

Historic Psychiatry original miscellaneous documents

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These are a variety of handwritten and typed letters, lectures, autographs, news clippings, biographical information, images and sketches, court documents, and other documents related to the history of psychiatry. These documents are housed in four boxes and the folders within are arranged alphabetically by surname or title, and they are included in the larger collection of historic psychiatry material in the Menninger Archives. Authors come from such fields as medicine, religion, prison and other reform and advocacy movements, politics, the military, etc. The documents themselves sometimes provide significant information, and sometimes they were collected because their authors were significant historical figures. Some of the individuals found in Box 1 include James Mark Baldwin, Ludwig Binswanger, Eugen Bleuler, Jean-Martin Charcot, Elizabeth Fry, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Carl Jung. Some of the individuals found in Box 2 include Alfred Adler, Robert Frost, and Washinton Irving. This box also includes a 68-page handwritten notebook by Dr. W.W. Reed entitled "Reminiscences About the Treatment of the Insane." Some of the individuals found in Box 3 include Amariah Brigham and Frederick van Eeden. This box also includes a correspondence file (1883-1888) on Ellen Kehoe, a patient at the Worcester Lunatic Hospital in Massachusetts, and a series of drawings from the 1920s and 1930s by a Belgian patient suffering from paranoia named Andreas at the Kankakee State Hospital in Illinois. The drawings were donated by Dr. J.B. Gier, formerly of the Topeka Veteran's Administration Hospital, who knew the patient and encouraged his work. Box 4 includes a miscellaneous folder regarding insane asylums and contains legal documents, postcard images, and receipts for services. Languages include English, German, French and Italian, and transcriptions or translations follow some of the documents.

