

To Dr. Trudeau from Dr. Flick.

Philadelphia,
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My dear Dr. Trudeau:

It may have come to your ears that the humble effort which the Henry Phipps Institute has made to bring to America the International Congress has stimulated into activity others who are planning for the same object. Dr. Lewis of New York called to see me the other day and asked me to join forces with him in his endeavor to get up an American Congress on Tuberculosis in opposition to that which has been organized by Clark Bell. He and his confreres, I think, would like to bring the International Congress on Tuberculosis here under the auspices of his organization in 1906. I told him that I could neither associate myself with his movement nor with that of Clark Bell because both have ignored the workers in tuberculosis and neither is really entitled to lead them. I have told him further that the Henry Phipps Institute would not enter any controversy nor would it take sides with anyone; that if he and his associates would get up an American Congress in 1905 we would abandon our idea of bringing the International Congress here for that year. I said to him that in my judgment the workers in the field of tuberculosis of each state ought to organize themselves into a common league and come together sometime in a national meeting to arrange for the meeting of the International Congress here. So far as we in Pennsylvania are concerned we would have to look to you and to Dr. Biggs and to other men in N.Y. who have done work, for suggestions, and that we would not be willing to ally ourselves with anybody else. Dr. Lewis intimated to me that he would confer with you and perhaps he has done so before now. In my judgment if there is an American Congress on Tuberculosis it should be gotten up and led by men like yourself who have labored long in the field and whose names stand for something before the world.

Yours truly,

Lawrence F. Flick.