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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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G. WENTZEL'S ERBEN

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FERNSPRECHER Nr. 3593.

TEL.-ADR.: BRISTOLHOTEL.
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Dresden, den 19. IV. 91.
Bismarckplatz 5-7-9.

Liebes Freundes Kollege!

Auf irgend einem Grunde hoffte ich gestern noch,
Sie würden mir da Sitzung sein. Es war nicht
viel zu holen. Aber die Stet.

Ihre Nachricht von Ihnen nach Leipzig gelaufen
ist noch früher erwarten zu dürfen.

Nicht ohne Bedauern bin ich nun nicht von allem
an diesem Abend von uns geschieden. Bei
ich abgekommen, bei ich eigentlich überhaupt
nicht abgekommen, nur etwas verzögert war ich.
Ich hätte gern von Ihnen noch darüber gehört.
Wann werden Sie?

Ich hoffe am Freitag, spätestens Samstag früh
in Berlin zu sein.

Herzlg. grüßend

M. Eisinger

London. March 14. 1802

Dear Sir,

I am obliged to you for your letter of the 11th which I received yesterday. — One ought to feel satisfied at a speedy termination of such sufferings, which were beyond all human help. — I must with you regret that an Inspection of the body was not allowed. Under your Eye I think considerable Information might have been obtained, and in her case the part originally affected might have been discovered — though, in general, cause and effect are so blended together, that one gains much less light from opening bodies, than one could wish.

I have attentively read over your minute description of the Lady's case under your care, which I am afraid is almost as incurable as the former one — You have

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sent me a large fee - but, if you mean by
this, that I must send you an equivalent,
efficient, and satisfactory opinion, I fear
that you have led me into a scrape, and
I shall leave you disappointed. - Some
temporary alleviation, however, you have
obtained, and I shall be extremely
happy to join with you in procuring more
permanent relief. - I have looked, very
recently, over your list of plans and reme-
dies, and see that you have scarcely left
me one single thing untried - Yes, that
I do not find mentioned, though it most
probably has had its day. I consider
such deep-seated constitutional ills, as
generally originating in the stomach, with
which organ I am inclined to think the
soul is more nearly connected than with

the Penial Gland. This has often been found converted into stones, without having affected health materially. but no such change can take place in the stomach without destroying life. In short, the great point is, with me, to court, and make friends with this sensible part, and through it to invigorate the Constitution. - I therefore take the liberty of inclosing a formula for a stool medicine, which, if approved of by you, I should much like to have tried for some time - with, at the same time, a quarter, or half a grain of Calomel every night, as an alterative - or, if you like it better, steel into the habit a mild mercurial action by rubbing in a very small portion of Ung. Hydragryi every night. By such a course, I certainly have seen Patients in most unpleasant and alarming

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situations surprisingly relieved. - If you think
proper to adopt it, I shall be glad to hear
from ^{you} after it has been tried a little time, and
as I consider myself completely retained, I
shall be happy to commence a correspondence
with you, from which I have no doubt of
deriving great pleasure, and much im-
provement. - After so many trials, it
would be improper to object to Bath, but
I confess my hopes of good from it are not
sanguine.

I am, with great regard,

Dear Sir, Your Most Obedient, &

Faithful, Humble Servant,

W^m Farquhar

I ought to make an apology for sending
a prescription to you. The reason is,
that it is not a common mode of giving
it, but, whether it is owing to the
warmth of the Sage, ~~or~~ ^{its} invigorating
powers of the ~~stomach~~ ^{stomach},
quickly to the stomach. I know no
I have certainly seen it succeed ~~and~~
-ing after other preparations of it had
failed. *Q. Vini Ferri* *℞*
℞. Nuc. Mosch *℞* *℞. M. hant*
℞. die sumendus - Superbibendo
℞. Infusi Salvia, Calidi.
The Sage tea should be drunk as hot, as
it can possibly be taken.
May have you given the different

Do I vote a full trial? The Orula-
pathum is my favourite. but I find
that many give the preference to the
Cardana.

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Dr Ferenczi Sándor
idegorvos

Budapest, 19. 10/17.

Ihre geehrten Herren Kollegen,
Besten Dank für Ihre v. Freundschaft, die
den Mitgliedern der ung. Ortsgruppe zum Kommen
brachte. Eine Anzahl von Sonderabdrücken von Ar-
beiten, die in "Zeitschr." u. d. "Mag." erschienen sind,
werde
Könnte ich Ihnen allenfalls schicken, vermittle aber,
daß Sie grade auf anderewärts veröffentlichte Gesetze
legen, wovon mir leider kein Exemplar zur Verfügung
steht.

