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To Dr. Flick from Dr. Otis

308 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

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My dear Dr. Flick:

There does not seem apparently to be a strong desire among the men we have interviewed, to form a new Society for the Study of Tuberculosis, and yet I should wish for a larger expression of opinions before becoming convinced. There are good men enough who would work in that direction, only would they feel like forming a new society with the ones like the Physicians', Climatological, etc. they are already members of, or would they leave any of their societies for the new one? At the next meeting of the Climatological I shall speak with some of the men regarding it - with the awakening deep interest in the study and prevention of tuberculosis sooner or later I believe either such a society will be formed or some of the existing societies, presumably the Climatological one, will make this a very definite and important part of their work - I shall await with interest the result of your further inquiries. I referred to you yesterday a bright young physician here who wants to make some investigations in certain portions of our city as to the prevalence of tuberculosis after your plan in one of the Philadelphia wards. I thought you would be kind enough to give him a few hints as to how he should conduct his work. Dr. White is his name. Such kind of work I think should be encouraged.

With my best wishes for the coming year, believe me

Faithfully yours,

E. O. Otis.