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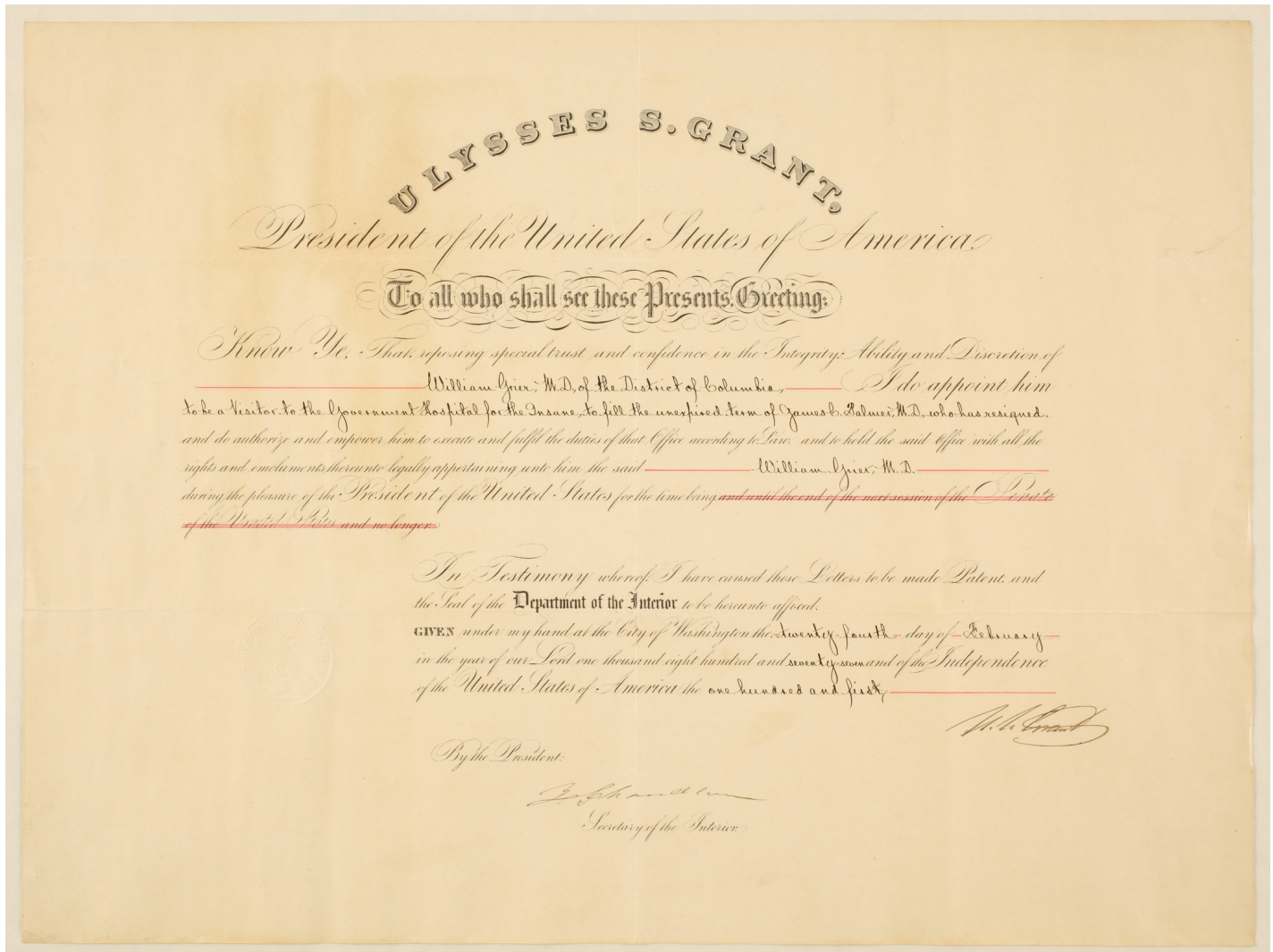
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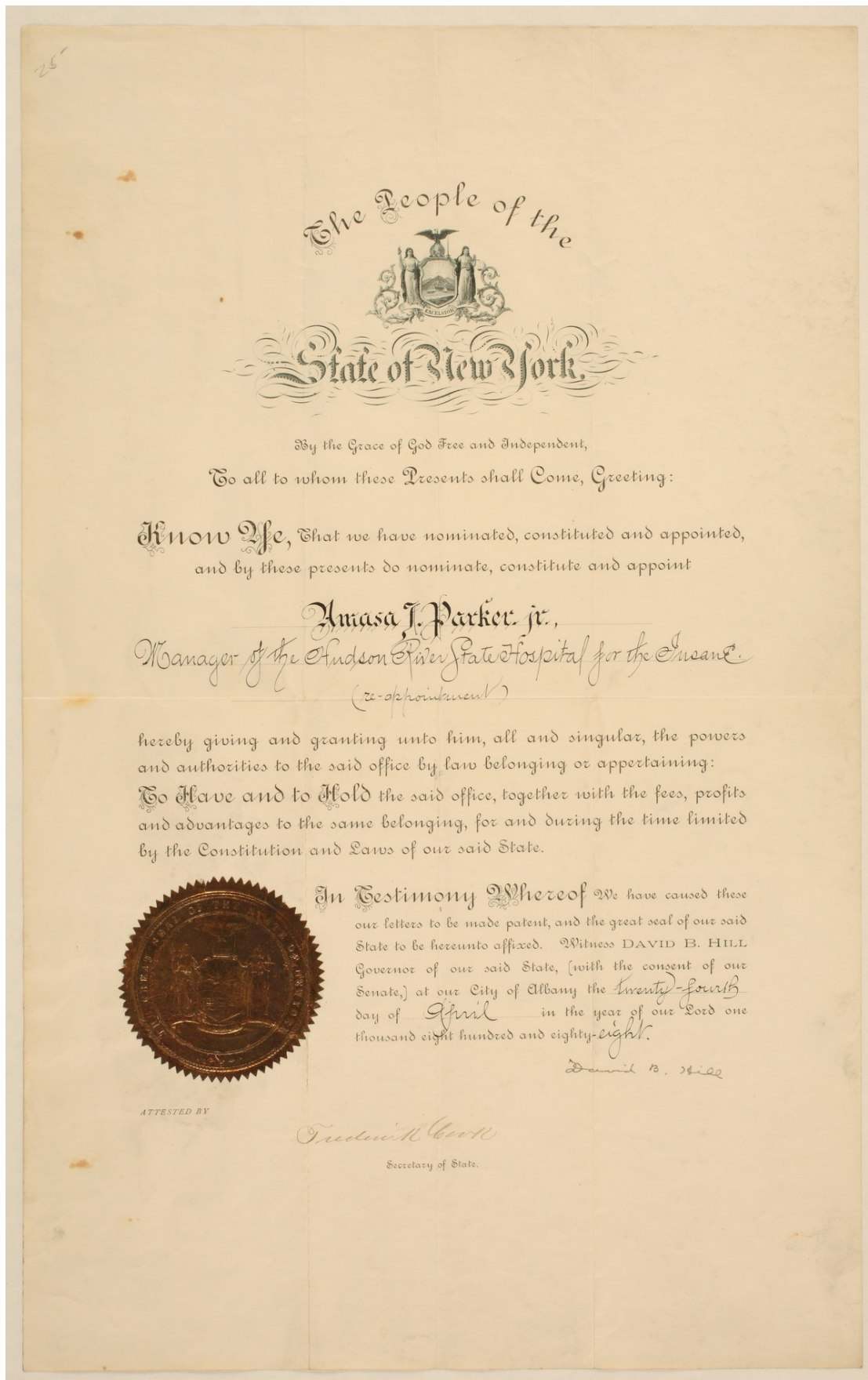
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Boston May 20th 1874

Dear Sir,

You will find something about me in Appleton's Cyclopaedia, in Allibone's great work on Duyckinck's Cyc. of American Literature.

I will, however, furnish you with the leading facts, and send you one of the best photographs.

Olive Wendell Holmes, born August 29th 1809.

His father was ^{him} Abiel Holmes, minister of the Church in Old Cambridge, and author of "Angels of America". His mother's name before marriage was Sarah Wendell.

Before the age of fifteen he attended various schools in Cambridge, at one of which, in Cambridge port, Richard H. Dana Jr. and Margaret Fuller were among his schoolmates.

At fifteen he became a member of Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and remained there one year, at the expiration of which he entered Harvard College, as Freshman, and in 1829 he

I put two photographs in the Post-Office with the letter. If both are not wanted I shall be glad to have one of them returned.

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graduated. His College honors were chiefly
poems at "Exhibition" and Commencement
and the Class Poem at leaving College.

He studied Law in the Law-School
at Cambridge during the year succeeding
his graduation. He then began the study
of medicine, which he pursued for nearly
three years in Boston and for between
two and three years in Europe, chiefly in
Paris.

