

Clifford W. Beers papers

Section 3, Pages 61 - 90

Beers' papers, largely, consist of handwritten and typed incoming and outgoing letters, as well as some correspondence about Beers. Correspondents include some family members, such as his wife Clara's parents and Clifford's brother George, but mostly include friends and acquaintances, such as Erua Geuil Perriu, Marie O.Ley, Paul "Mac" McQuaid, Elizabeth Warner, Louise Gaffney, Dr. and Mrs. Toulouse, Mary Louise Bok, William and Alice James, and others. The subjects of the letters mostly concern Beers' efforts toward bettering the lives of patients with mental illnesses and the publication of his book, *A Mind that Found Itself*. The materials also include Beers' courtship letters to Miss Jepson (parts of which were removed by Clara before she donated them to the Menninger Foundation, as she deemed them too personal) and letters he wrote to her after they were married. Some letters are in French.

Creator: Beers, Clifford Whittingham, 1876-1943

Date: 1903-1955

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From the desk of--
HAZEL BRUCE

August 12, 1963

Gerry:

I answered Dr. Ridenour's letter as I think Dr. Hall would want me to, so please call it to his attention when he comes back. Apparently Dr. Will hinted that some "changes" have been made here, and I suppose she should be told that Dr. Hall is no longer administratively responsible for the libraries, but I'd rather he told her himself, so I just hinted at it and added that he would write her when he comes back.

Attached is the carbon of my letter to her, and also a carbon of my note to Purchasing, asking them to accept, pay for the package and send it out here. Again, I trust this is what Dr. Hall would want me to do. I'm sure he will want to come out when he has time to see what is contained in the package. When the "Golden Anniversary issue" arrives to Dr. Hall, you may want to keep it and let him see it before sending it to me, whatever you think best.

Hazel



August 12, 1963

Dr. Nina Ridenour
360 Roaring Brook Road
Chappagua, New York

Dear Doctor Ridenour:

Doctor Hall's secretary, Mrs. Alumbaugh, sent me the letter of August 8 which you wrote Doctor Hall and asked me to write to you since Doctor Hall is on vacation now until after Labor Day. As a matter of fact, he is in Europe at present and we hope he is really having a wonderful time. He has been working so very hard this past year especially and we are just delighted that he is taking time off for a change of scenery and a change of pace.

Speaking for Doctor Hall and all of us here I can tell you very definitely that we are very much interested and, in fact, delighted that you are sending us some more Beers material. I'm glad Doctor Will assured you about this when you spoke with him. It is true that a few changes have been made in the administration of the libraries, etc. and I should imagine Doctor Hall will tell you about these when he writes you after his return, but we still have plans to display the Beers materials in a place of their own. So the additional items you are sending and will send later are most welcome.

I am glad you are sending this material collect and I will notify our mail room so it will be accepted, paid for, and sent directly to the Historical Library. Should there be any other charges I will be glad to see that they are paid, if you will let me know.

My very best wishes to you and a hope that you will pay us a visit some time soon.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Hazel Bruce
Historical Librarian

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LITTLESON FAMILY FOUNDATION

654 Madison Avenue • New York 21

NINA RIDENOUR, Ph. D. *Secretary*

August 8, 1963

Dr. Bernard Hall
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Dr. Hall:

Within a few days you should receive another box of books and some pictures from Murphy Brothers, Packers, Mount Kisco, New York. This is the last of the lot of Beersiana in my possession.

I had intended to write you in advance before sending them to make sure that you still wanted them because I *did* not know whether your policies out there had changed so that perhaps you no longer wish to collect this material. When I saw Dr. Will in the spring, however, he assured me that The Menninger Foundation was still interested and said to go ahead and send it collect, addressed to you.

The books are not very important and you may not even wish to keep them. All of them are books given to Mr. Beers by the author and signed by the author. One of the pictures is better than any you have and quite possibly is the best one he ever did -- the one of the three trees in the snow. You will notice in the montage of an exhibition of his paintings which I sent you earlier that it is mentioned that this painting received some kind of award for excellence. Note also the interesting comment on the back in Mr. Beers' own handwriting.

