

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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Le 22 9^{bre} 1866

Cher Monsieur Comptons

J'ai reçu la gracieuse lettre que
vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'écrire
pour me recommander M. Jules de
Bremoray.

Je savais déjà tout l'intérêt
que vous portez à ce malade, et je
m'étais empressé de donner des ordres
pour qu'il fût entouré de tous les
soins que réclamait sa triste position.
Je suis heureux de vous apprendre
qu'il est actuellement en convalescence
et qu'il a la conscience de lui-même
il se trouve et comprend parfaite-
ment qu'il y avait une nécessité absolue
de le faire interné dans une maison
de santé spéciale. Je crois

qu'il pourrait encore
retrouver complètement
l'intégrité et l'énergie
de ses facultés intel-
lectuelles s'il avait la
force de ~~pour~~ résister au penchant
qui l'entraîne vers l'abus des boissons
alcooliques. Je lui ai fait entendre
d'une manière très positive que s'il n'avait
pas assez de volonté pour résister à cette
passion bestiale, il tomberait dans peu
dans un état incurable d'aliénation. Il
a promis de le faire, mais pourra-t-il
quand il sera sorti d'ici ?

Veuillez assurer sa famille et ses amis
que nous ferons tout ce qui sera en notre
pouvoir pour consolider la raison chan-
celante de cet intéressant malade

Je regrette bien vivement, mon
cher confrère, que l'éloignement
me prive du plaisir de vous voir

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Croyez, très bon confrère, à
mes sentiments les plus distingués
et les plus dévoués.

Bien

Le Docteur Semelaigne se rappelle
à votre bon souvenir

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_____ 22, 1866

Very dear and excellent colleague:

I have received the gracious letter which you did me the honor of writing to refer Mr. Jules de Tremoray.

I already knew of the interest you have in this patient, and I have been eager to give orders so that he would be surrounded by all the attentions which his sad situation required. I am happy to tell you that he is now convalescent, and that he is conscious of where he is and understands perfectly that it was absolutely necessary to confine him in a professional nursing home [private mental hospital]. I believe that he could still completely regain the soundness and vigor of his intellectual faculties if he had the strength to resist his propensity to become carried away with the abuse of alcoholic beverages. I have made it quite clear to him that if he was not willing to resist this bestial passion, he would fall into an incurable state of mental derangement. He has promised to do it, but will he be able to when he leaves here?

Please assure his family and his friends that we will do all that is in our power to strengthen the unsteady sanity of this interesting patient.

I regret deeply, my dear colleague, that distance deprives me of the pleasure of seeing you.

Believe, very good colleague, in my most distinguished and devoted sentiments.

PINEL

Doctor Semelaigne asks to be remembered to you.

translated by J. Nagy, 9/83

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Left Spencer in a hurry and
forgot to give this to V.B. who
leaves directly for Boston to-day Monday
at 5 P.M. I hope to be in Washington
by Adams at 2:30 - am OK

6:00 - 6:56
7:00 - 8:10

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Dear Dr. Filene,

Thanks for your courtesy which
I appreciate very much.

I proposed 3:30 p.m. because
I did not want you to miss your
rest. If you do not mind it
the meeting could also be at 3 p.m.
or 2:30 p.m.

I do not know exactly when I have
to lecture in Providence. I believe
at 8 p.m. So I am only dependent
upon the train for leaving Boston.

If there would be one around 6:30 p.m.
it would give me time enough. But
I want you to decide as you like it.

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I thank you also for the clipping.
I always have known that people are
short sighted. I should not say that people
know it on the first glance to be in love.
Sometimes they know it later. And I also
know how many people resist in the beginning
to be attracted, or also later. So they understand
only the effects of their resistance. In
addition to it I know the tremendous
number of people who like always to say
no, whatever is discussed.

