

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Horton, Lydiard Heneage - Papers

SOURCE: From the Estate of Marion E. Robinson, September 3, 1958

SUBJECT: Correspondence and professional manuscripts of Lydiard Heneage Horton.

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DESCRIPTION:

Lydiard Heneage Horton (1879-1945), consulting psychologist, was born in London in 1879 and received his early education in England, France and Switzerland. After coming to America, his guardian, F. W. Hollis, prepared him for entrance to Harvard (1897) but upon the advice of Henry James Horton soon transferred to Williams College where he received his degree in 1901. He took his M. A. (1911) and Ph. D. (1922) at Columbia.

Horton's early work was with various railroads in a personnel capacity. He soon became interested in research in the fatigue and rest states and, ultimately, in dream psychology. During and following World War I, he studied shell shock and trench nightmare. Horton lectured and wrote widely on these subjects in addition to his consulting practice in Boston. He was the organizer of the Cartesian Research Bureau which evolved a precision method for the study of dreams. Horton is author of The Dream Problem and mechanism of thought, 1925 and many articles in professional journals. Dr. Horton died January 19, 1945.

The collection contains many typescripts of Dr. Horton's lectures, research studies, articles and professional case histories, material gathered by the Cartesian Research Bureau and correspondence, chiefly professional.

Miss Robinson was secretary to and executrix of the will of Dr. Horton.

The correspondence is largely that of Samuel Dana Horton, father of Lydiard, and includes 8 letters of Moreton Frewen, 3 each of Robert Todd Lincoln, John Fiske and C. W. Fremantle, 1 of President James A. Garfield and typescript copies of 9 from Henry James. There are two letters from Dr. Horton to his guardian, Frederick W. Holls, and one each fo Horton from William James and William Howard Taft. The remaining indexed correspondence is with colleagues and professional associates. Some of the case histories contain correspondence as well as documentary material.

Included also in the collection is a diary of Lydiard H. Horton for July-December 1896 and copies of excerpts from the diary of Samuel Dana Horton--1860, photographs, newspaper clippings and printed pamphlets.