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Papers of

Sir Francis Martin Rouse Walshe

( 1885 - 1973)

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Description of the collection

The papers were received from Dr. J.M.Walshe, and from Professor C.G.Phillips.

They consist of personal and biographical material, drafts and manuscripts for professional publications or addresses, and manuscript and printed matter relating to topics in which Sir Francis was involved as a leading member of the Roman Catholic medical community in Britain.

Some of the drafts in section B are heavily revised, or bear later annotations by Sir Francis.

Locations of other material

Library of the Royal Society, London: collected papers 1914 - 1962 (4 bound volumes); reviews for Medical Science 1919 - 1925 (1 bound volume).

Library of the Royal College of Physicians, London: printed books from Sir Francis's library, with annotations and underscorings; autograph letters from Sherrington and Fulton.

Summary of the career of Sir Francis Walshe

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|-------------|--|
| b.          | 1885, London   |
| 1898 - 1901 | educ. Prior Park College, Bath                               |
| 1901 - 1903 | " University College School, London                          |
| 1903 - 10   | University College, London; B.Sc.1908; M.B.,B.S.1910         |
| 1910 - 15   | National Hospital, Queen Square, London; M.D., M.R.C.P. 1913 |
| 1915 - 19   | service in R.A.M.C., Egypt                                   |
| 1916        | married Bertha Maria Dennehy (d. 1950)                       |
| 1919        | O.B.E.   |
| 1921        | Honorary Physician, National Hospital, Queen Square          |
| 1924        | Honorary Physician, University College Hospital, London      |
|             | D.Sc. London   |
| 1937 - 53   | Editor, <u>Brain</u>   |
| 1946        | F.R.S.   |
| 1950 - 51   | President, Association of British Neurologists               |
| 1952 - 54   | President, Royal Society of Medicine                         |
| 1953        | Knighted   |
| 1962 - 64   | President, Royal Society of Hygiene and Public Health        |

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A. Biographical & Personal

- A.1 Photograph; Ms. autobiographical note, 'Retrospect - A Life in Neurology' prepared by Walshe for Brain, 88, 1965. (special issue to mark Walshe's 80th birthday).
- A.2 Misc. press-cuttings; award of O.B.E. 1937; invitation to Coronation 1937.
- A.3 Misc. documents & corresp. 1913 - 65, incl. Marriage certificate, Army Commission, medical degrees, application & appointments to posts, degrees & honours etc.
- A.4 Misc. biographical material relating to service in Egypt during First World War. 1915 - 20
- A.5 'Americana'. Corresp. re visit to Johns Hopkins Hospital 1924 - 25 and 1965; photographs & souvenirs of visit to St. Louis 1959.
- A.6 Non-scientific writings; written at Alexandria 1917, and in Austria 1937.

B. Publications, speeches and addresses.

- B.1 Misc. printed articles, speeches etc.
- B.2 Folder of reviews of Walshe's published works, chiefly Critical Studies in Neurology, 1948, and Thoughts upon the Equation of Mind with Brain, 1953.

- B.2 (cont.) Publisher's contracts for Diseases of the Nervous System and Critical Studies in Neurology.
- B.3 Scrapbook of press-cuttings 'Correspondence in Journals 1926 - 1948 - 1960'.
- B.4 Envelope of 'Dinner Speeches (1921 - 1938)'
- B.5 Envelope of 'Speeches', various dates, mainly 1952 - 54
- B.6 'Stigmatization: definition and introduction', heavily-corrected typescript. (This was published in Catholic Medical Guardian, 16, 1938, and is the first of Walshe's discussions of 'miraculism' in medicine).
- B.7 'Head & Rivers' Theory of the Afferent Nervous System', corrected typescr.  
The front page has the Ms. note: 'Script of paper published in Brain 1942 but written in 1921. Head still alive then & Trotter indicated to me that it was unlikely that any journal would accept the paper. So it was put away till 1942 & used as part of a paper on the Anatomy of Subcutaneous Sensibility.FMRW'
- B.8 'The nature and dimensions of nosography in modern medicine', the First Gowers Memorial Lecture, delivered 15 November 1956. Typescr. 1956
- B.9 'Some considerations upon perception', address given at Iowa State University, 1959. Typescr. 1959
- B.10 'Is there a pyramidal tract?', given in New York and San Francisco, 1959. 1959
- B.11 'Are there pyramidal tract defect syndromes?'. San Francisco.?1959
- B.12 'The Unpredictable in the future of neurology', two corrected typescrs. Published in Zukunft der Neurologie ed. Bammer. 1967
- B.13 'Personal knowledge and concepts in the biological sciences', two corrected typescrs. Published in Intellect and Hope pp275 - 314. 1968
- B.14 'Some reflections upon memory and a "memory trace"'. Published in Modern Neurology: papers in tribute to Derek Denny-Brown. 1969
- B.15 '"Personal knowledge" and Neurobiology'
- B.16 Notes: 'Capital punishment is morally justifiable'
- B.17 Ms. notes on Hughlings Jackson lecture given by Sir William Broadbent.

C. Religious Controversies.

- C.1, C.2 Two lectures on 'Stigmatization', 16p and 3p. Ms
- C.3 'Memorandum concerning certain aspects of the problem of birth control....Revised June 1965'
- C.4 Printed works on religious matters:
1. 'Some aspects of the Faith Cure, Ancient and Modern' 1926
  2. 'A critical consideration of the De Rudder case' 1933
  3. 'The role of the Catholic professional man in the Catholic life of this country' 1938
- C.5 Drafts for letters to Catholic and national press on contraception, and correspondence relating. 1960 - 66
- C.6 Misc. press-cuttings and printed matter, mainly on contraception controversy.

D. Correspondence (arranged chronologically)

- D.1 Correspondence with Rudolf Magnus 1922 - 27
- D.2 General scientific correspondence
- |                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| A.M.Lassek              | 1941, 1942 |
| Sir Charles Sherrington | 1947       |
| Derek Denny-Brown       | 1948       |
| William D.M. Paton      | 1951       |
| John F. Fulton          | 1951       |
| Sir Frederic Bartlett   | 1952       |
| Sir Russell Brain       | 1957       |
| John Cohen              | 1957, 1964 |
| Auguste Tournay         | 1958       |
| K.P. Lashley            | 1958 & nd  |
| K.J. Zülch              | 1962       |
| Joseph Needham          | 1963       |
| Bernard Towers          | 1964       |
| David Bowsher           | 1964       |
| John Woodward           | 1968       |
- D.3 Misc. correspondence.