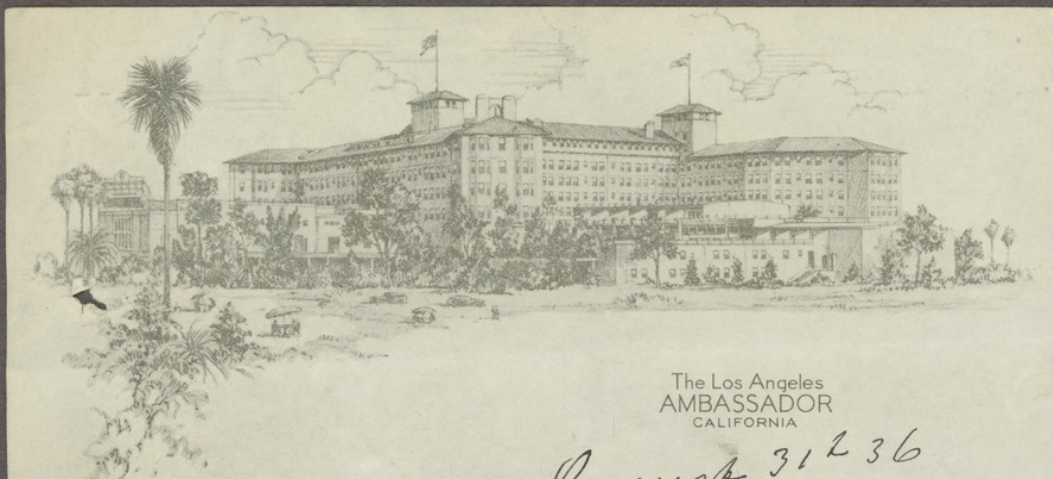
There is in my favor in one of the novels
of Dostoyevski a case when a man after
being cold to a girl had a dream of falling
in love to her. This great psychologist has
known clearly that perhaps every body has
some inhibitions, also on the first glance.

Truly yours

Ortler.

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The Los Angeles
AMBASSADOR
CALIFORNIA

August 31 1836
Dear Mr Smith,

I am leaving tomorrow
for New York, Gramercy Park with.
I myself have cured similar cases
and have studied autobiographies
of such ones. I am sure many more
could be cured if rightly understood.

If you give me time I should
like to read your book. To write a
preface I can tell you only after
having read it.

Sincerely yours

Professor Alfred Adler M.D.

P.S. In my Journal of Individual
Psychology (publ. by E. Kanser, 270
Michigan Ave, Chicago, Ill.) I tried
to explain how persons become neurotic
or psychotic.

"See America First."