Under separate cover I am sending you by first class mail a copy of the Golden Anniversary issue (1958) of the Connecticut Association for Mental Health because it contains an interesting story about Beers. I am also sending a handful of newspaper clippings from the 1920's and 1930's which were

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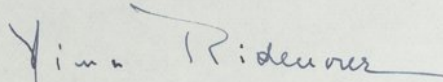
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recently given to Mrs. Beers by a personal friend. They relate to some of the European travels of the Beers' and to the book.

When I talked to Dr. Will in the spring I told him that Mrs. Beers seemed to have failed a great deal in recent months and that she was very confused. Since that time she has made a remarkable recovery, is entirely clear, and has left the nursing home and returned to her own home.

Mrs. Beers has one more item which she would like to donate to The Menninger Foundation but she keeps it in her safety deposit box in the bank and has not been able to get to it. It is a set of stones of some sort given to Mr. Beers by the president of some South American country. If she gives it to me I will send it on to you.

Sincerely yours,



Nina Ridenour
Secretary

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Inter Office Memo

To: Dr Will
From: L. Wheelock
Subject: "Ridenour - Beers"

Date: 11/4/63

There was some indication in memos that you might want to see the last correspondence to and from Dr Ridenour and to Mrs Beers. On the other hand, I can quite understand your "shooting" it right back unread - though I would like it eventually for my files.

L. Wheelock

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ny file

1. There are many more Beers papers not yet in our possession but hopefully we will get them. Dr. Ride-nour knows about this and I suggest you ask her what is the present status. Some group of people already grabbed them, many years ago, promised to write a book, have failed to live up to the promise, there is something sticky involving lawyers, etc. But this larger group of papers contains the real meat.
2. Mitchell papers are so few in number and so casual that they would be of little value for the project Miss (?) Sicherman describes.
3. Williams papers might possibly be of value to her, though they are not many in number.
4. I doubt there are many "letters to and from Meyer White and Salmon" in the Beers collection which we have here. *Perhaps one or two.*

I think you can safely and truthfully put her off by telling her that at the present time it would be useless for her to come to Topeka. At some future date (like several years from now) when we have more Beers material we could be of more help to her.

HWB
12/10/63



To HWB
Would like your
Dear King before
I respond!

LFW
12/10/63

from the desk of _____

LEWIS F. WHELOCK



January 14, 1964

Mr. Anders Richter
Managing Editor
The Chicago University Press
5750 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Richter:

I am writing you relative to Dr. Ilza Veith's conversation with you concerning the interest of The Menninger Foundation in reissuing Clifford W. Beers' A Mind That Found Itself.

Now the idea was a reissue in paperback form with a timely preface, etc. by someone such as Dr. Karl Menninger with the thought that it ought to be in paperback form for students, etc. The book went through five editions (1908-1921) with Longmans, Green and Company and went through its 29th printing with Doubleday and Company, Inc. December, 1962 (they have had it since October, 1921). The point is there is no paperback. Also, Doubleday does not own the book; the copyright is owned by the American Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc. to which we have some entree. We hope you may be interested in this project for a "paperback" and if you are, we can begin "knocking on some doors."

In view of the great national interest in mental health, and the fact that our own residents of the Menninger School for Psychiatry and in schools everywhere find paperbacks such a boon, we felt now might be a propitious time for this project.

Sincerely,

Lewis F. Wheelock, Ph.D.
Curator of Museum and Archives

LFW:hwb



Beers

December 23. 1963

Dr. Lewis F. Wheelock
Curator of Museum and Archives
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

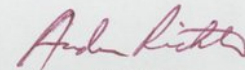
Dear Dr. Wheelock:

Dr. Ilza Veith has conveyed to us your interest in
~~revising~~ ^{re-issuing} Clifford Beer's A Mind That Found Itself.

Following the holiday hiatus, I am very much looking
forward to reviewing the book. I assume it is no
longer in print with the Doubleday Company.

I will be in correspondence with you early in the
New Year.

