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Letters bearing upon the forming of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

To Dr. L. F. Flick from Dr. E. O. Otis.

308 Commonwealth Ave., Boston,
Nov. 22, 1898.

My dear Dr. Flick:

I thank you very much for your kind note of the 14th inst. I should like about 200 copies of the several tracts if I can have that amount but shall be glad of whatever No. I can have. An association such as you propose, if of the right material, would, it seems to me be exceedingly valuable both to its members of the profession at large and the public - it would be something like the French Congress of Tuberculosis. Of course the American Clinological Association is to a certain extent working in this direction and incidentally let me suggest that you become a member of this Society. You ought to for its benefit. But there is room for the kind of Association you suggest and I would like to see such a one and do what I can towards it, and in it. There would have to be a preliminary consideration of those to be asked to join such an organization and then a call could be made to meet and form a society. Some one man of prominence in the various cities could be asked to suggest names and in this way one could obtain a number of good and interested men. I shall think about it and I trust you will not let the matter drop. It is only too true as you say, that the ordinary practitioner regards pulmonary tuberculosis as more or less hopeless and consequently neglects it. We have yet to learn to recognize the disease earlier.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

E. O. Otis.

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