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100-
200-

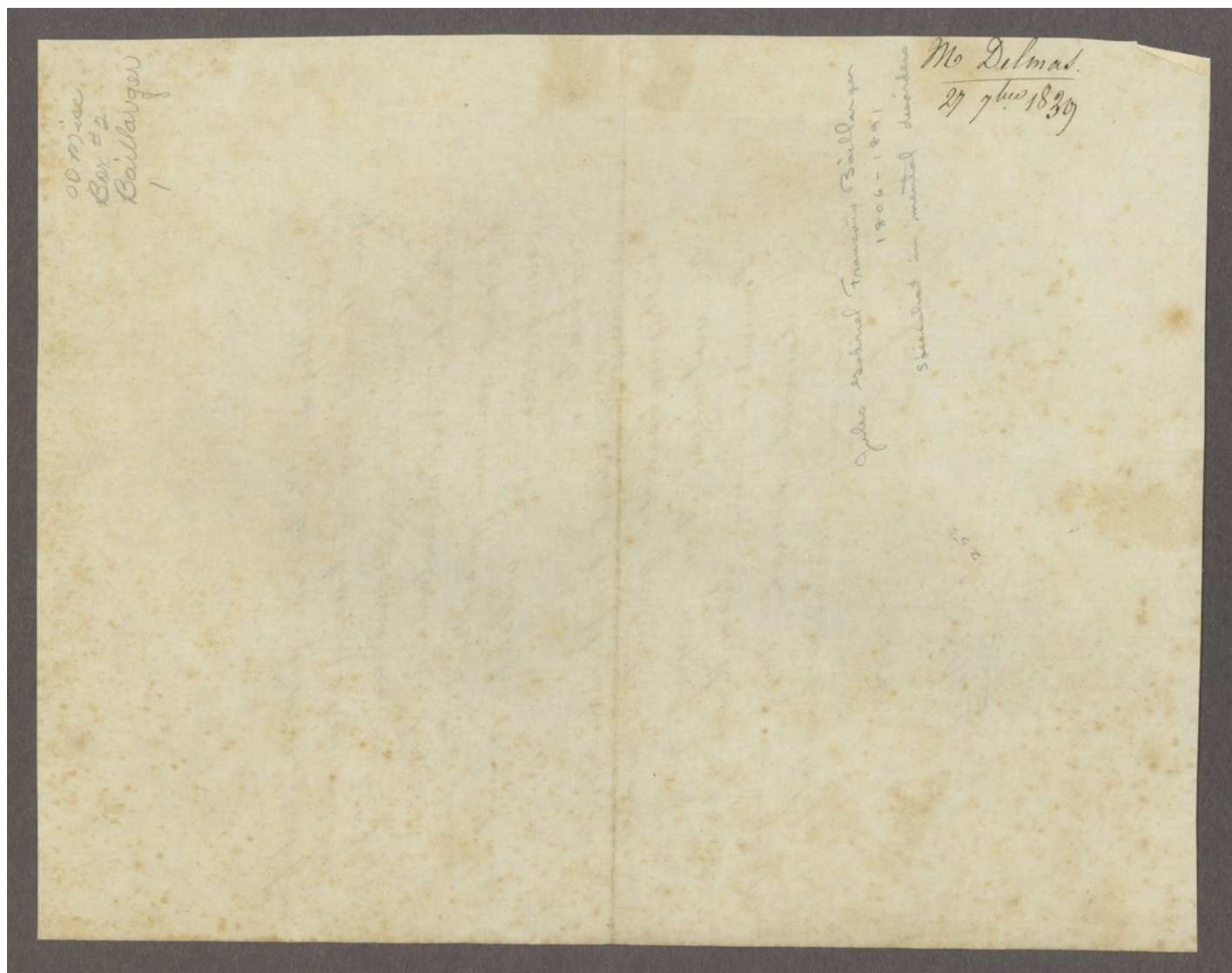
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Je soussigné Docteur en médecine, certifie
que le nommé Delmar (Stienne) âgé
de 22 ans né à Mauriac (cantat) est
atteint d'hallucinations de l'ouïe et de
l'odorat qui me paraissent être la
conséquence de violentes congestions
cérébrales.
ce malade sous l'influence de ses
hallucinations se portant à des actes
de violence il est urgent qu'il soit
soumis à une surveillance et à un
traitement spécial dans un établissement
destiné aux maladies mentales.

Paris ce 27 juil 1889

Baillarger
[Signature]

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Dr. M. J. C.
Ser. #2
Baillarger

I, the undersigned, doctor of medicine, certify
that one Delmas (Etienne), age 22, born in
Mauriac (Cantal), is afflicted with hallucinations
of hearing and smell which seem to me to be the
result of violent cerebral congestions.

Since this patient is prone to acts of violence
under the influence of his hallucinations it is
urgent that he be committed to surveillance and
to special treatment in an institution for mental
illnesses.

