

To Dr. L. F. Flick from Dr. E. O. Otis.

308 Commonwealth Ave., Boston,
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My dear Dr. Flick:

I have received the tracts and am exceedingly obliged to you for so kindly sending them. I shall make good use of them. In writing to Dr. Knopf now after receiving your previous letter I mentioned your suggestions for an association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis and he in turn wrote to Dr. Klebs Jr. of Chicago who sent me the enclosed letter. You will see that he is much interested in the subject and from personal acquaintance I can testify to his ability and interest.

It would seem that the time was ripe for such an association and within the next half year I wish it might be inaugurated. We could furnish ten or a dozen good men from this city I think. As you say, forty or fifty members would be enough to start with and once organized the work could be arranged and sent in various directions. With your wide acquaintance with men interested in, and who have contributed something to the subject, why would it not be a good plan to send a circular letter to fifty of the best men, asking their opinion and if they wished to join such an Association it would be a start. Hoping to see in the near future such an Association, and ready to do what I can towards its consummation,

Faithfully yours,

E. O. Otis,