Vorgestern kam ich von Wien zurück, wo ich von
Dr. Sacks Erfreuliches über die Tätigkeit Ihrer Orts-
gruppe erfahren konnte.

Mit kollegialen Grüßen

Ihr ergebener

Dr. Ferenczi
Empfehlungen an Frau Dr. Oberholzer!

Herrn Dr. Emil Oberholzer Zürich I. Rämistr. 39.

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Department of the Interior
Washington, August, 27th 1855

Sir,

I have the honor, to transmit, herewith, a communication from the Superintendent of the Institution for the Insane of the Army and Navy, and of the District of Columbia in said District; and respectfully to request your official opinion upon the proper construction of the 5th Section of the Act of Congress of the 3rd March, organizing the same. (Statutes at Large, pamphlet 1854-1855 page 683.)

From the examination which I have made of the question, I am disposed to agree with the Superintendent in his opinion thereon as expressed in his letter, but in order to give general satisfaction, I have deemed its reference to you advisable: it being my design, in the event of your concurrence, in my present conclusion, to recommend to the courts to fix, with other facts that of residence at the time of the attack.

I am very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

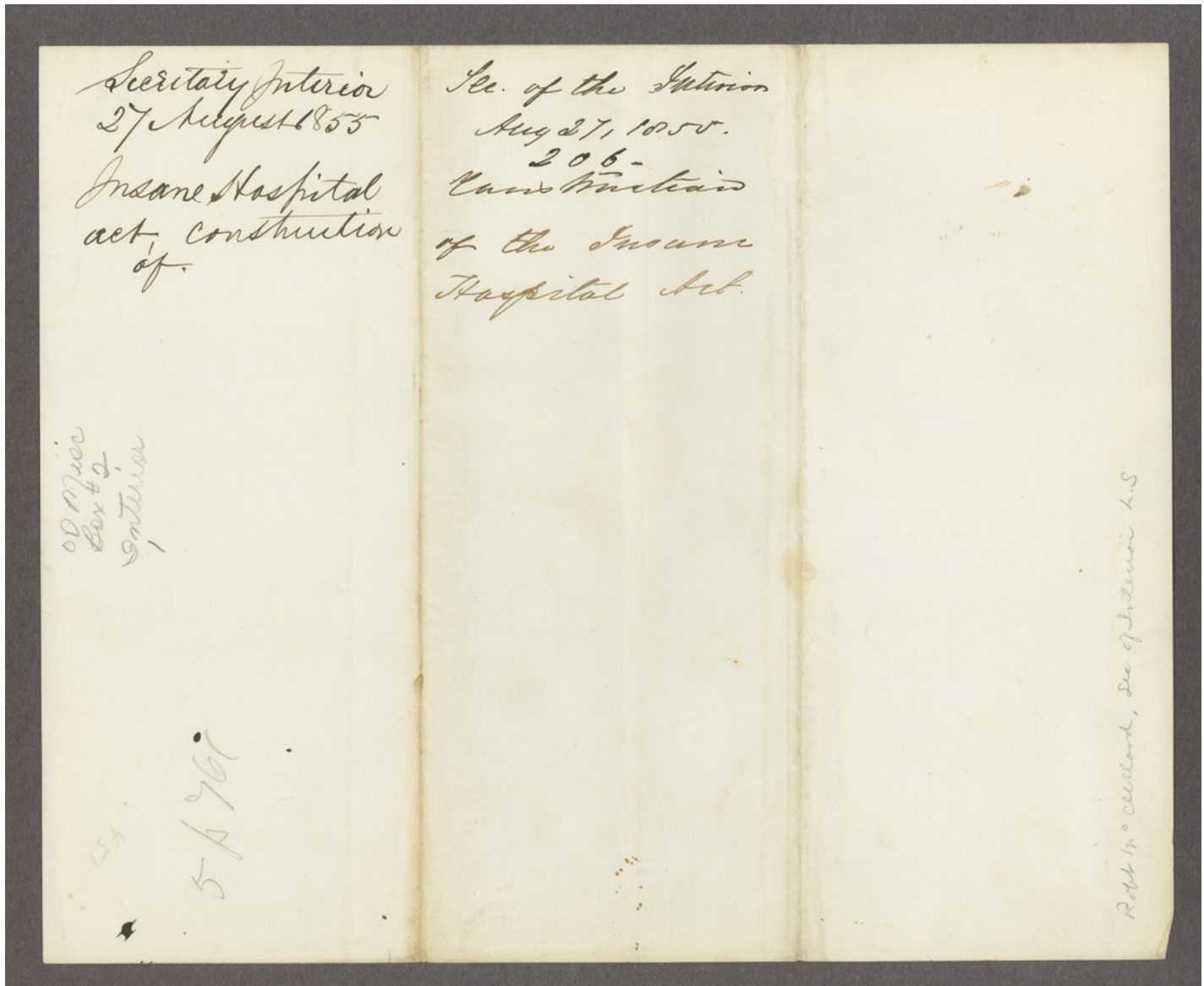
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KAM-PRO-6.B