Paris, September 27, 1839

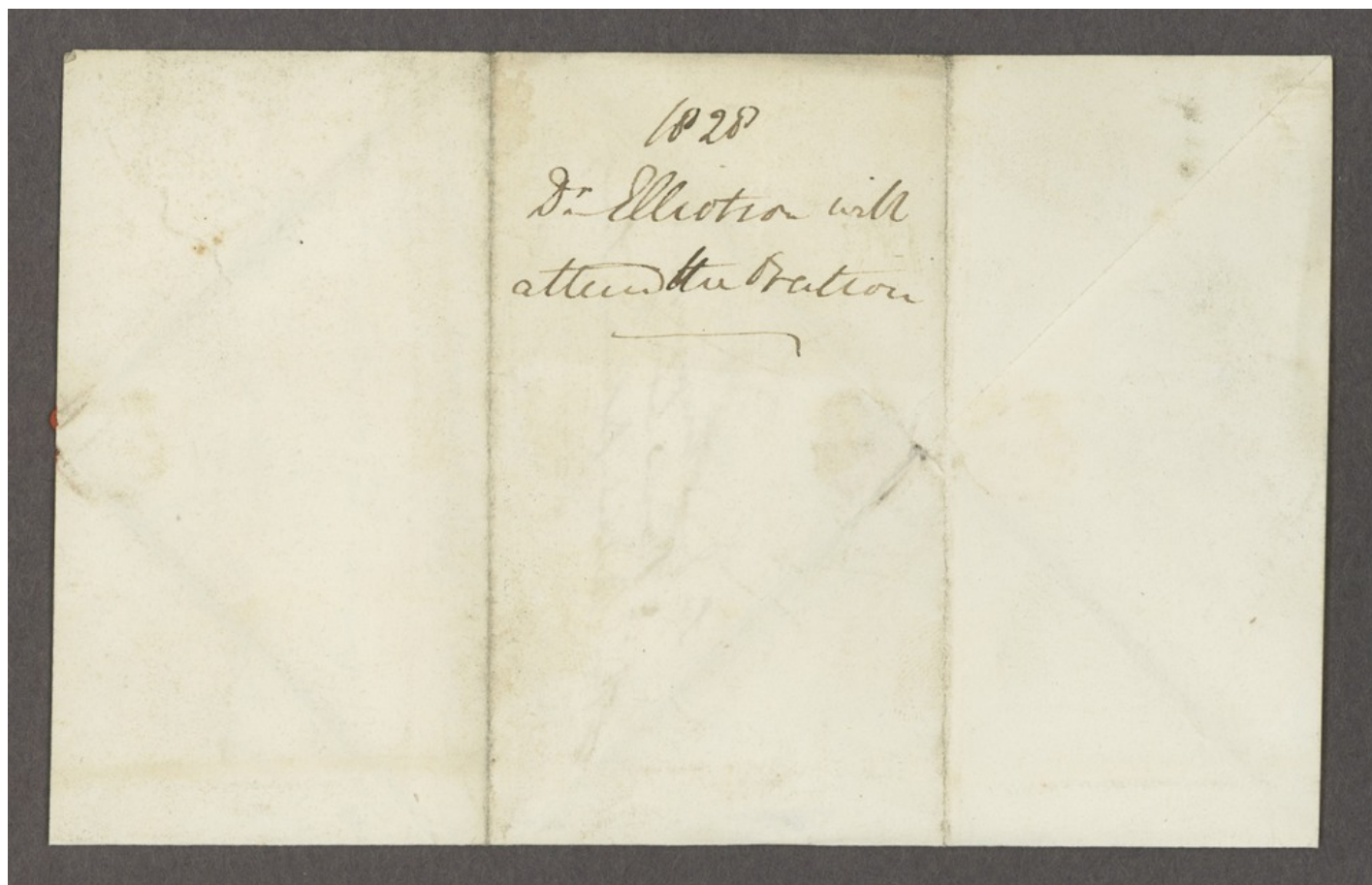
Baillarger

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Dr. Elliott will do himself
the honor of accepting for
James Munger's polite
invitation to the Medical
Historical Society on the
twenty eighth instant.

Sept 8th.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE,
3, WATERLOO PLACE, PALM MALL, S.W.,

15th day of May 1862.

Sir The Executive Committee
of this Association are
anxious to secure a
thorough discussion
of "Our Convict Systems",
at the approaching meeting
in June; & they have
desired me to write to
you & ask you to take
part in that discussion,
& if possible to furnish
them with a short

paper containing a
statement of your
views. Sir Joshua
Lebl will read a
paper on "Lunatic
Discipline", in the 3^d
Department, &
Captain Crofton is
expected to be present
to defend & explain
the Irish System.

The Com^{ee} request
me to say that
if you agree to
prepare a paper
on the subject of
'Ins. Convict Systems'
they will be happy
to extend the time
for reception of
papers to suit your
convenience.

I beg to enclose 2
circulars of the
meeting. The full
Programme of arrange-
ments is now in
the press.

