

Evergreen, Harris Co.

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My dear Doctor,

I hardly know where we are in our correspondence - that is whether you or I wrote last. - I was quite disappointed in not seeing you at the late Houston Fair.

77 Your excellent sketch of Epidemics was submitted by me to Dr Heard of Galveston. He put a very high value on it - made it a part of a Report which he drew up on the Epidemics of Texas to be presented to the International Medical Congress of the Centennial Year. This Report was not presented - the arrangement of business at Philadelphia was such that no opportunity offered for Dr Heard's report and for similar papers. I placed your report in the hands of Dr Cuyler of San Antonio. After careful reading of it, his commendation was hearty and emphatic. I have got your Report with me at Evergreen. My urgent request and

Permit me to say, my urgent advice is for you
to publish it in some Medical Journal.
If there are any lacunae, any omissions from
haste in drawing it up, you can supply them.
So on the paper appears complete and requires
no change nor addition. Write me and I will
send you the paper on my first visit to Houston.

I have just been turning over hastily Dr
Dowd's book on Yellow Fever, published last
year. He makes no mention of Grasses Santiago.
Did you not see and treat Y. F. there and
also Dengue? Let me entreat you to draw up
an account of what you observed there in
the above named and other diseases for
publication. Such papers as you can prepare,
being published, are an heirloom of honor
for one's family, better, far more enduring than
an estate in lands and money. My dear friend,
don't neglect or delay.

The Galveston Historical Society published last
year an address of mine before them, under

the name of Reminiscences of Texas. It was
my wish to send you a copy - but had
none. Five were printed, and three were
sent away by the Society. I am proposing if
able, to print an edition.

Nothing new here - times very dull -
Everyone quiet and much as usual - the
regular line of steamboats being discontinued, I
visit Houston or Galveston but seldom - my
health very good for my years. Reading is
my solace and occupation - my career daily
in a good garden - this year closes my planting
or rather my pottering attempts at planting.

Cedar Bayou district slowly filling up
with new corners; in many aspects, neighborhood
not much changed.

Tell me every thing about yourself and
your family.

Affectionately

Yours

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