Inter Office Memo

Date Sent 9/1/59

Date Rec'd _____

Date Ans. _____

To: Hazel Bruce

From: Dr. Karl/m

Subject: Attached

The attached is an item of considerable interest. I would like to show it at one of the staff meetings over at the Clinic so if you will bring it up to me some Thursday I will present it to them and then you can have it back.

What happened is this: Merrill Moore, the psychiatrist who wrote ten thousand sonnets roomed with me one night at a convention of the APA in May, 1940. Either he couldn't get a room or I couldn't, so we shared a room. As we were lying there before falling asleep he asked me if I knew Robert Frost's beautiful little poem, which by now everyone knows. I didn't, so Merrill recited it to me and I was entranced.

When I got home I wrote him about it and Miss Stahl may be able to find a copy of my letter. As you will see, my letter arrived in his office while Mr. Frost himself was there so Merrill apparently typed the poem up and had Mr. Frost sign it. Then Merrill sent it to me with his covering letter of June 6. I then sent both of these to Jean Lyle who was living in Los Angeles. (see my note in pencil). She did indeed save it carefully as I asked and the other day ran across it and here it is after 20 years. As you know, Robert Frost is still living--Merrill Moore is dead.

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Inter Office Memo

Date Sent September 2, 1959 Date Rec'd _____ Date Ans. _____

To: Dr. Karl

From: Hazel Bruce

Subject:

Your note about Dr. Merrill Moore and the poem by Robert Frost are especially interesting to me because I was assigned to help in the processing of Dr. Moore's papers while working in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress last February. I worked on his papers for about three weeks and noted much of his correspondence, his manuscripts, etc. The Library was interested in having his papers primarily because of his literary accomplishments and secondarily because he was a psychiatrist, they said. The quantity of papers sent by the Moore family was simply enormous, far beyond the usual number of cartons the Library was accustomed to receiving from any one individual. As I remember, the cost of trucking them alone (which is born by the Library) was around \$1,500. Included in the papers, unfortunately, was a considerable quantity of patient material which was easier for me to recognize than the other processors. We carefully picked out all material referring to patients in any way and this was to be returned to Mrs. Moore. The papers also included many reprints, usually 10 copies of each one! Naturally, I formed a mental picture of the man himself from going over his papers and I am most interested in knowing about your contacts with him.

I will bring this poem to staff conference as you suggested. Thank you for sending it over.

MF-216-11-50

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MERRILL MOORE, M. D.
384 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

KENMORE 3160

June 6, 194

[O]

Dr. Karl A. Manninger
Topeka
Kansas

Dear Karl:

It was a real pleasure seeing you too.

Oddly enough the day your letter came
Robert Frost was in my office consulting me so
as he left I asked him to sign this poem for you.
Needless to say, he was delighted to do it.

Good luck until we meet again!

Sincerely,

Merrill

P.S. I think your views on medical economics
applied to psychiatry are so pertinent that I hope
you will publish them separately somewhere in a
separate article.

MM

*Oh I love this
poem - esp the last
verse
carefully on
return*

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STOPPING BY WOODS OF A SNOWY EVENING

Whose woods these are I think I know
His house is in the village though
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost

*To Dr Carl Menninger
of Topeka Kansas
through the thoughtfulness
of Dr Merrill Moore of Boston
1940*

INTERNATIONALE ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR ÄRZTLICHE PSYCHOANALYSE

HERAUSGEGEBEN VON PROFESSOR DR. SIGM. FREUD
SCHRIFTLEITUNG: Dr. S. FERENCZI, Budapest, VII. Elisabethring 54 / Dr. OTTO RANK, Wien IX/4, Simondengasse 8

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Ihr geehrter Herr Kollege — und
geehrte Frau Kollegin!

