



Sothebys, 30 November 2006, George Loring Brown sale, lot 171

Catalogue description

Jones, Ernest (1879-1958, *psychiatrist and biographer of Freud*).

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corrections; about Jung's alleged war-time collaboration, stating that he intends to trounce Jung for this, later announcing his intention to soften his views; about Jung's relationship to Freud, noting that Jung 'is reputed to have abused Freud's dirty mind and obscenities', discussing his memories of the 1908 Salzburg congress, Freud's *Traumdeutung*, the publication of Freud's "Sammlungen kleiner Schriften", referring to his work on Attic tragedy, also enquiring whether Pater Schmidt is still alive ("...I am printing some libellous statements about him..."), referring to Anna Freud, Adler, Stekel ("...full of lies..."), Sperber, Jensen, Segantini, Erlenmeyer, Beer, Rank, Helen Puner, the *Zentralblatt für Psychotherapie*, Freud's birth certificate, Freud's bust, the Freud centenary, his health, a paper of his on Moses, and many other matters

...I am writing a special chapter on 'Opposition' and am searching for examples of the crazy and abusive things that were said about Freud in those days...a bad woman, a journalist and a clever writer. She got some personal material about Freud from a nephew in law, and when that information ran dry she invented a good deal of imaginary one...I am confining my remarks to Jung to the simple statement that he accepted the editorship for which he has been much criticized...

c.38 items in all, various sizes, five letters on headed stationery of The International Psycho-Analytical Press, three draft letters of Winterstein written on Jones's own letters, London, Elsted, Vienna, 1922-1957; *together with four other letters by Jones to Winterstein signed apparently by a secretary and 4 other documents*

NOTE

Sometimes described as Freud's *alter ego*, the Welsh-born Ernest Jones was an important figure in the history of the psychoanalytic movement. After completing his medical studies, he became absorbed in neurology and turned his attention to the young discipline of psychiatry. In 1907 he met Jung; the following year, at the first psychoanalysis congress in Salzburg, Freud. At the end of the same year Jones settled in Toronto, where he was active in disseminating Freudian analysis, founding in 1911 the American Psycho-Analytical Association. After four years in Canada he went to Vienna where he was analyzed by Freud, subsequently settling in London, where he devoted himself to the promulgation of Freud's work. The Austrian psychoanalyst Alfred Freiherr von Winterstein (1885-1958), one-time President of the Vienna Psycho-Analytical Society, had been closely associated with Freud from 1910. Jones's great three-volume biography, *Sigmund Freud: Life and Work*, appeared between 1953 and 1957. See lots 175-177.