIII. To Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b. 1874); March 31, 1919; addressed from

Oxford; typed letter, signed.

5. IX. To Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b. 1874); May 18, 1915; addressed from Oxford; typed letter, signed.
- XI. To "Dear Sir"; May 31, 1889; addressed from Baltimore; autograph letter.
6. X. To Dr. Edward N. Brush; postmarked February 2, [1904]; addressed from Baltimore; engraved invitation, filled out by hand (& envelope).
- XII. To "Sir William"; September 12, 1910; addressed from Oxford; typed letter, signed.
7. XIV. To Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b. 1874); June 5, [1916?]; addressed from Oxford; autograph letter.
8. XVII. To "Dear kind man"; 26th [no month or year]; addressed from Oxford; autograph letter.
9. XXIX. To Dr. Edward N. Brush; July 15, 1895; addressed from Baltimore; typed letter, signed.
10. XX. To Dr . Helton; January 22, 1902; addressed from Baltimore; typed letter, signed.
- XXVII. To Dr. Edward N. Brush; January 7, 1902; addressed from Baltimore; typed letter, signed (& envelope).
11. XXIV. To Mr. Louis Gutman; postmarked December 26, '12, from Oxford; autograph letter (& envelope).
12. XXXI. To "Dear Sir"; -30, 1889 [no month]; addressed from Baltimore; autograph letter.
13. XVI. To "Dear Sir"; November 13, 19-; addressed from Oxford; autograph letter.
- XXXII. To [L.] Litchfield; February 28, 1918; addressed from Oxford; typed letter, signed.

OSLER LETTERS – PART B

A number of typed copies of original letters (no signatures) from Osler to the following:

John Shaw Billings – 3 letters

Albert N. Blodgett – 2 letters (see also: Part C XVIII and XXXIII)

Richard C. Cabot – 1 letter

James Read Chadwick (1844-1905) – 18 letters

Fielding H. Garrison – 58 letters (see also: Part C XVIII and XXXIII)

Abraham Jacobi – 8 letters

C.C. McCulloch – 5 letters

Frederick Cheever Shattuck (1847-1929) – 9 letters

Edward Clark Streeter (b. 1874) – 9 letters

White – 1 letter

There are also two copies of a review of *A physician's anthology of English and American poetry*, which was presented in manuscript form to Osler on his seventieth birthday.

NOTE: There are no Xerox copies of these items.

OSLER LETTERS – PART C

Association letters and miscellanea.

No. XXIII and XXVI	Letter from Walter R. Bett to Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b.1874).
XXII	Letter from Dr. Harvey Cushing to Dr. Felix Cunha.
XXVII	Dr. George Dock to Dr. Felix Cunha.
XXX	Dr. Anita M. Mühl to Dr. Mary V. Church.
XV	Dr. Julius Victor Scholderer to Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b.1874).
IV and XXI	George David Stewart to Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b. 1874).
XIX	Dr. Henry Rouse Viets (b. 1890) to Dr. Fielding H. Garrison.
V	Dr. Paul D. White to Dr. Felix Cunha (postcard).
II	Dr. Boyd Williams to Dr. Edward Clark Streeter (b. 1874).
XVIII and XXXIII	Four typed copies of original letters (no signatures) from Osler to Dr. Albert N. Blodgett (2) and Dr. Fielding H.

Garrison (2).

Items re: Osler's death:

- No. XXV Announcement of a meeting in Osler's memory by Johns Hopkins Hospital.
- XXXIV and XXXV Two versions of a resolution by the officers and members of the Boston Medical Library to record their sorrow at Osler's death.
- XXXVI Grace Revere Osler to Mrs. Lockwood; September 16 [1925] addressed from Oxford. ALS with envelope. (Original in uncat. copy of WZ 100 07 C8 v.1-2 in MemExt)