Ich erlaube mir Ihnen die beiden Töchter eines
guten Freundes, des Directors des ung. Arbeiter-Mas-
chinenbauwesens, die Fr. Margit und Suzanne Kiss
wärmstens zu empfehlen. Erstere ist diplomierte päd.
sche Lehrerin und möchte sich in Psychologie und Päd-
agogik perfectioinieren, dabei natürlich auch ihr Brot
verdienen, letztere ist eine begabte Musikerin vom Fach,
die sich sehr der Pflege und dem Unterrichte der Musik
widmen möchte. Ich schicke sie zu Ihnen in der Hoffnung,
dass Ihnen möglich ist ihnen mögliche Aufklärungen
zu geben.

Wie Sie wissen, bin ich jetzt Zentralpräsident
der intern. Vereinigung, aber die polit. u. Verhältnisse
müssen erlauben mir bisher nicht Ihnen zu Gründung
Ihrer Gruppe zu gratulieren, was Ihnen nachsteht.
Seien Sie herzlichst gegrußt

von Ihrem ergebenen
Dr. S. Ferenczi

Dr. Budapest VII, Nagydóka u. 3. —

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Legation of the United States
8 Apple Street
July 27th 1851.

Sir,

Permit me to shew the permission
to visit and inspect freely the Middlesex
Hospital for lunatics, for Dr Macdonald,
a young American physician of great merit,
who has been sent ~~to Europe~~ by the Government
of the New York Hospital to learn the recent
improvements in the medical and moral
treatment of insanity, with a view of
placing him at the head of the

Mr. Sigmond Pell
h. h. h.

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medical department of establishment
for the Insane in the vicinity of New York.

I have the honor to be

Yrs

very respectfully

Yours truly

Washington Irving

Chargé d'affaires of
the United States

Monsieur,

J'ai été bien heureux de
l'attention qui m'a été faite
par votre lettre de vous. J'ai
souvent l'occasion de me
souvenir de vous, et je suis
votre premier et votre dernier
à plus grand regret.

J'ai été en vain cherchant
un livre de vous. J'ai vu
vous tant de fois, et
jugez par vous-même.

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Je vous envoie obligé de vous
partager en commission,
or le livre de M. Gélou
m'aurait pas de cette date
je faisais partir. Je m'en
informais après de ma
confiance. Vous n'avez pas
eu de l'œuvre sauriez-vous
d'œuvre de la mort de la
d'œuvre; mais je vivrai
en même temps possible,
je l'ai communiqué par
appréhension.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur

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I appreciate the most hearty
sentiments Portman the
youngster

Geo. James

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Via Megnano 26
Torino

Cesare Lombroso
Prof. di Clinica Psichiatrica

Egr Sign

Le mando il ms sugli Anarchici e special-
mente in rapporto a Luccheni che lei mi ha
domandato , accettando i patti che Ella mi
aveva fissato di ~~3~~Fr. 250

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su Colombo che mostrerebbe come la Scopeta
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C. Lombroso