Returning in 1835 he took his medical
degree at Harvard College in 1836.

In 1839 he was chosen Professor of
Anatomy and Physiology at Dartmouth
College, Hanover, New Hampshire, which
office he held two years, resigning at
the end of this time with the intention
of devoting himself to practice in Boston.

In 1847 he was chosen Professor of Anatomy
and Physiology in the Medical School
of Harvard University. A separate Chair
being now devoted to Physiology he
continued in office as Professor of Anatomy.
Since 1849 Dr. Holmes has not been engaged

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in practice.

The following is a list of his principal publications.

Poems. — 1836. Various editions since that year with numerous additions.

Boylston Prize Dissertation 1838
Containing Essay on "Direct Exploration"
Neuralgia

Intermittent Fever in
New England.
Report of the Committee on Medical Literature
of the American Medical Association 1848

The Autocrat of the Breakfast-table. First
published in "The Atlantic Monthly" 1857-8
and afterwards in a volume.

The Professor at the Breakfast-table. Atlantic
Monthly, 1859. Afterwards in a volume.

Elsie Venner. Published as "The Professor's
Story" in the Atlantic Monthly for 1860, afterwards
in a volume.

Currents and Counter-currents 1861. An

Address before the Massachusetts Medical
Society in a volume with several other
Essays, - "Pathogenesis of Purpura Febrilis"
"Mechanism of Vital Action" etc. etc.

Songs in Many Keys 1862.

A collection of Poems written since the
first volume, afterwards printed in a
new edition of the Poems.

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Border-lines of Knowledge in some
branches of Medical Science 1862.

Soundings from the Atlantic. A collection
of papers ^{many of them} first printed in the Atlantic Monthly.
The Guardian Angel 1867.

The Medical Profession in Massachusetts. 1869.

~~A Lecture delivered before the Massachusetts~~
~~Historical Society and published One of a course~~
~~of Lectures delivered before the Lowell Institute~~
~~in Boston by Members of the Massachusetts~~
~~Historical Society. Published in a volume~~
~~with the other Lectures.~~

Mechanism in Thought and Moral. 1871

An Address delivered before the Phi Beta Kappa
Society at Cambridge.

Various occasional Addresses, Poems
etc. etc.

I hope the above will serve your purpose.
If you think the notes you speak of, I
should be glad of half a dozen copies.

Yours very truly

W. H. Holmes.

OD-Misc. Holmes - 1

296 Beacon St.
Boston Oct. 31st 1874

My dear Sir,

You ask a good deal of
me when you request me to say
if your very pleasant article
about myself is "generally accu-
rate and just." If I say I
think so, I am afraid you
will think I rate myself too
highly, and if I do not say
say, or say I think otherwise
you may consider me as under-
valuing your portrait of me.

It is very kindly written, and
I hope it is a good part of it
true. I think I have some
right to claim the general
kindliness of nature for which



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you give me credit. Whether
you overrate my power or poetry
others must tell you - if they
unfortunately think they do. We
poor authors cannot help thinking
well of ourselves, at least in our
happy moments, and consequently
we are very apt to agree with
others who think well of us. If
you will let me add one thing
which has forced itself upon my
attention without letting it down
to sheer vanity I will mention
it. It is this. I have received
during a long series of years a
very large number of letters from
all parts of this country and from
many parts of Great Britain in which
the one thing insisted upon was
the sympathetic character of my
writings, which procured the personal

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affections - I was going to say - of such number of men and women that I have hardly known what to make of it. I have been forced to the conviction that there was something in my writing quite apart from any wit or humor or other mere intellectual quality they might possess, which made me friends who laid their hearts open to me with singular freedom. I must leave ^{you} to find out what that something is, if it exists, but the hundreds of letters I have received all recognising the same thing make me believe it real.

One or two little errors will be overlooked by most of your readers. I was born Aug. 29th 1809 and consequently was sixty-five years old Aug. 29th 1874. You

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best me down to 63, the age of
the grand climacteric, which I have
left alone. My mother and her
father and mother were ~~both~~^{all} born
in Boston. My great-grandfather bought
the town of Pittsfield, with the exception
of a small fraction of it, from
the Government of the Province in 1736
and it was on a part of that property
which came down from him that
I passed several Summers.

These are small matters, and
I have to thank you for bringing
me before the public in a very agreeable
and generous way, treating my merits
you have found with cordial praise
and leaving my short-comings to harsh
judges.

Believe me, Mr dear Sir,

Yours very truly
W. Holmes.

Boston, Feb. 3^d 1889

My dear Sir

I have read your confidential letter with the deepest interest. Some years ago I read and wrote a critical review of M. Prosper Despine's Psychologie Morale. The book is not by me at this time, but I believe I give its title correctly. This work was Couronné by the French Academy.

After reading the numerous remarkable cases he has collected and his deductions from them I became convinced more firmly than ever before that there is a moral idiocy belonging to certain human beings just as there is intellectual idiocy, just as there is color-blindness, deaf-and-dumbness, want of any musical sense and so on. That this moral ^{defect} is congenital I have no doubt. That it is connected with the bodily organization in some way, I do not question. If you ask

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me for the grounds of this belief, I will mention the following:

The worst, most inveterate and unmanageable liars and cheats are to be found among young women in what is called a hysterical condition. Now this hysterical condition is intimately associated with a derangement of the uterine functions. In some ways or other this derangement acts on the brain, perverts the will and destroys the natural sensibility to the distinction between right and wrong. Pyromania, the desire to set houses etc on fire is especially noticeable in children, and if they live long enough they may be expected to outgrow it. Cruelty to animals is common in children, who outgrow it as the brain-tissues become more thoroughly developed.