Yours faithfully
J. Craig
Assistant Secretary

Rev. W. Clay

Encl. Dec. 26. 1890

My dear Friend,

I have had a few copies of a part of my 3rd vol. now in the press, set up separately. It contains the ethnography of the Celtic Race. I beg your acceptance of a copy and accompanying this letter. I had it printed separately, chiefly, with the view of sending it as a separate memoir to the Academy of Moral & Political Sciences, of Paris, through your kind introduction I was made a member. Some few years ago a circular was sent to me through similar communications from the corresponding members. I had no prospect of having any thing else to send & therefore thought it might be advisable to adopt the plan above noticed. I have written a letter to Mr. Michel, the Secretary & I now take the liberty of forwarding it with a copy of the memoir in the hope that you will find soon an opportunity of transmitting them to Paris for me & putting them in the way of getting into the Secretary's hands. Be pleased to read the letter & if there is in it anything unsuitable, have the kindness to let me know. You will see that I have mentioned Dr. Edwards, from whom I differ considerably in opinion. When you write to him, or please to let him that I shall

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not fail to take a respectful notice of her work as
the preface to my volume now printing.

I have written the ethnography of all the races of
Europe & Asia (one or two are being yet finished)
nearly as extensively as this volume. When
the volume is out one contains the first part of my
book I shall take time for other matters. I
ought however to let you that I have already begun
a paper on the subject of the human mind
you suggested as an introduction to a series of
papers on ethnography. I shall be glad to
hear what progress you have made in collecting
the facts of contributions. I fear you will have
heard that the Society of Useful Arts has rather
a skeptical bias & that they would be better
placed not only than many counter to received
opinions & something in the line of ill Bore & R
Vasant, that with what corrections will the
views respect the nature of human contributions
in Holylord. But perhaps this tendency is imputed
unjustly. At all events they will not expect for
you & I must not be misled by anything previous

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The fantastical opinion of the white man I have learned
I am satisfied that the cause of them only as well as
that of orthodoxy etc. is proved by proving the curricula
of men that I have latter our races are our brothers
I see a different mental man or an extraordinary stock
between us & the orange.

I have been for some time a friend of the white man
and now I do not fully understand of an extraordinary
opinion that I have been interested with the
conclusion (as described) of the orange. Was it
really so, I have for had the fluid extracted & very well
can? I have for a few years been in the
large the blood of the I find my wife & the
there.

Believe me.

Your sincere friend

J. P. Prentiss.

P.S. I have resolved to forward this letter
separately & shall send the postal collection
the money tomorrow.

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2 vols. royal 8vo. 38s.
PRICHARD (J. C.) — The NATURAL HISTORY of
MAN : comprising Inquiries into the Modifying Influences of Physical and Moral
Agencies on the different Tribes of the Human Family. Fourth Edition, revised and enlarged,
by Lewis NOMIS, of the Royal Asiatic Society. With 62 Plates, coloured, engraved on Steel,
and 100 Engravings on Wood.
H. BAILEY, 219 Regent Street.

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Middlebury County, Vermont, U.S.A.
Hanwell 2 Octob^r 1832

Sir

I believe it is my duty, as the Physician
to this Establishment, to inform you that we have
had two cases of Cholera *Shannonica* this morning, which
have both proved fatal in a very few hours

If you have any particular form that it is necessary
to follow in such cases then reports for cases we
should be so unfortunate as to have any more.
I shall be much obliged by your favouring me with an

