

Dear Doctor Kirk

Copied by type writer and sent
to American members of Committee
making some verbal alterations to others

I wrote you over a month ago sending a circular with reference to the work of the Committee on Nomenclature for the worlds Columbian Mental Congress and as yet have received no answer. This subject of Mental Nomenclature as placed before us by the resolution of the general committee is such that consensus of opinion is required in order that anything may be accomplished ~~in the direction named by the general committee~~. In fact the subject of nomenclature is one that requires agreement between members of the profession in order that anything be accomplished. Most questions coming before us are questions of Choice, rather than questions of fact, and are such that in order that agreement may result many of us must relinquish words of his own choice in deference to others. It was in this spirit - and with this expectation that I issued the circular sent you, and with no inclination to insist upon my own views, but naturally ^{and necessarily} my own views were presented in this circular. I hope therefore that you will write me and give me your views of the matter presented, and especially in those particulars in which your own views differ from mine

Further, I had hoped that some member of the committee would take up some particular phase of the subject and prepare it for presentation. Thus far only two

have engaged to do so. Dr Kulp will present his views
on the naming of the surfaces of the teeth and the naming
of cavities. And Dr Cassidy will present the subject
of chemical names in their relation to dentistry
now, if you are too busy with the work of the Committee
of which you are Chairman to take up some topic
in nomenclature I should like your suggestions
as to persons outside of our Committee, (and
especially on the subject of irregularities) who might
prepare a report

Let me hear from you

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