"As cruel as a baby with a worm" as Tennyson says (if I quote him correctly) It may be that cutting the first or the second set of teeth has something to do with the head-weakness of children otherwise interesting.

In the case of the relative to whom you refer, I should not expect much from argument.

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or reproof. I should do all that is
possible to avoid giving the young man
occasion to show his unfortunate propensity.
I say unfortunate, for I do not think
the subject of such abnormal conditions
is any more to blame for them than
one is for stammering or for squinting.

It is a favorite theory - I may say
belief - of mine that there are squinting
brains as well as squinting eyes. The
two hemispheres of the brain are not in
harmonious adjustment with each other.
If such a state exists it will account
for much that is irregular in thought
and in conduct. But what can be
done to correct it? A squint in the
eyes may be rectified by a surgical
operation. But a squint in the two halves
of the brain (or in one half of the brain)
is not like to be reached by the surgeon's
knife, or by any remedy I am acquainted
with.

You see what is my solution of the
scientific side of the problem you submit
O. M. Holmes

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to any consideration. A want of harmonious action in the two hemispheres in the brain, probably owing to an abnormal condition of one hemisphere is the cause of defective moral action. If this is so you can only depend on the effect of time and such moral training as it is possible to give him.

Removing temptation to make the aberrations less frequent; appealing to the affections which give you a hold upon him seem to be all that is likely to develop the rudimentary moral sense. I say rudimentary, for I do not doubt there is a germ of it lying somewhere. You may remember Dryden's "Lycor and Phoenice" - the poem that has the line in it

"And whistled as he went for want of thought"
In this the rebellion was awakened by the passion of love. Is it possible that a serious passion might wake up the dormant moral sense?

I am sorry, my dear Sir that I cannot say more that is encouraging, for I should be most happy to help you. Believe me

Sincerely yours
Oliver Wendell Holmes

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PROF. DR. C. G. JUNG

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Miss Dorothy Riggle
1810 S. Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania
USA

August 12, 1960

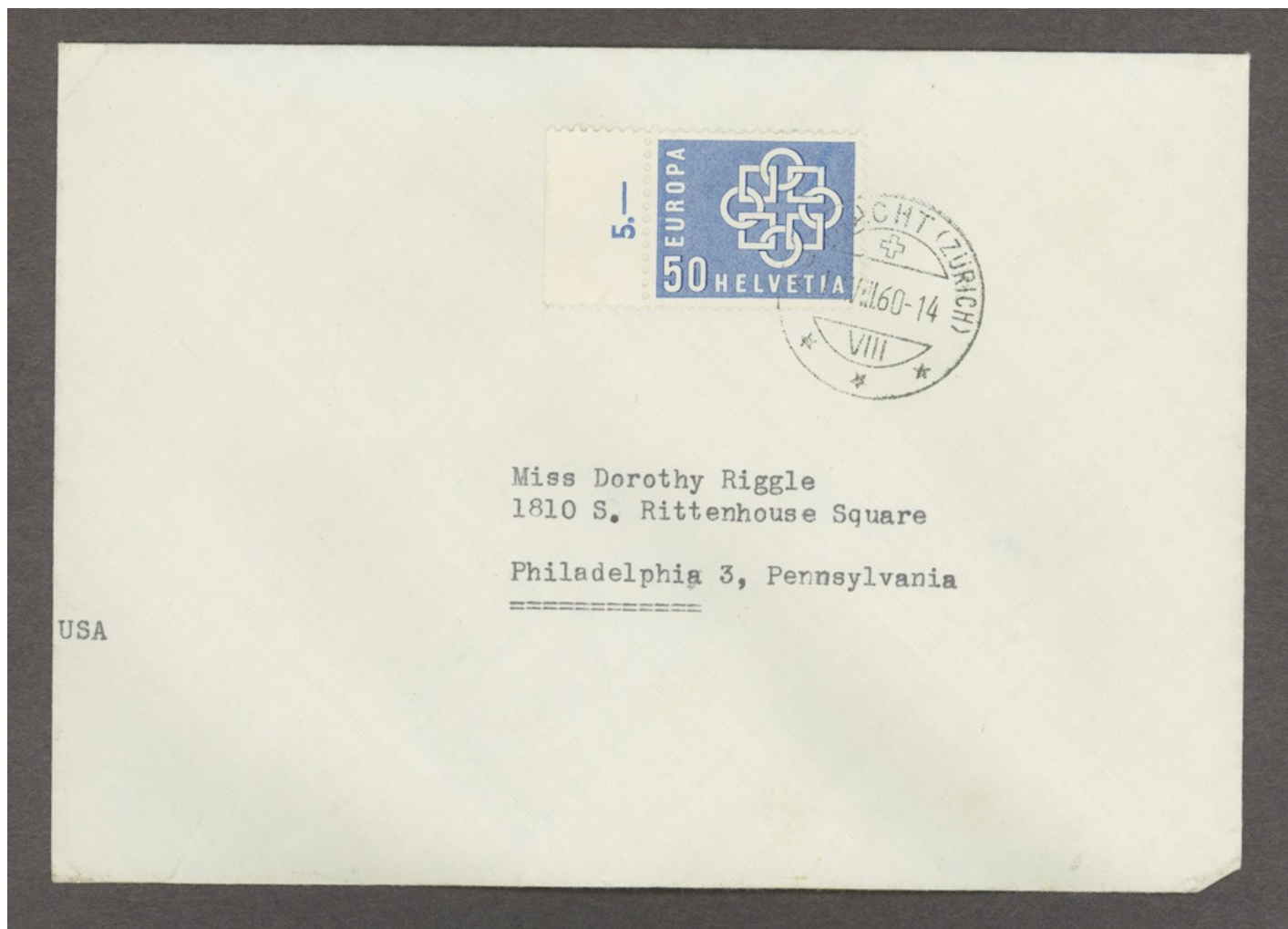
Dear Miss Riggle,
if you want to know more of my ideas, you have to read more than a few of my works. Without reference to them I am quite unable to give a satisfactory answer to your questions. Since I am dealing with the human soul as it is, I am excluding nothing and particularly not religion. When I mention renaissance, I mean just the old thing, that ever has been meant by this word within and outside Christianity.

