

Everyden, Aug 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 Quaterennial, on the 14th 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".

Thatis on ~~textbook~~ symptomatology, treatment

pathology etc are not required. But a historical
narrative of the epidemics which you have
witnessed, the places where 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 well 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 Silent Belly Ache, otherwise described as
Epidemic Head Colic, Colica Pictonum.

Don't fail to attend to this matter.

Your old friend, Affectionately Ashtor Smith