Sincerely yours,



Anders Richter
Managing Editor

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*re
Dr. Robinson*

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

950 EAST 59TH STREET • CHICAGO 37 • ILLINOIS
MUSEUM 4-6100

December 9, 1963

*Please return
to Wheelock*

Dr. Lewis F. Wheelock
Curator of Museum and Archives
and Historian in Residence
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Dr. Wheelock:

Thank you so very much for your kind letter of November 8.
On this occasion I wish to tell you how much I enjoyed
meeting you and seeing your Museum and Archives. I was
most impressed by the wonderful work you are doing there.

I have started things rolling at the University of Chicago
Press and you will probably be hearing from Mr. Anders
Richter who is the Science Editor there very shortly.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season and kindest
regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ilza Veith
Professor of the
History of Medicine

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NINA RIDENOUR, Ph. D. Secretary

January 17, 1964

*HUB -
for your information
HFW*

Dr. Lewis F. Wheelock
Curator Museum and Archives
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas 66601

Dear Dr. Wheelock:

It was a great pleasure meeting you the other day and I hope your enthusiasm holds up and that you are going to accomplish all that you would like to do.

Mr. Beaty's name is spelled with one t, otherwise your address is correct. For your own information, Mr. Beaty is Executive Director of the World Federation for Mental Health and the address 124 East 28th Street is the WFMH. The regular address for the American Foundation for Mental Hygiene would be 10 Columbus Circle but since Mr. Beaty was recently appointed Secretary, it is better to address him at his own office. After you were here I cleared the question of the chairman and found out about Mr. Beaty's recent appointment.

The name of the person at the National Association for Mental Health who has been there for 48 years and is about to be retired on such a small pension (\$53 a month) is Miss Emily Martin. Due to some pressure brought to bear by a number of us the situation has been improved somewhat and she is to receive a little more. She worked closely with Mr. Beers. I asked her if she would be willing to pick up the plaque for you and she said she would do it some time this winter. As soon as I get it from her I will send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

Nina Ridenour
Secretary

Dictated by Dr. Ridenour,
signed in her absence.

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January 13, 1964

Dr. Nina Ridenour, Secretary
Ittleson Family Foundation
654 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Dr. Ridenour,

I can't tell you how much your kindness and consideration meant to me and how much your confidences (which will be scrupulously respected) helped me to understand various previously obscure things. Thank you so very much. I fear I will be periodically seeking your advice but I shall endeavor to intrude into your busy schedule as rarely as possible.

I called your secretary about the people to write relative to the Beers papers when and if the University of Chicago shows real interest in a paperback edition (during my absence I received a letter indicating this interest might possibly really materialize.) Your secretary gave me Mr. Beatty's address as follows (is this correct?- any error being mine over the phone)=

Mr. William T. Beatty, Secretary
American Foundation for Mental Hygiene
124 East 28th Street
New York 10, New York

In care of= WFMH

But you had suggested I write a man who I gathered is a kind of honorary chairman first. You indicated I probably wouldn't get very far but that this was the proper first channel and then to approach Mr. Beatty. This name had slipped your mind during our luncheon and your secretary could not locate it. Please, bye the bye, thank your secretary for her kindness in phoning me, etc.

I have reported to Dr. Karl in detail about the case of Miss Miller and I certainly hope something can be done about what seems to be an outrageous case of exploitation.



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Dr. Nina Ridenour

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January 13, 1964

I explained to your secretary (endeavoring to avoid bothering you at home) that my schedule unfortunately included a visit to Mrs. Clifford Beers' home. We will do anything possible from this end to aid Mrs. Beers relative to paying for messenger pickup service or whatever you might suggest. Actually my schedule was so tight that in addition to the question of time, I was concerned that any visit of mine might be on a day when things might be difficult for Mrs. Beers.

Again, my thanks, Dr. Ridenour, for being so very gracious and kind. If ever in any way I can be of any possible service to you, please do give me the opportunity.

Most sincerely,

LFW/bj

Lewis F. Wheelock, Ph.D.
Curator Museum and Archives
The Menninger Foundation

Clifford W. Beers papers

THE MENNINGER FOUNDATION
ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE FOR MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

TO: Dr. Paul W. Pruyser
Dr. Ernst Ticho
Dr. Bernard H. Hall
Special Consultant:

Date: July 21, 1964

none

FROM: Lewis F. Wheelock, Ph.D./kb

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

BEERS, CLIFFORD W., A Mind that Found Itself. N.Y., 1908. With a *— returned*
full page signed inscription by the author to Robert N. Reid.

also . . .

