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Title:  
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Date(s):  
1829-1830

Level of description:  
Collection (fonds)

Extent and medium of the unit of description (quantity, bulk, or size):  
17 volumes

Context

Name of creator(s):  
Elliotson, John, 1791-1868, physician

Administrative / Biographical history:  
Born, London, 1791; educated, private pupil of the rector of St Saviour's, Southwark, Edinburgh, Jesus College, Cambridge; pupil, St Thomas's and Guy's Hospital; assistant, Guy's Hospital, for five years; graduated, MD, 1821; Professor of the Practice of Medicine, University of London, 1831; helped establish University College Hospital; Lumleian lecturer, 1829; Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of London, 1831; first physician in Britain to use the stethoscope; founder and first president of the Phrenological Society; President, Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London, [1837]; studied mesmerism, and held séances; the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London banned mesmerism and his interest compelled to resign his professorship, 1838, and membership of the Society; Harveian orator, 1846; established a mesmeric hospital, 1849; founded his own journal, The Zoist, to publish reports of mesmeric phenomena; died, 1868. Publications include: Dissertatio ... de inflammatione communi, etc. (Edinburgh 1810); Numerous cases illustrative of the efficacy of ... Prussic Acid in affections of the Stomach; with a report upon its powers in Pectoral and other Diseases in which it has been already recommended; and some facts respecting ... the use of Opium in Diabetes (London, 1820); The introductory lecture of a course upon state- medicine. delivered in Mr Grainger's theatre, Southwark, on Thursday, November the first (Printed by T Bensley, London, 1821); The Institutions of Physiology ... Translated from the Latin of the third and last edition, and supplied with numerous and extensive notes, by John Elliotson ... Second edition Fourth edition by Johann Friedrich Blumenbach (Longman & Co, London, 1828); On the recent improvements in the art of distinguishing the diseases of the Heart, being the Lumleian lectures delivered before the Royal College of Physicians, in the year 1829 (London, 1830); Address delivered at the opening of the Medical Session in the University of London, Oct. 1st 1832 (London, 1832); The Principles and practice of Medicine: ... in a course of Lectures, delivered at University College, London (London, 1839); Lectures on the theory and practice of Medicine, delivered in University College, London. Edited by J C Cooke, and T G Thompson (London, 1839); Numerous cases of surgical operations without pain in the mesmeric state; with remarks upon the opposition of many members of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society and others (London, 1843); The Harveian oration, delivered before the Royal College of Physicians, London, June 27th, 1846 (H Baillière, London, 1846); Mesmerism in India, and its Practical Application in Surgery and Medicine (Esdaille, 1846/1977); Cure of a true cancer of the female breast with mesmerism Extracted from the last number of "The Zoist" (No. XXIII.) (London, 1848); The Zoist: a journal of cerebral physiology and mesmerism Editor 13 volumes (London, 1843-1856); John Elliotson on mesmerism edited by Fred Kaplan (Da Capo Press, New York, 1982).

Archival history:
Acquired by St Thomas's Hospital Medical School Library.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer:
Transferred from St Thomas's Hospital Medical School Library in 2002.

Content & structure

Scope and content:
Papers of John Elliotson, comprising notes on his lectures on the theory and practice of medicine, delivered at St Thomas's Hospital, 1829-1830, taken by an unknown student.

System of arrangement:
The volumes are arranged chronologically.

Conditions of access & use

Conditions governing access:
Open, subject to signature of Reader's undertaking form, and appropriate provision of two forms of identification, to include one photographic ID.

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Language/scripts of material:
English

Finding aids:
Detailed catalogue

Allied materials

Existence and location of originals:
King's College London College Archives

Related units of description:
Letter concerning provision for admitting cholera victims to St Thomas's Hospital, 1831 (reference: M50), held by St Thomas's Hospital Medical School Library. Correspondence with George Combe, 1822-1838, held by the National Library of Scotland, Manuscripts Division (reference: MSS 7208-7388 Passim).

Publication note:
Undeniable facts concerning the strange practices of Dr. Elliotson, ... with his female patients; and his medical experiments upon the bodies of ... E. & J. Okey, etc. by Thomas Wakley (pseudonym) (London, [1842?]); A full discovery of the strange practices of Dr Elliotson on the bodies of his female patients! ... The whole as seen by an Eye-Witness (London, 1842).

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Description control

Archivist's Note:

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