

Jan 22nd 94.

Dear Button: -

Yours of the 18th to hand
with enclosure. Nor did I expect you to
return the dollar. Except however my thanks,
or those of Dr White. As to the possibility
of my getting a job here. I scarcely know
what to say, though should say, none. I
have never spoken to Dr Murphy at all
about it; nor have I intimated, in any
manner what ever to anyone, that such
a thought had ever suggested itself
to me. That would not do you know.
In a letter to Mother, I think, I did
suggest that the best way I knew
of would be (or still think so), an
intercession on the part of Dr Lewis

be handicapped. Issuing fresh from
an Asylum the public generally (or
very naturally too) would be afraid
of me. Besides you will know that
any medical practitioner with whom I
might have to compete, would not be
slow to take advantage of such a
condition of things. Altogether the
medical outlook for me is rather gloomy.
Of course I could go at something else,
or make more money probably; but I
hate to see a man throw away a
profession; it is ^{an} indication of worthlessness.
How long do you or Mother expect
to be in R's. Love to all.

Affey Johns

Let me hear from you

in my behalf. He being a mutual
friend of Dr. Murphy's & Father's. Dr. Murphy
is not approachable, & we have little
to say to each other. Our relations
have been entirely pleasant. nothing
having occurred to ruffle either him
or me. It has occurred to me that
I would try & get a position with
Parke Davis & Co. as salesman. It
is a good place & pays a good
salary. But I am afraid of it. I
have never felt before, nor appreciated
the fact of how necessary it is for
me to keep out of the way of tempta-
tion. To go out again in general
practice, you can well understand
that for a few years at least I would

RET.
P. L. MURPHY, J.,
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
STATE HOSPITAL,
MORGANTON, N. C.,
IF NOT DELIVERED WITHIN TEN DAYS.

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