Preliminary Prospectus...Conn. Society for Mental Hygiene.
New Haven, 1908. With two autograph notations by Beers.

PRICE: \$35.20

*— \$15.20
check requested
8-3-68*

Doctor Pruyser: On Vacation yes; no.
Comments:

Doctor Ticho: On Vacation yes; no.
Comments:

Doctor Hall: yes; no.
Comments:

Doctor Wheelock: X yes; no.
Comments:

Although the price seems a bit high, I think it is a wise principle to "enrich" the Beers' collection, and this will be the first addition we have made to that collection with our own purchase since the Ridenour-Beers Donation.

PLEASE RETURN TO DOCTOR WHEELOCK

Doctor Karl: On Vacation yes; no.
Comments:

*in with
Beers display*

PLEASE RETURN TO DOCTOR WHEELOCK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

September 15, 1964

Paul C. Richards
Autographs
1023 Beacon Street
Brookline 46, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Richards:

As usual, thank you for your continued good service. We will have to decline the autograph poem signed by Dorothea L. Dix, as it does not fit into our Dix collections specifically. From now on, we will only be interested in Dix items when they deal directly with mental illness and hospitals.

We are enjoying the Beers' pamphlet, Preliminary Prospectus...Conn. Society for Mental Hygiene, New Haven, 1908, with the two annotations by Beers. We hope you received our check for this item for \$15.00 which we sent along the first of August, and that the Beers' book, A Mind that Found Itself, which we returned under separate cover, reached you alright.

We will look forward to hearing from you in the future. Enclosed is the above mentioned Dix item. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Morgan, Asst. to Director
Museum and Archives

Enclosure - Dix item
Air Mail
Registered

Clifford W. Beers papers

July 23, 1964

Mr. Paul C. Richards
Autographs
1023 Beacon Street
Brookline 46, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Richards:

As always, thank you for your continued service and consideration. We don't want the Beers' Book as we already have several annotated first editions. We would, however, be interested in the little pamphlet, Preliminary Prospectus...Conn. Society for Mental Hygiene, New Haven, 1908, with two autograph notations by Beers--if this is not too costly, we would be interested in buying it. We have various Beers' papers and the pamphlet would be useful to us.

The book and pamphlet were offered for \$35, and we are returning the book under separate cover. Thank you.

Most sincerely,

Lewis F. Wheelock, Ph.D.
Director, Museum and Archives

LFW/bjm



~~recent acct~~
Dealers file

Book to be
Sent - Beers

not yet received
8/17/64

from the desk of _____

LEWIS F. WHELOCK



8-6-64

LFW

I'm sure we don't
want the other books
but do you want
this early edition
(1st ?) of Beers?

^{HWRB}
I think it's
worth it to us
for \$2.00
h. 8/11/64



Clifford W. Beers papers

PAST HISTORY
PAPER AMERICANA BOOKS
136 PARKVIEW TERRACE
RED BANK, N. J. - 07701

8/2/64

Dear Mrs Bruce:

Pertinent to your ad in
Collector of Aug we quote:

Beers Clifford - a man that found I truly
London 1908 Longmans Green, cloth & v -
Autobiography - acct of his experiences treatment
& recovery in hospital for the insane. Letters
from Wm James commending his work, & urging
publication of same. (not originals) Factual, not
fiction. 5 appendices written by American Dr's
who were associated with American Hospitals
(for the insane) authentic practices of that day.
Ex-lib- Library stamp T-p - (title page) end
papers moderate ~~stain~~ sail, remnants of card
pocket last end paper - some very light marginal
staining (not affecting text) - inked signature
o/w - good & complete - \$2.00 C.M.O - Returnable
held 7 days

Tobino, Mario - M.D. - The Mad Women of
Magliano - London - 1954 - Derek - 154 pp -
cloth - pictorial D/w - 12 Mo - Fine - Author lived
& worked in various asylums in Italy & other
countries. Sympathetic & vividly drawn character-
izations. Fiction - but assuredly based on his
experiences - \$2.00 Same terms

