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My dear Professor Black

Your amiable letter reached me  
in due time as well as the circular  
referring to the work to be done  
in the Section on Nomenclature.

You will excuse <sup>me</sup> for not having  
answered earlier to your request  
but I desired to speak on the sub-  
ject to some of my colleagues  
here in Paris and particularly to

those who have a scientific  
standard here.

I have written to my Spanish  
colleague, Mr. Arce, who is on the  
same Committee and from his answer  
I suppose he will write you directly.

I am sorry to say that I feel to  
my greatest regret that I shall  
not be able to be present at the  
meeting of the Committee now to the  
General Congress, as I had hoped—  
Having been very much overworked  
this winter and having still four  
severe months before me, I know  
that by August I shall <sup>need</sup> a long



rest and absolute quietude - which I  
certainly would not find, going to Chicago -  
especially now, that I have suffered severely  
for two weeks of an attack of influenza -  
rest will be necessary - If however, I  
should find myself, in good state to under-  
take the voyage, I shall not hesitate to  
do it and this with great pleasure.

For my modest part, I absolutely approve  
your suggestions as exposed in the synopsis  
you sent me.

Words derived from the Latin would do away  
with the different interpretations so often  
given by different writers, making research  
on one same subject, thinking it different  
and believing to have discovered a new

affection, when the disease has been known  
and described for years.

The Latin language moreover being a dead one  
will not wound the susceptibility or national  
feeling of any country.

I think your idea of sending directly to men  
principally engaged in scientific work,  
the circular mentioned by you, to be excellent.

They may answer directly: for you know, we  
foreigners, as long as we are not delegated  
by our <sup>local</sup> Societies for that special work, cannot  
engage ourselves in the name of our national  
conferin.

You will excuse me, I hope for my long  
delay and apparent neglect, which was due  
me to his unfortunate attack of influenza.

Believe me, my dear Professor

most fraternally Yours.

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