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Dear Mr. Registrar,

Your letter, with its lurid enclosure, is the first intimation I have of the existence of "The Family Encyclopaedia of Medicine", in connection with which the use of my name was entirely unauthorized. Six months ago a Dr. Riddle asked me to look over a paper on typhoid fever, to which I replied I was too busy. When three months later a type-written article appeared I looked him up, and finding that he was a Cambridge man of apparently good standing, I glanced it over and made a suggestion about typhoid carriers. I made no written corrections. There was nothing on his letter paper to indicate that he was connected in any way with a popular publication, of the existence of which your enclosure of to-day is the first and only intimation I have had.

I have written to Dr. Riddle that I consider the use of my name was unwarranted and obtained by means of subterfuge, and that he has grossly abused what was meant to be a kindly act to a younger colleague.

Sincerely yours,
WM OSLER.

It would appear that a sub-Committee was appointed with Bertrand Dawson at its head which had dealings with Dr. Riddle and extracted from him after considerable controversy that in future copies as well as in advertisements of the work the names of those he had victimized should not appear.

of the "victims"

(The names)

*This letter was read by Cameron and at their next meeting before
the President & Censors of the Coll.*

Then the letter p. 4 of March (?) &