

## Correspondence.

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*To the Editor of THE JOURNAL OF NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASE :*

*Sir.*—In the July number of your JOURNAL, under the head "Duplex Personality," etc., by Dr. R. Osgood Mason, page 422, I read the following astonishing statement anent "subliminal" possession of "supra-normal perceptive powers."

"Alleged facts of this kind are not received by the strictly physiological school of psychologists."

I write to inquire whether this is a "fact"?

Have we among us a "school" of psychologists who are not willing to receive "facts"?

No one can be more interested than I am in this subject of multiple personality, but I should require "facts" of an uncommonly well attested kind before I could believe the possibility of "visual perception gained where vision by the physical organ of sight is impossible," although Dr. Mason assures us that this "is just as well established as any fact in nature" (*sic*).

Certainly, if I rightly understood the attitude of my contemporaries, there is no disposition to taboo "facts" of any kind, even though theories previously formed should be upset. What is most ardently observed is light, especially on these vexed psychological questions.

By all means let those who may be especially hit by the allegation of Dr. Mason hasten to purge themselves of the imputation, for an unwillingness to receive "facts" argues an unscientific mental attitude.

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