

William Harvey King, M. D.
~~64 West 54 Street~~
New York.
616 Madison Ave.

June 3rd, 1908.

Dr. Wm. Osler,
13 Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Dr. Osler:-

Your note of the 26th of May at hand. I wish to state that the Sun misquoted me. I was speaking at that point on sectarianism in medicine, and what I said was as follows:-- "Three years ago the newspapers of this country were publishing statements made by Dr. Osler then of Baltimore, to the effect that there should no longer exist sectarianism in medicine, that we all had a common aim, and that the homoeopaths should no longer allow a shibboleth to separate them from the dominant school. Oftimes editorials accompanied these statements lauding Dr. Osler, the writers being glad that here was a man broad enough in his views to unite the different schools of medicine. On the strength of these statements, our toastmaster of that year wrote Dr. Osler calling his attention to the statements as reported and invited him to attend our banquet. We did not much expect he would attend but we did expect that he would send a letter which could be read and which would be conducive to harmony. But instead he sent a letter which virtually said we were quacks as we had nothing in common with the modern school of scientific medicine".

A copy of the speech is not before me but I am sure this is practically verbatim as stated. The letter you wrote is as follows:--

William Harvey King, M. D.
~~64 West 51st Street~~
New York.
616 Madison Ave.

Dr. W. O.--2

Baltimore, Md., May 7th, 1905.

Copy.

Dear Dr. McDowell:-

I do not think that we have a common ground at present so long as your school clings to the law of similia, which, from the modern scientific point of view is as antiquated and unreasonable as is the so-called allopathic system from which we modern physicians have departed.

With kind regards and best wishes, and thanking you most sincerely for the compliment,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Wm. Osler.

I distinctly said to the reporters afterwards that you did not use the term quacks and called their attention to the fact that I had used it as above, but it made no difference with their rendering of it, which I regret very much.

Very truly yours,

W. H. King.

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William Henry John, M.D.
New York
818 Madison Ave.

Dr. W. O. O.--3

Baltimore, Md., May 23rd, 1905.

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*Thank to W. H. John
June 13th 05*

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