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Sir William Osler,
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My dear Sir William,

Dr. Smith tells me that your lectures at Yale are assigned to the week of April 20th, 1913. In his letter of yesterday, Professor Kraepelin writes that he can only accept if he can leave New York on the 19th of April. Inasmuch as Mr. Phipps has been very anxious to have Kraepelin come, it would be splendid if you could arrange to give the address before your Yale lectures, and we are forced to the conclusion that the best arrangement would be to have the more widely public opening ceremony on April 16th, and the two following days devoted to the more strictly scientific program of the celebration. Our idea is to have the first meeting on (either) Wednesday (or Thursday) afternoon, and in the evening the dinner in honor of Mr. Phipps and our guests. The next two days we are thinking to devote to the addresses of our foreign and American guests. The first opening ceremony would be introduced by Dr. Welch, to be followed by your address, and then by a short account ^{by Paton} of the history of development of the idea of clinics in Paton's own mind (about 10 minutes); and possibly one other short address. We thought of Paton because he has been so active here, and since in the Mental Hygiene campaign, that it would be a deserved recognition and also a good chance to formulate the newer American trend,

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which I think formulates the practical task a little differently from the German ideal.

I have so far received the acceptances of Mott and Bleuler, and the conditioned acceptance of Kraepelin, whereas Retzius and Lugaro had to decline. I hope to hear soon from Professor Mac Dougall, and from Professor Bonhoeffer and Alzheimer, and our medico-legal friend Dupré, of Paris. Lugaro will be replaced if possible by the best obtainable worker on Pellagra, and Retzius on his own suggestion, possibly by Ramon y Cajal.

I hope very much that your arrangements will be compatible with the above plan. If not, we shall have to sacrifice Kraepelin, and it might be that if the opening should have to be deferred until about May 1st, that several others might have to drop out on account of their university duties.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Adolf Meyer

In order to give Professor Kraepelin the desired information as rapidly as possible, would you be kind enough to inform him whether or not you will be able to accept the date of April 16th?