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Worley, A.M. - M.D. - A treatise on the Botanic
Theory & Practice of Medicine, compiled from
various sources, with additions & revisions. (Prof
of Theory & Practice of Medicine, Southern Botanic -
Medical College) Georgia 1842 - 628pp -
caly - 8vo - ~~Symptoms~~ Symptoms & treatment for
various illnesses with one chapter on madness -
very scuffed - Faded & stained end papers, hinges
repaired neatly, lgt foxing & staining in contents
(marginal only) few marginal pencilings - 0/4
legible & good - \$2.00 Same terms

Please advise if these are of interest
(Mrs) B. Marney

P.S. - Various early magazines (Scribner's,
Harper's, etc - from 1860 thru 1910) with
- articles on symptoms, treatment of the
insane. Will describe in detail if
interested.

August 11, 1964

Mrs. B. Massey
Paper American Books
136 Parkview Terrace
Red Bank, New Jersey, 07701

Dear Mrs. Massey:

Thank you for your recent letter telling me of several books you could offer us.

The first book on the list, A Mind That Found Itself by Clifford Beers, quoted at \$2.00 is the only one which seems appropriate for our collection, and I should like to ask you to send it to Dr. Lewis Wheelock, Director of Museum and Archives, The Menninger Foundation, Box 829, Topeka, Kansas. Please enclose your invoice along with the package and our Business Office will send you a check shortly after the arrival of the book.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Hazel Bruce
Archivist



copy for scholars review & file

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HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING
PAYNE WHITNEY PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC
WESTCHESTER DIVISION

April 26, 1966

Lewis F. Wheelock, Ph.D.
Director, Museum and Archives
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas 66601

Dear Dr. Wheelock:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Beers Collection list. As Dr. Norman Dain has been authorized to do the Beers biography I will send it on to him.

I look forward to receiving the duplicate tape on that case of possession by the Devil.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Carlson

Eric T. Carlson, M. D.

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WESTCHESTER DIVISION

April 19, 1966

Dr. Karl Menninger
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Dr. Menninger:

Just a note of further congratulations for your foresight in developing the Museum and Archives. It has continued to grow impressively both in quality and quantity.

I hope that we can look forward to some more writing on your part on various aspects of the history of psychiatry and psychoanalysis. For that matter I hope you will consider an autobiography in which you would discuss all the ramifications of your dynamic career in American psychiatry.

I am glad I had the opportunity to say hello -- and could well realize that the Board of Trustees could not leave you much time for history last Saturday.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Carlson

Eric T. Carlson, M.D.

ETC:ms



Dr. Wheeler to file

*Nelson
Klein*

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HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING
PAYNE WHITNEY PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

April 28, 1965

Dr. Karl Menninger
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Dr. Karl:

I wish to thank you for the most pleasant and instructive visit I had to the Menninger Foundation last week. You are to be heartily congratulated on the fashion in which you are developing the history of psychiatry at the Menninger Foundation. You certainly are proceeding with an optimum degree of quality and quantity.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ted Carlson

Eric T. Carlson, M. D.

*P.S. I also thank you for the copy of your unsent
book — The Vital Balance*

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WESTCHESTER DIVISION

April 21, 1966

Lewis F. Wheelock, Ph.D.
Director of Museum and Archives
The Menninger Foundation
Tower Building, West Campus
Topeka, Kansas 66601

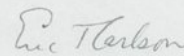
Dear Dr. Wheelock:

Thank you for showing me around your Museum -- it continues to grow in strength and importance. As usual I enjoyed my visit very much.

One of the doctors in the audience mentioned the case of a person at the Denver State Hospital who was "possessed" and who had been discussed at some talk that was recorded and is in your Archives. Could I order a copy of this tape? The doctor said she would check and let you know who the speaker was.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Eric T. Carlson, M. D.

ETC:ms

Clifford W. Beers papers

April 19, 1966

Eric T. Carlson, M.D.
Department of Psychiatry
Cornell University Medical College
525 East 68th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Dr. Carlson:

Congratulations on another superb lecture. I certainly hope you will be back soon.

