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The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

1875 (CP3)_Dr. Lichtenberg, 47 Finsbury Square, E.C. (pre-addressed, unused)

Comment:

George Lichtenberg was born in Hanover between 1825-1827, the son of an Assistant Judge. Schooled at Hanover Gymnasium, he gained his matriculation 3 May 1845 and qualified in medicine at Göttingen University in 1851. He passed the Hanover Diplomate Examination in 1853, whereafter he moved to London. He gained Membership Royal College of Physicians in 1860 and Royal College of Surgeons 1863, becoming a resident Medical Officer at the German Hospital and one of its surgeons in 1870's. He held an appointment as surgeon to the Training Hospital, Tottenham and to the New York Assurance Company.

In 1879, the Physician for Diseases of Women and Children had the following professional staff: Adolphus Rasch, M.D. Consulting Surgeon, Sir James Paget; Surgeons, George Lichtenberg, M.D., and Alexander Burger, M.D; Honorary Assistant Surgeon, Maro Tuchmann, M.D; Dental Surgeon, Anthony Percy Reboul, D.L.R.C.S; Assistant Dental Surgeon, Charles West, D.L.R.C.S. In the 1881 Census of England and Wales, he states his profession as being "Consulting Surgeon University of Göttingen"

Through the New Sydenham Society, he was associated with the translation and publication of medical texts, and published case reports in his own right.

He lived at 47 Finsbury Square, London. He was married to Ellen, an English woman abt. 12 years his junior, with whom he had five children; Marie Fanny, Ida Ellen, Elsie, K(C)arl Louis and Fritz Adolph.

He died December QRT 1909.

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