Willard Goodwin collection of William Osler correspondence 1893-1947

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Willard Goodwin collection of William Osler correspondence,

Date (inclusive): 1893-1947

Collection number: 295

Creator: Willard E. Goodwin 1915-1998

Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

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Abstract: The collection is built around two sets of letters: 1. Twenty original letters from William Osler, M.D. to Howard Atwood Kelly, M.D., dated 1897-1917, plus the notes and materials Dr. Goodwin used to write an article for the "Bulletin of the History of Medicine" (20(5): 611-652, Dec. 1946) on the relationship between Osler and Kelly and correspondence pertaining to that article before and after its publication. 2. Transcriptions of many letters from Osler to Henry Barton Jacobs, M.D., dated 1893-1919, and extensive notes made by Dr. Goodwin who probably intended to publish an article based upon this correspondence.

Physical location: UCLA Biomedical Library History and Special Collections for the Sciences cage manuscripts

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Donated to the UCLA Biomedical Library by the family of Willard Goodwin, M.D. in 1999.

Biography

Sir William Osler, 1st Baronet (1849–1919) has been called the Father of Modern Medicine and his influence on medical education and practice is still huge. He was a person of great charm, energy, and wide intellectual interests, who excelled as physician, teacher, bibliophile, and author. Canadian born, he received an M.D. from McGill University, Montreal, and taught there for 10 years. His career continued as Chair of Clinical Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, then first Chief of Staff at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and finally Regius Chair of Medicine at Oxford University. Throughout his life Osler was known to write a large number of notes and letters to his wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

The distinguished American gynecologist Howard Atwood Kelly (1858-1943) received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, where he also taught for a number of years and came to know William Osler. The two were rejoin when Kelly was appointed professor of gynecology and obstetrics at Johns Hopkins University. They made up half of "The Four Doctors" who founded Johns Hopkins Hospital and are depicted in a famous group portrait by John Singer Sargent. The pair also shared an interest in medical history and a strong love of book collecting. Kelly's interest also extended to natural history; he was a herpetologist of some renown.

Henry Barton Jacobs (1858-1939) received his A.B. and M.D. degrees from Harvard University. Within a year of his medical school graduation he moved to Baltimore to become the private physician for Robert Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. In 1889 he joined the dispensary service of the newly-opened Johns Hopkins Hospital, under physician-in-chief William Osler. Later he also taught classes in physical diagnosis and therapeutics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Jacobs was especially interested in combating tuberculosis and he took an active role in anti-TB campaigns; for many years he served as secretary of the National Tuberculosis Association. Jacobs was not only a physician serving under Osler's guidance; the two became friends through their shared interest in medical history and collecting of books, and they were close physical neighbors on Franklin Street in Baltimore.
Scope and Content

The collection is organized into the following series:

Series 1. William Osler letters to Howard A. Kelly, 1897-1947. 10 folders
Series 2. William Osler letters to Henry Barton Jacobs, 1893-1949. 2 folders

Related Material

UCLA BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY HISTORY AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE SCIENCES Manuscript Collection #181: “Sir William Osler Portrait by Seymour Thomas, and other Osler-Related Papers”. Documents about the original portrait and the acquisition and presentation of the replica hung at UCLA, which was obtained through Dr. Elmer Belt's initiative and support. Includes one folder of Osleriana assembled by Elmer Belt and letters to and from him and Willard Goodwin.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Goodwin, Willard E., 1915-1998 -- Archives
Jacobs, Henry Barton, 1852-1939
Kelly, Howard A. (Howard Atwood), 1858-1943
Osler, William, Sir, 1849-1919
Physicians-- Correspondence, reminiscences, etc.

Series 1. William Osler letters to Howard A. Kelly 1897-1947

Physical Description: 10 folders

Scope and Content Note
Original letters; research materials and notes for Goodwin article; documents regarding publication of the article, and correspondence commenting on it

Box 1, Folder 1

Letters from Dr. William Osler to Dr. Howard A. Kelly 1897-1917

Scope and Content Note
Twenty short letters or notes, mostly handwritten, a few typed, addressed to "Dear Kelly" or "Dear Howard A."

Note
the group of letters was a gift to Dr. Goodwin from his uncle, Dr. Elmer Belt

Box 1, Folder 2


Scope and Content Note
One whole journal issue, two reprints; list of people receiving reprints from Dr. Goodwin

Box 1, Folder 3

Draft of article text undated

Scope and Content Note
Original copy with author's corrections; carbon copy with some corrections and annotations by W. W. Francis

Box 1, Folder 4

Dr. Goodwin's working notes undated

Scope and Content Note
 Photocopies of original letters with typed transcriptions of hand-written ones; Dr. Goodwin's notes and annotations
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<th>Letters to Goodwin re. his Osler-Kelly article 1946-1965</th>
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<td>Comments and appreciations for the article, all including some Osler/Kelly anecdotes or reminiscences; also a note from Seymour Thomas commenting on his painting of the Osler portrait</td>
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<td>Letters and reprints concerning remarks made by Osler in his farewell address at Johns Hopkins University</td>
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<td>Snapshots at various ages in various locations; photograph of a cartoon referring to the &quot;chloroform&quot; speech</td>
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**Series 2. William Osler letters to Henry Barton Jacobs 1893-1949**

- **Physical Description:** 2 folders
- **Scope and Content Note:** Transcriptions and excerpts from the letters; notes by Dr. Goodwin; introduction to a speech by Dr. Goodwin based on the content of the letters

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