When Freud had ~~not~~ chosen the word "sex" instead of "love", he meant it. As man, by his nature, is imperfect, the particular gift means an inferiority elsewhere, as a rule. Higher beings with less noticeable defects are exceedingly rare. One cannot even hope to meet them ever in one's lifetime. The correct term for your opposites are "intellect" and "feeling", not "intelligence" and "love". There is also an "intelligence du coeur", or, as Pascal says, "le coeur a des raisons que la raison ne connaît pas". It does not pay to be naïve and optimistic in matters psychological. Look at the misery of the world and cover your head with ashes. The gap between faith and knowledge in modern society is farther than ever from closing.

Sincerely yours

C.G. Jung.

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KÜSNACHT-ZÜRICH
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February 22nd 1961

Miss Dorothy Riggle
1810 S. Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia 3, Penn.
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Dear Miss Riggle,
there are no simple answers to your questions, since the matter itself is complicated and is not to be settled by simple statements. Words are very clumsy transmitters of thoughts. Moreover our time knows still so little of the psyche, that one cannot make general theories about it. First of all one should know the facts. When you know them, you can conclude from them, but without the knowledge of facts you are merely the prey of words and words can be interpreted in many different ways.

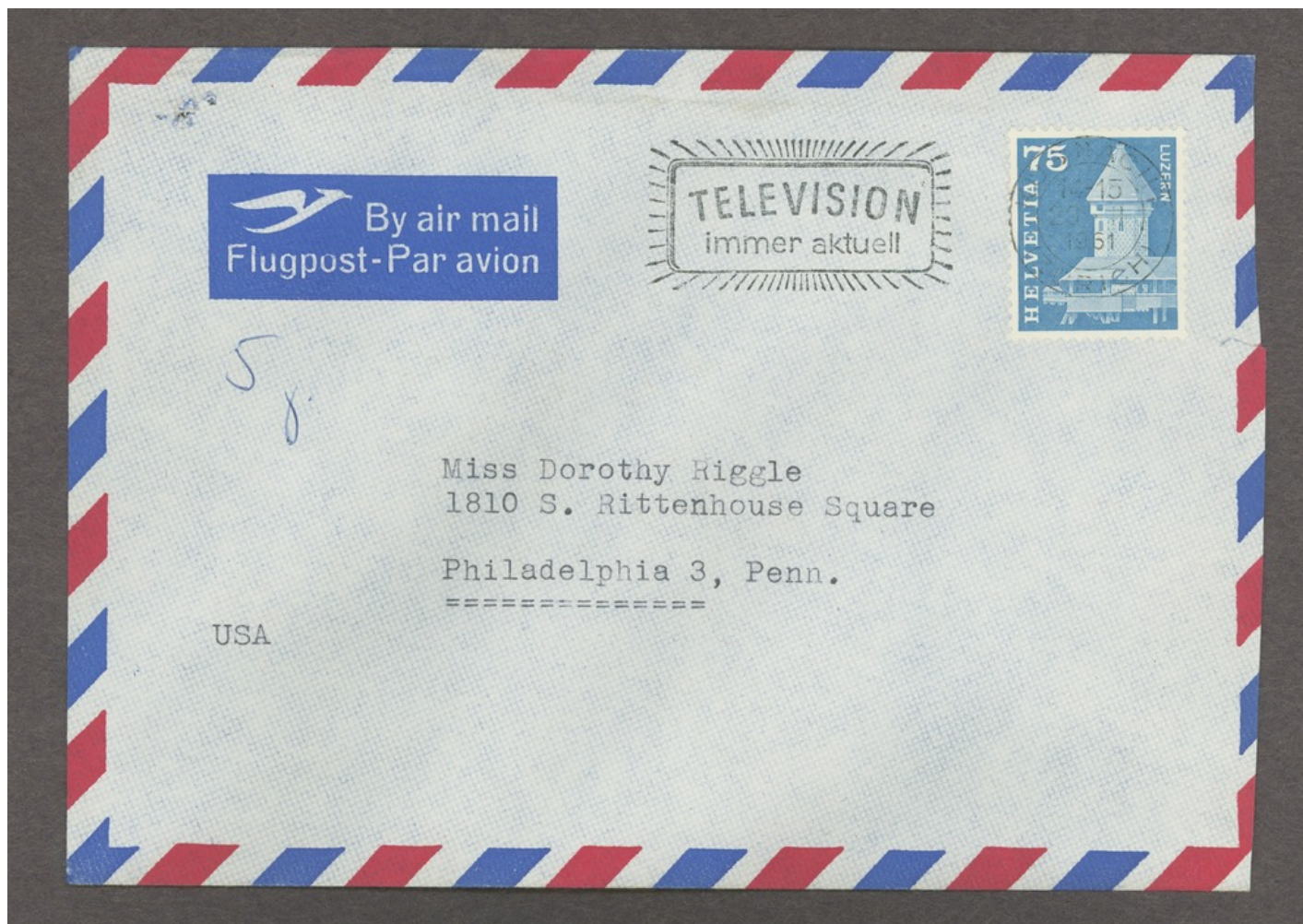
My psychology uses a number of strictly defined terms and if you don't know their meaning you cannot possibly follow my argument. As a foundation I would recommend my book "Psychological Types" (Collected Works, Vol. 6, Bollingen Series). You find there much about the difference of individuals and the different way in which they think and feel. Anybody who is interested in Psychology ought to be informed first about those differences, which lead to endless misunderstandings, if one assumes that language has only one meaning.