I remain Sir

your very obed^t Serv^t

M. Ellis, M.D.

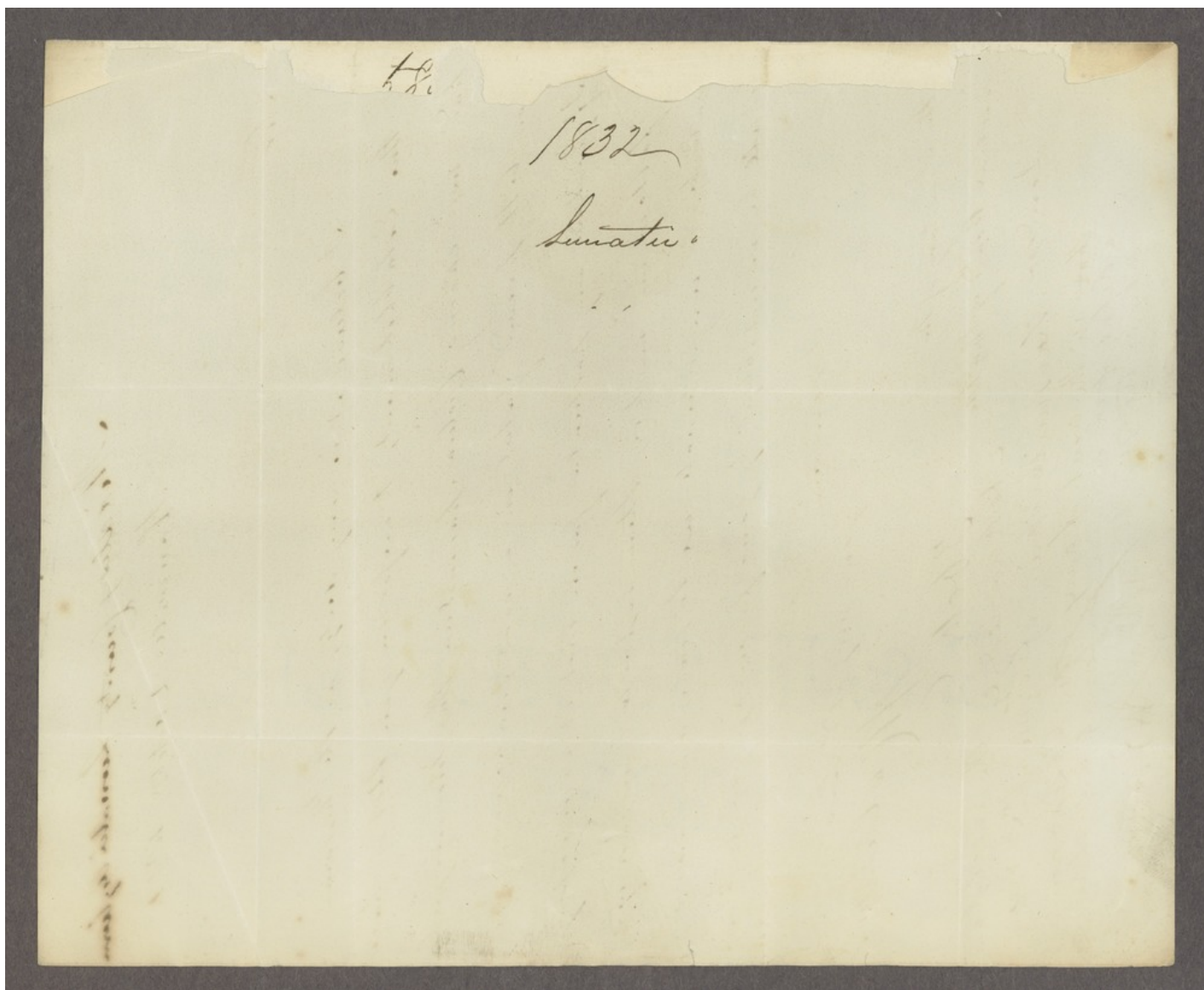
To the Secretary of the
Central Board of the

London Transmittal Copies of some N^o 3 request
that in the event of any other cases occurring
a Report of the same in conformity to such return
may be transmitted

3 Oct.

Letter 506 WP

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Milnathort 18 Oct^r 1832

We Mess^{rs} D. Birrell J. Roy and W. Morison
Surgeons certify on soul and conscience that we have
visited several patients in Milnathort parish of
Orwell and that the symptoms and general
appearance of the disease leave no doubt on our
minds that they are decided cases of Spasmodic
Tetanus. Two of the cases have already proved
fatal.

D. Birrell Surgeon

J. Roy Surgeon

W. Morison Surgeon

Signed before me one of Her Majesty's
Justices of Peace for Kincross here this
eighteenth day of October 1832, at Milnathort

J. M. M. J. P.



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A. E. COPPARD:

*Little Poymatts, Kimble Wood,
Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames.*

15.7.26

Waldhotel

Salmannsdorfer Strasse 92

WIEN XVIII

Austria.

