

CLARENCE B. FARRAR (1874-1970) PAPERS ARCHIVES FINDING AID

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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Clarence B. Farrar was born in Cattaraugus, New York on November 27, 1874. He graduated from Harvard University in 1896. He earned his M.D. from Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1900. After two years of internship at the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital in Maryland, he traveled to Europe to continue his studies. From 1902 to 1904 he worked in Heidelberg, Paris, and London under Kraepelin, Nissl, and Alzheimer. He returned to Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital to become assistant physician and director of laboratories; at the same time, he was appointed associate in psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins Medical School. In 1912 he moved to Trenton State Hospital in New Jersey, where he had been appointed assistant physician; he was also lecturer in abnormal psychology at Princeton University.

During World War I, Dr. Farrar left the United States for Canada, taking a post with the Canadian Department of Soldiers Reestablishment in Ottawa. In 1926, after a brief period as head of Homewood Sanitarium, Guelph, he was appointed medical director of the newly built Toronto Psychiatric Hospital and professor and head of the department of psychiatry in the University of Toronto. (He retired as professor emeritus in 1947.)

The Toronto Psychiatric Hospital was the first of its kind in Canada. It represented exemplary services, education, and research in the field of mental disorder. A sound, well-founded practice was developed as a basis for teaching and inquiry--but not in isolation. Dr. Farrar was a pioneer in organizing those healthy political, communal, medical and academic relationships so important for psychiatry. On firm ground he initiated in 1932 the first Canadian educational program for graduate physicians entering psychiatry as a medical specialty. His influence on graduate psychiatric education extended beyond his retirement in 1947.

Dr. Farrar's influence extended into many areas of psychiatric concern. For 34 years, he was the editor of the American Journal of Psychiatry, one of the oldest medical publications in the world.

The editorial and professional excellence of the Journal, under Dr. Farrar's guidance, was attested to internationally. At the Third World Congress of Psychiatry, held in Montreal in 1961, his outstanding contribution to the Journal and psychiatry was recognized by McGill University in conferring an honorary doctorate. Later the University of Toronto honored Dr. Farrar similarly by conferring on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. But perhaps his most cherished title was that of Editor Emeritus of the American Psychiatric Association's journal, accorded to Dr. Farrar on his resignation as editor in 1965. There were further honors. On May 5, 1969, the Governor General of Canada, at an investiture in Dr. Farrar's home, awarded him the Medal of Service of the Order of Canada in recognition of his services to the mentally ill in Canada and his efforts on their behalf. Dr. Farrar received the Distinguished Service Award of the Thomas W. Salmon Committee on Psychiatry and Mental Hygiene of the New York Academy of Medicine.

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The papers of Clarence B. Farrar came to the Archives of the American Psychiatric Association from his family in 1975. The collection totals 2.75 linear feet and is divided into 4 series: correspondence, 1920-1970; American Journal of Psychiatry (AJP); American Psychiatric Association (APA); and general. Dr. Farrar's correspondence covers his involvements in various aspects of the profession, but mostly, it pertains to the journal. The AJP files pertain to the editorial policies and decisions of the journal as well as its day-to-day operations. The APA files document Dr. Farrar's involvement in various issues before the Association. The general files are self-explanatory, but all pertain to either AJP or the APA.



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