Take for instance the term "love". If you don't know the person, who says "love", you don't know what they are speaking of, because in the practical use this word has many meanings. One must be particularly careful with such general terms, because they are quite particularly misleading. Even when Freud says "sex" you don't know for certain, whether he uses it in the proper sense, or in that of psychosexuality. Clear views must always be based on facts, and thus the basis of all psychological understanding is first of all the experience of facts. The study of words is entirely sterile.

Sincerely yours

C.G. Jung

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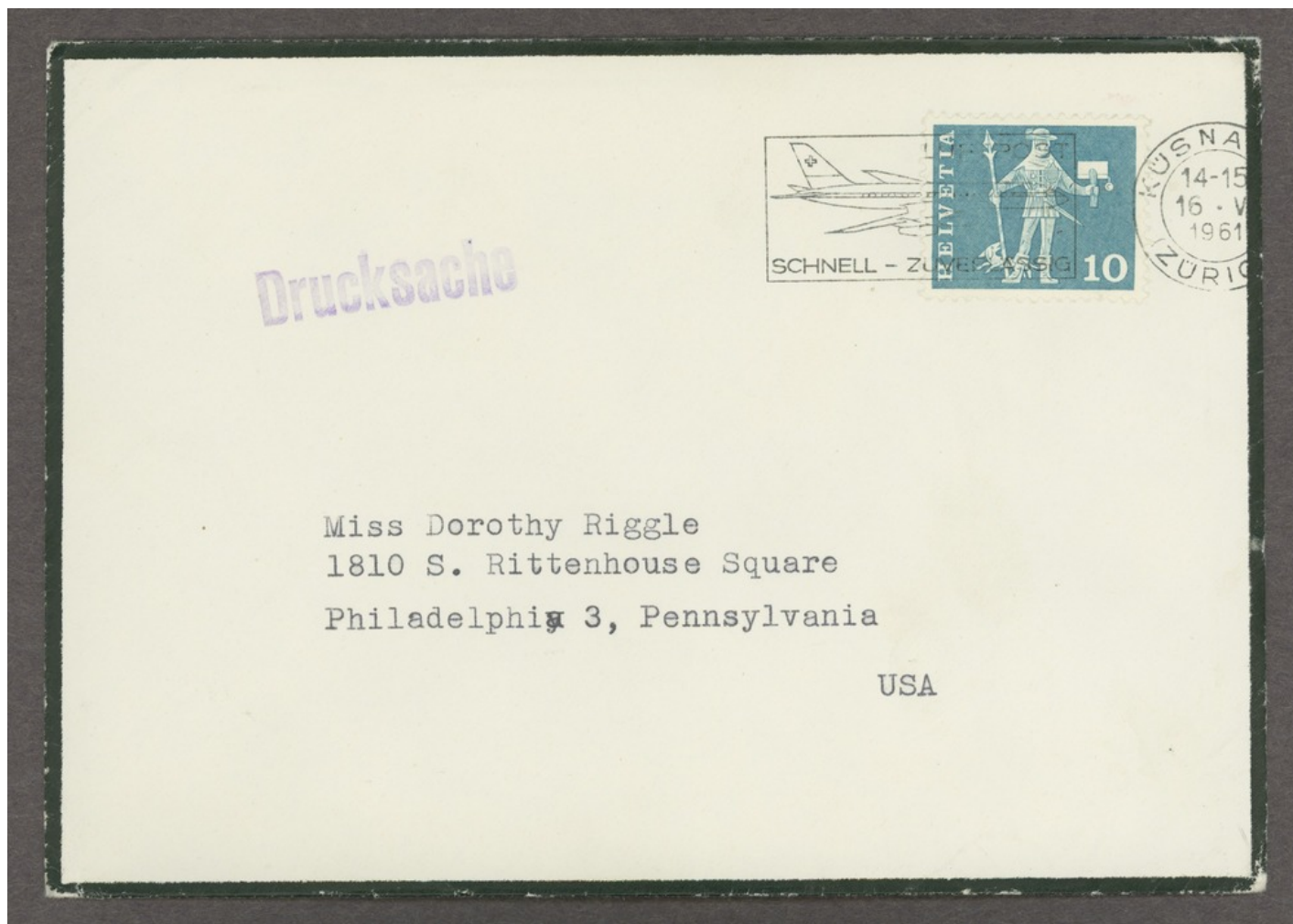
At this sad time of the passing of our dear father