Dear

I enclose MSS of some essays
by Dr Wm Stekel, which you may
find interesting enough to publish.
I myself find them very charming.

Stekel is Freud's greatest pupil;
after Jung & Freud himself he is
the biggest psycho-analyst in the
world, & many think he is the
greatest practitioner

All his books have been published

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in America, but only one or two in
England (Hogan Pail). This MSS
is not at all a technical one, as
you will see.

Life in Vienna is very nice, it
must be one of the most charming
cities in the world. It seems to
suit me, & I may stay here for
some months.

Hope you are well

Yours ever

Q. B.

Op Miss
Box #2
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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

DEPARTMENTS OF
PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY

March 20/07.

My dear Sir

I am afraid I cannot help you out
on the subject of immortality. I have given little
attention to the matter, supposing it to be rather a
matter of religious faith than of philosophy. Myers
books are highly esteemed by those interested
in the evidence from psychical research. The
Ingersoll lectures (at Harvard) may interest
you. Professor James has one.

Höffding's Hist. of Modern Phil. is I think
the best on that period. James's Psychology &
Principles of Psychology are the best in my
opinion. I have not read Prof. Foster.
Regrettably I cannot be of more help.
Yours truly
John Dewey.

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Kansas State Insane Asylum.

—SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.—

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO

B. D. EASTMAN, M. D.,

SUPERINTENDENT.

Topeka, Kansas, Nov 12 1886

Rev. F. S. M. Cobb

Topeka - 273 Topeka St.

My dear Sir:

I can not readily
give you full statistics on the question you ask
but perhaps sufficient for your purpose =
Of 1332 cases in Kansas so arranged to be
caused by Religious Exaltation 3 3/4 per cent.
Of 9662 cases treated at the Kansas State Hos-
pital, 332 were alleged to be caused by R. E.
or 3 4/100 per cent.

But all such alleged causes are more or less
untrustworthy. In many cases the insane temper-
ament may have largely been causation of the
R. E. alleged as the cause. I doubt if persons
of well balanced minds are very often made insane by
religious excitement alone. But when we begin to
draw conclusions on such matters, there is a great
deal of guesswork. I give above the ratios as
alleged in the cases enumerated.

Very Truly Yours,
B. D. Eastman
[Signature]

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Liebe Herr Kollege,

Sie wissen selbst schon durch Dr. Behn-
Eichenburg selbst, aus welchem Grunde ich Ihre
ihm betreffende Bitte nicht erfüllen konnte.

Seit Mitte Januar bin ich Gesundheitsgründen
fern von Berlin und werde erst nach dem Salz-
burger Kongress nach Hause zurückkehren.

Meine in den letzten Novembertagen
ganz widerständig eingetretene rechtsseitige Gesichtslähmung
hat sich bei mir der Sonne und Ruhe schon ziemlich
weitgehend gelöst und ich hoffe, daß Sie mich
in Salzburg einigermaßen symmetrisch wie-
dersehen werden.

Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen an Sie
und Ihren Mann

und auf baldiges Wiedersehen!

Der

M. Eitingon

Eitingon

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DR. M. EITINGON

L. 15. IV.

Gross Thier, fel. Kollegen. Eben habe ich von
Felix einen Brief erhalten, der N. auf der ganzen
Linie zu decken sucht.

Auf die unbedingte hier entstehende Frage, wieso ich
dazu kommen nur eine Seite hörend, Partei zu nehmen,
weiss ich natürlich Antwort. Was aber sagen Sie
zu Felix' Brief, an Sie?

Ich kann auch bei der Möglichkeit, dass Sie
sich geirrt und bei aller Einsicht in die
Gründe, die mich so schnell hier auf Ihren
Gehörspunkt eingehend haben, nicht recht
corrigieren ...

Inzwischen haben Sie gewiss auch von Ober-
holzer Nachricht über seinen Besuch in Zuch
gehabt, nicht wahr?

Ich werde ^{so} etwa am 21. ^{10. 22.)} nach Berlin zurück
kehren. Werden Sie noch dort sein?

Alles Gute Thier für ihren Mann
und meine herzgl. Grösse an Sie und
Koll. Salu. M. Eitingon.