I am sorry to have been a bit maladroit in the absence of my archivist. She is redoing the Beers' collection. Here is our list, however. In addition we have some autographed books and several dozen of ~~his~~ paintings. At your leisure, please tell me about the project on Beers' life. Who is doing it? Are you? Also let me know how to help. I am very curious to know how corpus of the Beers' papers was retrieved from that lady. (sic).

I am having a duplicate tape of that case "demoniac possession" run for you. Use at your leisure and simply return to me when convenient and we will erase it and reuse. No hurry at all. If the material is used or cited in print we will have to get permission, etc.

As ever it was fine to talk with you. Your past critique of the work here was most helpful to me. Do send any thoughts or suggestions which occur to you.

Sincerely,

Lewis F. Wheelock, Ph.D.
Director, Museum and Archives



THE MENNINGER FOUNDATION

*See Wheelock
Please Take
over*

To: Dr. Karl Menninger

Date: 28 April 1970

From: Doctor Hall/de

Subject:

The enclosed letter arrived addressed to both of us. I am attaching a carbon of my letter to Miss Martin.

Bud.

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THE MENNINGER CLINIC

PSYCHIATRY AND NEUROLOGY

TOPEKA, KANSAS

28 April 1970

Miss Emily L. Martin
71 West 12 Street
New York, New York 10011

Dear Miss Martin:

Your letter addressed to Dr. Karl Menninger but directed to my attention arrived at my desk before it reached Doctor Karl's. I do remember you very well and I continue to be grateful for that fine list of books written by former psychiatric patients. I have used it a number of times and I still collect such books and now must have about fifty of them.

I am so glad to learn you are working with historical materials of these outstanding men you have worked with at the National Association of Mental Health.

I was very interested in your remarks about the Clifford Beer's material. I am no longer active with our archives and museum so I cannot speak for what the director, Dr. Lewis Wheelock, would think of your request. I am going to forward your letter to Doctor Karl and I am sure that he, in turn, will ask Doctor Wheelock to get in touch with you.

We are very grateful for your continued interest in our historical collection.

Cordially yours,

Bernard H. Hall, M.D.
Senior Clinical Consultant

BHH/de
CC: Dr. Karl Menninger



Clifford W. Beers papers

June 11

71 West 12th Street
New York, N. Y. 10011

April 20, 1970

Dr. Karl Menninger
The Menninger Foundation
Topeka, Kansas

Attention:

Dr. Bernard H. Hall

Dear Dr. Menninger:

For forty-eight years I was a member of the staffs of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene and the National Association for Mental Health, and in the early years worked with Dr. Thomas W. Salmon, Dr. Frankwood E. Williams and Clifford W. Beers. I am now retired, and have been spending the past few years working on historical materials of these persons.

Dr. Bernard H. Hall of your Foundation may recall that I assisted him by furnishing him with a list of autobiographies of former mental patients; his letter is dated Jan. 11, 1955.

In the Beers material, I found several photographs of the Clifford W. Beers exhibit at your Foundation. Do you have an extra set of these photographs? I would like to send a set to the Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University, to which I have furnished some of Mr. Beers' memorabilia. *No*

Mrs. Beers presented to my sister, Mrs. Richard P. Carri-
gan, several cartons of materials which she has presented to
the Oskar Diethelm Historical Library, Payne Whitney Clinic,
New York Hospital. There were some duplicate materials which
she has retained, including a photograph of Mr. Beers taken in
1906, when he was preparing the manuscript for his book, "A Mind
That Found Itself;" a xerox copy of a clipping, dated March 14,
1908, entitled "Brutalities to Insane told by Yale Man Who was a
Victim," and a few original clippings of early dates, and other
photographs.

Would your Foundation be interested in exchanging one of
your paintings by Clifford Beers - for instance Mostly Clouds -
of which I think your Foundation has two copies - for some of
her collection? If so, she would present the painting to
the Oskar Diethelm Historical Library.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Emily L. Martin
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*B - Please take
all book + hold
do we have
two?*

Dear "B" 4/15/70
 Please look into
 this - See if we
 really have 2 copies
 of "Morphy Clouds"
 If so why? - Did he
 really make two of same
 thing?
 Do we want any
 other stuff - if so
 what — What
 do you think etc?
 We should write her -
 soon & let her
 so we can discuss
 my return - Frankly
 from the desk of

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