Carl Gustav Jung

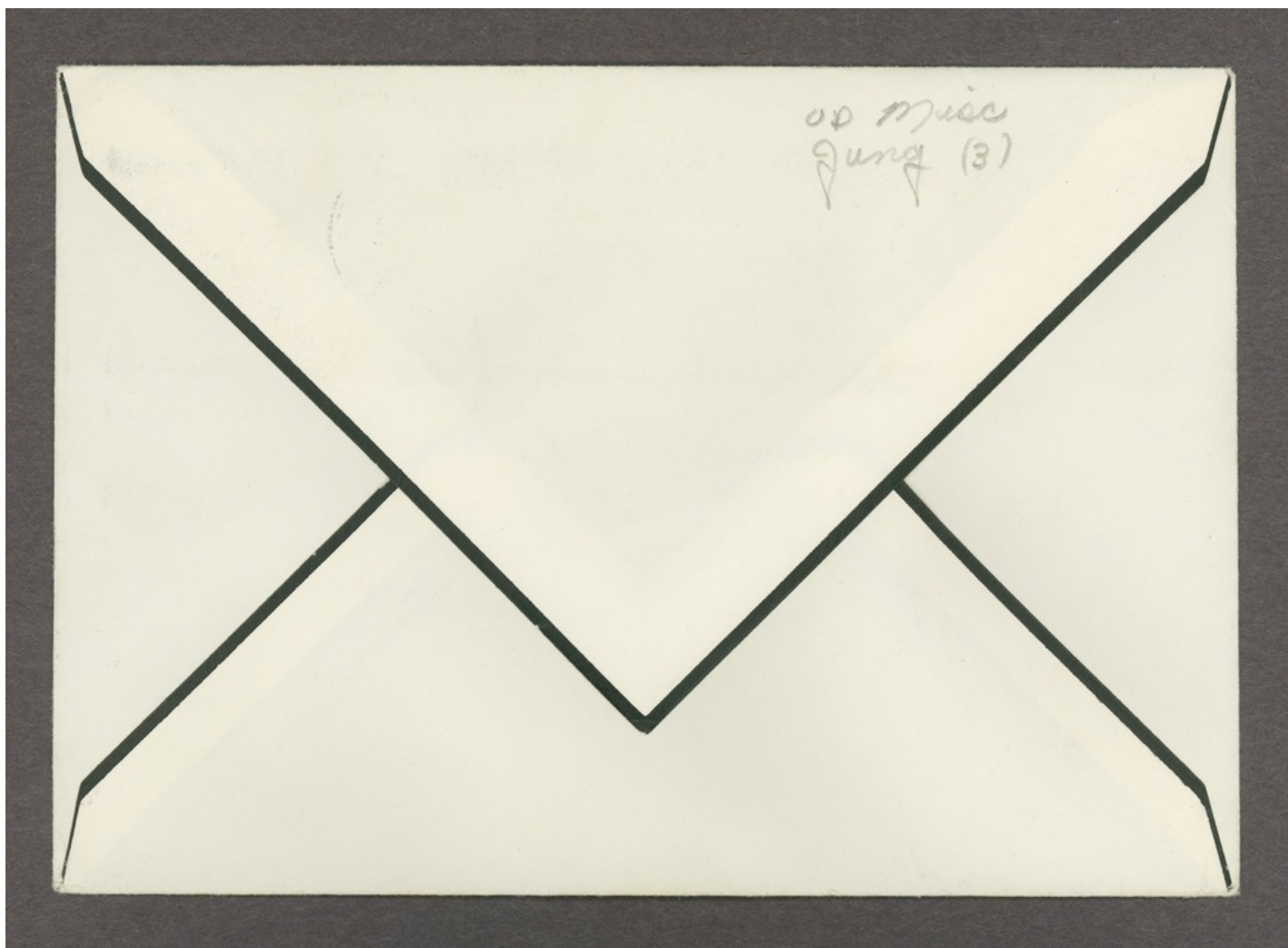
we send you our heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of sympathy
and the beautiful flowers.

The sorrowing family

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Del Monte Ranch. Questa
New Mexico

27 Aug 1924

wednesday

Dear Clarence

we had a telegram
from Frieda's nephew Friedel Jaffe who
has just arrived in New York ^{from Munich} [to go to
an American University. He is a nice boy
of 21. Would you care to see him &
tell him about Taos (not beneath the surface)
and about the ranch. Frieda would like it
if you would. He is C/o The Institute of
International Education - 522 Fifth Avenue
New York.

I guess you are on your way
back east. I am so tired after that
Hopit trip, I don't know what to do
with myself. - No sign, thank heaven,
from below. - I burned that hideous Indian

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doll. seriously set fire to her. She was too ugly.

I forgot to pay you for the curtain stuff - remembered only the bed and pillars. Probably this ten dollars is too little.

