

To Dr. Flick from Dr. H. M. Bracken,

Minnesota State Board of Health,
514 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul,
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My dear Doctor:

As promised you at the time of my recent visit I enclose you a list of those of Minnesota who should be interested in the special work connected with the care of the tuberculous. I have indicated by a star the ones that have shown the most interest in this work.

While at Washington at the meeting of the American Public Health Association the question of the Congress on Tuberculosis came up for discussion. It is not necessary for me to go into detail over this matter as I understood from Dr. Daniel Lewis, Commissioner of Health for New York State, that he had an appointment with you for Wednesday of this week (Nov. 4th). Of course you understand that Dr. Lewis stands well with the profession and is in no way to be grouped with Mr. Clark Bell who has planned for a Congress of Tuberculosis to be held in St. Louis in 1904. The present condition as far as related to Tuberculosis Congresses seems to be badly mixed. The general sentiment amongst those whom I talked with at Washington was that the best results could be secured if your plans, and those of the Congress plans under Dr. Lewis as President, could be harmonized. The general sentiment seemed to be in favor of promoting the American Congress planned to be held in Washington in 1905 with the intent of making a strong organization at that time; that it would be in good form to invite the International Congress of Tuberculosis to meet in this country in 1906. This of course would alter your plans of inviting said conference to meet in this country in 1905. I am not writing to you in an advisory way at all, but rather to give you an insight into conditions as they exist in order that you may use the same in making your plans for the future.

It does not seem to me since my visit to Washington either possible or advisable to attempt to destroy the American Congress on Tuberculosis of which Dr. Lewis is President, and it seems to me that it might put Americans in a very bad light indeed were there to be different organizations working along the lines looking to the control of Tuberculosis existing at one and the same time in this country.

Very truly,

H. M. Bracken.

Dr. L. F. Flick.