

Oxford,

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Dear Mr. President,

Sorry to have troubled you.

In accordance with an invariable practice, I gladly gave my opinion on the merits of an article - I did not put pen to paper - to a member of the profession, having first ascertained that he was a Cambridge and a Barts man. The first intimation of the existence of a publication (of which this article was to form part) and that a fraud had been practised upon me, was a letter from the Registrar. If inadvertently and in perfect good faith on my part, the College has been hurt surely it was a matter for the College to take up, and I wrote to that effect; but at the Comitia on the 6th Powell stated that this was not a custom of the College. I should have been quite willing to accept this ruling, but when the Treasurer stated that the Fellows involved had dragged the fair name of the College in the dirt, I felt there was nothing left but to resign, and to this resolution I must adhere. At the same time let me repeat that in this business my conscience is absolutely devoid of offence, and I can only express my regret that through any action of mine the College honour should have been sullied.

Sincerely yours,

WM OSLER

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There follow letters, between Bertrand Dawson and Dr. H.H. Riddle in which Dr. R. promises the withdrawal of the names of the physicians he had inveigled into participation in his work in which the thirty gentlemen had given him slight assistance with no expectation that they were to be used. It would appear that W.O. had made a proposal to the College that they should take up the matter according to the following letter:-