I asked Seltzer to send you
Psychoanalysis of the Unconscious & Fantasia

Good luck to you & your new work. I feel it's a new phase altogether. The old idols put in the kitchen stove, like that doll.

Let us know how you get on.

S.H.L.

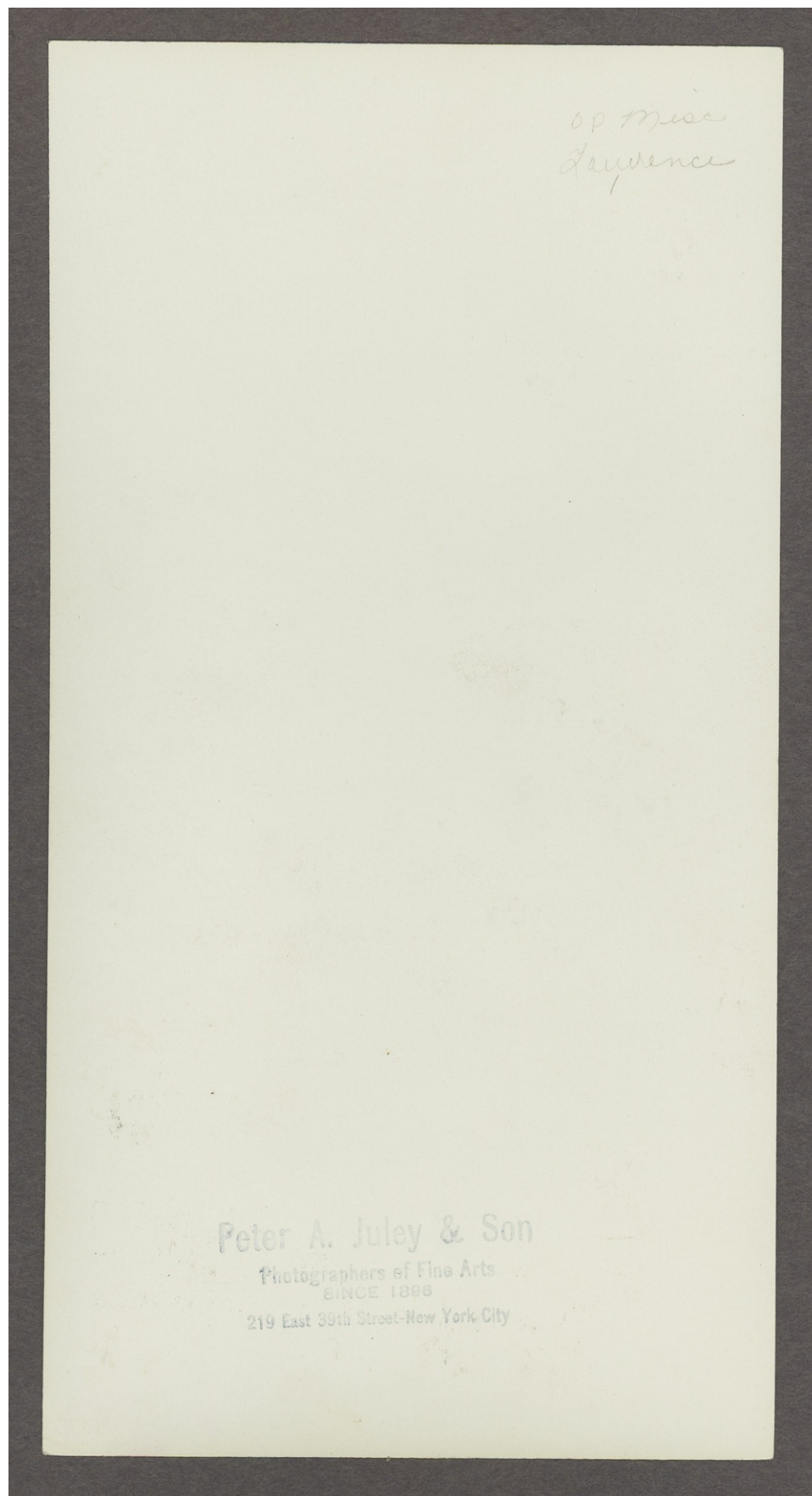
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Monsieur Le Marquis

Si je n'ai pas eu l'honneur de vous annoncer que l'ancien Comité de la Société, en se démettant de ses fonctions, vous a désigné pour la place de Président de la Société, c'est qu'il a régné depuis quelque temps dans la Société une sorte d'anarchie, qui a mis dans l'impossibilité de faire aucune assemblée en règle.

Cependant comme il convient que l'on prenne un parti sur cette Société naissante, j'ai cru qu'il importoit de convoquer une assemblée générale pour Mercredi prochain Sept de ce mois. J'ose me

M. Le Marquis De Montequion, Premier Leveur de Monsieur
Chevalier des Ordres du Roi, au son Hôtel.

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flatte, Monsieur Le Marquis, que par l'intérêt que
 vous avez témoigné prendre au succès d'une Doctrine
 qui peut devenir un jour, d'une utilité universelle;
 vous ne refuserez pas de venir occuper sur mon invitation,
 et sur l'invitation des anciens et premiers membres
 de cette Société, parmi nous, les fonctions de Président.
 Je suis avec respect

Monsieur Le Marquis

Paris le 1.^{er} Juillet 1784.

Votre très humble et très
 Obeissant Serviteur
 Mesmer