

Evergreen, August 9...1876

My dear Doctor,

I am so tired, so worn out with writing and other labor that I would gladly go to bed for a few hours but I want to hear from you at your earliest possible convenience on the Epidemics which you have witnessed in Texas, for the use of the National or rather I believe for the World's Congress of Medical men to assemble in Philadelphia at the Centennial on the 4<sup>th</sup> September I have just completed one of a dozen written pages like the present sheet of paper. So write with as little delay as your practice will permit & direct to me at Houston, Texas" Treatises on symptomology treatment pathology etc are not required but a historic narrative of the epidemics which you have witnessed, the places when they prevailed, and any general facts of interest:\_

Yellow Fever

Dengue its relations if any with Yellow Fever

Cholera

Epidemic of Dysentery

Epidemic of Pneumonia

\_ Typhoid Fever

It would be wise to note down any peculiar or controlling symptoms, any special treatment. According to your judgment. Also any meteorological facts, etc, etc

I should have added to the Epidemics the patient belly ache, otherwise described as Epidemic lead colic, colica pictonum. Don't fail to attend to this matter.

Your old friend,

Affectionately

Ashbel Smith