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To Dr. Trudeau from Dr. Flick.

Philadelphia,
April 6, 1904.

My dear Dr. Trudeau:

Your letter of 4th inst. to hand. The Committee which was appointed at the meeting the other day is a temporary committee and was appointed for the purpose of getting up a constitution and by-laws. This committee is to report to a larger meeting in June when the by-laws are to be adopted, the President of the Society elected, and whatever other machinery is desired, to be established. The thought in my mind about organization has been to have the governing body consist of a President and Executive Committee. The President to carry with it the duties ordinarily devolving upon a President and the Executive Committee being given the duty of looking after all the details of management. The Executive Committee ought to be made up, in my judgment, of at least one representative from each of the large cities of the union, such as New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis and one representative each from the Pacific Slope, the Northwest, the Southwest and the South. I think the sentiment if the gathering the other day was, and is, one with which I most heartily concur, that you should be the first President of the new Society. Of course this has not yet been determined but I feel pretty confident that the sentiment expressed foreshadows the event.

The duties of the presidency of this new Society need not be such as to preclude your accepting the position. In the natural order of things you ought to be President and I trust you will do nothing to interfere with the intention of your friends to secure this honor for you.

I have no doubt you will be pleased to know that we are sending Ravenel to Genoa to study Maragliano's methods. Upon his return we will test his work. I agree with you that if Maragliano's claims stand we have made great advance and have before us a very bright prospect.

Yours truly,

Lawrence F. Flick.