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New York

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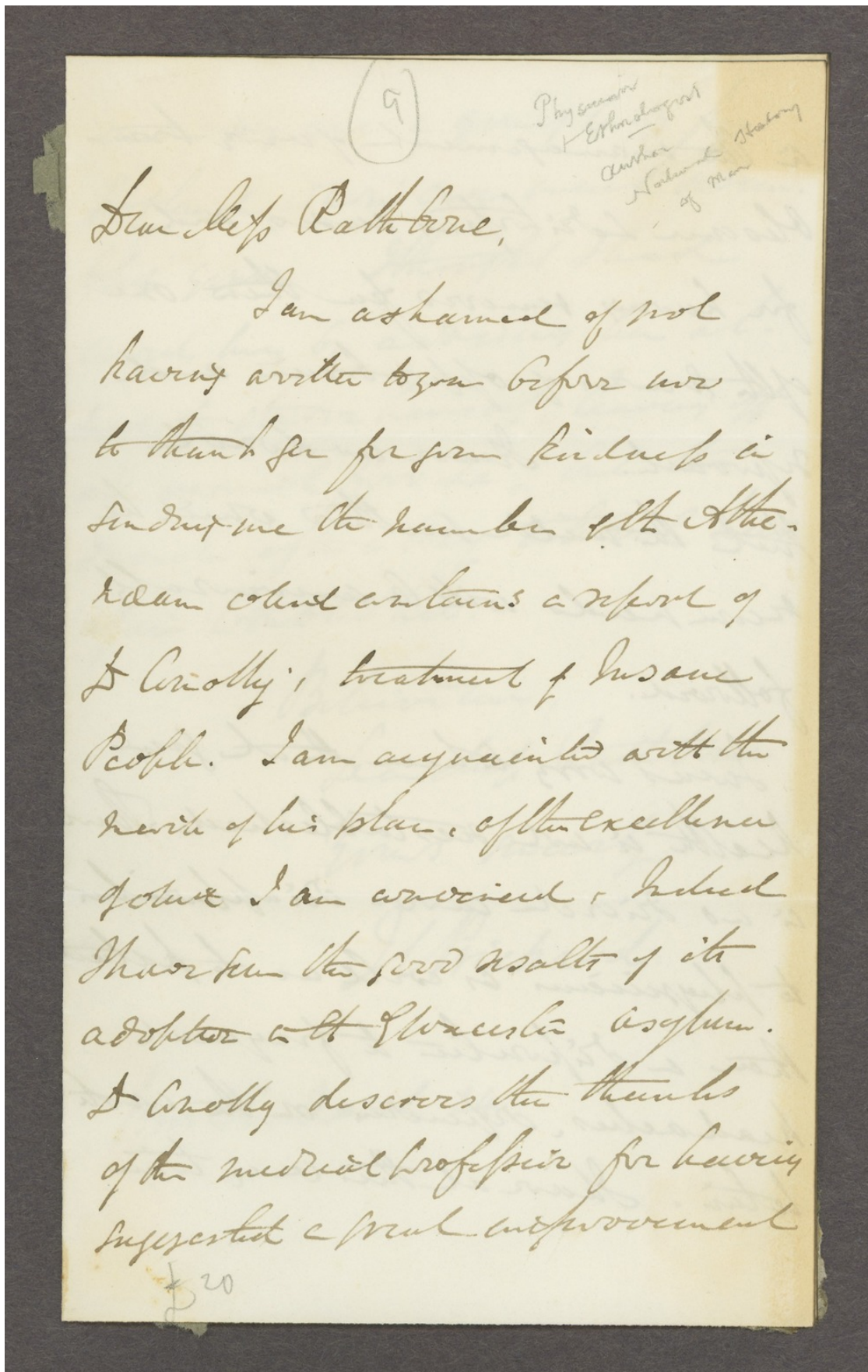
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Cesare Lombroso

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Box #2

Lombroso
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in the management of your trou-
blesome Lobotomy cases and
for having removed from them one
of the burdens of opprobrium and
disgrace. I am no doubt
that the motor method will be
recommended with a universality
followed.

I am sorry to hear that your
health is not reestablished. There
is no disorder more disagreeable
to physicians as well as to patients
than a disposition to frequent
headaches, depending on the waste
of labor. I have at this very time

under my care a young lady from
Scotland, whom I can well recom-
mend you. I thought I had
cured her by advising her ab-
solutely to starve herself, leaving off
all animal food &c. but the
disease after a long interval has
again troubled her.

Believe me,
Dear Mr. Rattbone
Yours sincerely,

J. Richard.

Bristol, March. 24.

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35 -
Very fine
his mental state

Boston. 8th March. 1847.

I feel myself much flattered by the kind remembrance of Madame Sarah. Be pleased, should ^{you} have an opportunity, to present my best respects to that worthy and sensible lady. I had the misfortune of a very sudden & short acquaintance in her family. I say misfortune, because there appeared an union of so many ^{amiable} interesting qualities, ~~as~~ the little circle over which she presided, that I can recognize in recollection only regret at my inability to cultivate so valuable an acquaintance — For the other inquiries of my friends I am also much indebted. Tell, Cousin Mary to know how dreary & dull the parties of Boston have been since she took herself out of them. Not Entreat now that I am over head & ears in love with my kind Cousin, but that I rate her merits as a fine woman high indeed; and the loss ^{of} such an one here is not very readily repaired — I intend to send you a most laboured reply to all the falsehoods which have spread themselves in Phil^a. relative to me. But I am not just now in the best of all possible refuting or reasoning humours, having been the whole night troubled with — two extra bottles of Madeira — and my head has no more connection or coherence than — I was going to make a noble comparison but it escaped my memory before my pen came to it — so I leave you to imagine all that is confused & all that is dissonant — and just thing at this moment is a type of my brain — When William do you return? What