

Dr. Adams to Dr. Knopf,

(Letter from
~~to Dr. Knopf~~)

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My dear Knopf:-

Most hearty thanks for your letter and gratitude for your willingness to come over unto us and help us. Monday, the 23rd, will suit us very well. We have talked over the matter and on the whole are of the opinion that if you can only give us one day, we would ask you to address us in English. I mean this, that it would be too heavy a task to ask you to speak in both languages on the same occasion. We are rather fearful, (though here we may be mistaken) that we could not assure you a full audience were you to speak in either language in the afternoon: whereas in the evening, we should be fairly confident of having a full house. Possibly though you want to travel back in the evening so as not to lose too much time. In that case, we could I think duly drum up an afternoon audience.

I am indeed sorry that you are having all this trouble over that most wretched report in the North American. I may cordially wish you all success in your case.

I sympathized with Osler in his trouble, but there, while indignant, one could not help having a kind of humorous feeling that he had been paid back in his own coin. He has all these years been so addicted to "Jollying", Although one has to admit that the treatment he has received is brutal and altogether in excess of his deserts, for, after all, his little tricks were harmless and made for the gaiety of the community. But in your case one has and can have no feeling of this kind. Your life during all these years has been so openly devoted to the amelioration of the conditions of the consumptive that, on the fact of it, the statement attributed to you it is an impossibility. The harm done not only to you but to the cause we are championing is difficult to estimate. Again thanking you very heartily, Yours most sincerely,

J. George Adams

PS "What shall we put down as your title?"