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Dr. Fred W. Rankin,
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Dear Dr. Rankin:

It has not happened before and it will probably never occur again--for the President of the American Medical Association and the President of the American Psychiatric Association to be natives of Iredell County. Wat and I were nearer in age and some of our classes were the same when we were in high school in Statesville. But you came in the school, a little fellow, just before Wat and I left it. We had from first to last several teachers and I am wondering who the teacher was when you were there. I congratulate the American Medical Association. The American Psychiatric Association is already making preparations for its centennial meeting in Philadelphia in 1944 where it was organized by thirteen medical superintendents of insane asylums in 1844.

We do not work with such an abstraction as the human mind with the certainty and with the success with which you surgeons work with the somatic structure. But I hope some progress has been made in psychiatric medicine since 1844.

Faithfully,


J. K. Hall

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