

## QUOTATION

### TITCHENER ON BEHAVIORISM<sup>1</sup>

“. . . There is now a flurry in favour of behaviourism; but that is largely because the thing is so far all positive, and no criticism worth mentioning has appeared. No doubt the point of view will permanently appeal to certain temperaments (as it has appealed in the past; it is no more new than pragmatism was!). But the present hullabaloo will quiet down after a few critical papers have made their appearance; and then we shall get our perspective again. I do not belittle behaviourism by hoping that it may soon be set in its right place! but I get a trifle tired of unhistorical enthusiasms.”

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<sup>1</sup>E. B. Titchener, in a letter to R. M. Yerkes, April 2, 1914. Page 342 in Larson, C. A. and Sullivan, J. J. Watson's relation to Titchener, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 1965, 1, 338-354. Contributed by Eliot Shimoff, Department of Psychology, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, Maryland 21228.