

To Dr. Flick from Dr. Trudeau.

Saranac Lake, N. Y.,  
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Dear Dr. Flick:

The plan for the organization of the new Society, as you have sketched it out, seems to me one that would be efficient, as the work in each locality would then devolve principally upon the member of the Executive Committee of that locality. For a National Society it looks to me like a pretty large proposition.

I suppose what we will have to decide upon at our next meeting will be the getting up of a constitution and by-laws, and so many men on the committee have such extensive experience in running societies that we ought to have plenty of good suggestions at hand.

One thing which will have to be thought out carefully will be the membership; that is, as to how far and to whom it is best to limit it.

I note what you say about the possibility of my being chosen as President, and while I am naturally quite touched that the sentiment of the members present at the last meeting should have been in my favor, I still doubt very much the wisdom of my undertaking anything for which I am so ill fitted.

I am so glad that the Phipps Institute is to send Dr. Ravenel to Genoa to study Dr. Maragliano's methods. I hope his claims will stand, and it is not unnatural that my own ill success in attempts in the same direction should make me feel somewhat skeptical as to the experimental evidence on which they are founded. But it will be a great advance, and we will all hail it with pleasure if it proves to be all Maragliano claims for it.

E. L. Trudeau.