

Colorado Springs
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Dr. G. F. Black
Chicago Ill.

Dear Doctor Black -

Your letter came to hand this morning and I hasten to answer it as it is apparent that you are in misunderstanding as to my intentions and purpose in writing this investigation.

First of all I am very sorry indeed that you are not finding yourself able to carry on your regular work as you would like to and I realized that your delay in answering me was due to this cause.

The paper I sent you was only a very small part of what I have prepared on this subject and I sent it to you as the introduction to what you had written and sent to me long ago.

I am glad that you approve of the first nine pages which lead up to the part that you prepared. This takes from the tenth page up to page 30.

When I submitted this to you I tried to explain that I had included your writing only tentatively and had cut out only that part that seemed to point out the localities too clearly. I made these erasures in the same spirit that I have just referred to. It was merely to get some sort of foundation from which I could go on and build the rest of the paper and was meant to be wholly subject to your approval and correction.

I continue the subject again from page 30 and the paper now runs to 115 pages and is not yet finished, as

you will agree that the matter has been given into
somewhat exhaustively.

I sent you those first 30 pages just as soon as the typist
had finished them because they included your work and
I wanted your approval or disapproval of the way I had
handled it. Not knowing what might be added by
you after page 30 I had the typist jump 100 pages
and commence the next sheet at 131 so that the
break could easily be found so the numbering of the
balance of the pages is 100 too high hence runs to 215-
as the page is now.

I am going to send you the rest of the paper at once
so that you may go through it carefully and critically
if you will so honor me and in the meantime I
will continue toward the conclusion.

It seems to me that the paper shows pretty clearly just
what work has been done and while I may seem to
have gone into detail a great deal, I felt it was necessary
because in this first publication we should let it be
known just how we have found out the things we
have and how we have arrived at our conclusions.

I think that I have done exactly what your letter
urges me to do; namely "practically" including all
my observations.

You may be sure that I appreciate keenly and deeply
your attitude and interest in the advice you are
giving me and I may hope that when you receive
the balance of this paper you will agree that the ground

has been pretty well covered.

I have not taken the time to examine nor correct the copy you will receive so there may be a few errors.

I think I have it straight now from your letter that you are to publish what you have written entirely independent of what I write. This plan is probably preferable but the paper you publish is so intimately connected with the investigation that I am in hopes we can arrange to have them published as nearly the same time as possible so that our readers may blend the two and get the most comprehensive idea possible of the scope of the investigation.

In as much as I am to present a synopsis of the subject at the Congress I think it only fair to the Congress that the paper be not published until after the Congress has been held. At least I feel that I should hold mine back.

I have prepared a 20 minute synopsis for the Congress in which I shall use half of the time for lantern slides so you can see the paper will be brief and cannot do more than describe the lesion in a very brief way. I shall really consider the lantern slides as the principal part of the presentation. I shall aim to have as many as 25 of the colored slides and some black and white. I found a negro the other day with a typical case and I am going to photograph it. I also have an Indian picture with an extreme case. You will be interested in my observations

in Arizona last January in the paper I am (4)
sending - and wish I could send you illustrations.
I shall certainly be interested in seeing your new
book.

Now my Dear Doctor Black, in closing I will say
that I shall be very impatient to have your
impressions of what I have done just as soon as you
can give them to me after reading the paper and
will welcome any suggestions that you wish to give.

With my kindest regards I am

Very Truly Yours
Frederick S. McKay.