

Galveston

Nov 23

My dear Doctor

I came to this city Saturday evening and return to Evergreen tomorrow. I have been practicing in Houston during the recent Yellow Fever Epidemic_ and you will allow me to say to you my old friend that I have had unrivalled success. My attention was exclusively devoted to the recovery of my patients_ nevertheless I snatched moments for making numerous memoranda which I am preparing for publication._ I would have given a great deal to have been allowed to make additional autopsies , but I made none except in the hospital _ attended by other physicians_ as it gives such a handle to other practitioners to misrepresent the results of one's practice I should be perfectly delighted could you spend a few weeks with me at Evergreen and aid me in arranging my memoranda and I should strongly urge you to come down, but for some expectation I have of going to Austin in the course of a fortnight. Have you received the N. Orleans Journal which I ordered for you? I heard of your great success in practice some time since, I presume it continues. How is your own health? _ Write me everything about yourself._ my own health is excellent. My crop is a good one,

Col Cage has bought the Ross place and put up a handsome two story house.

Archibald Hughes is building on Bradford Nash's place W Ropes is building on the Ellis place; so you see we are getting a neighborhood. Cedar Bayou joys on in the old way. _

Henry W is boat building at the Wind Mill _ Lewis is on a visit to the North. Please present my compliments to xxx Terrell and family_ & write soon to us

Faithfully, yours

Ashbel Smith

Doctor J.H. Bowers

P.S. you will find yourself mentioned in Dr. Massie's Eclectic Practice