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To Dr. Geo. Dock - "Modern Medicine".

Dr. William Osler

No. 1 W. Franklin Street

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Dear Dock: -

What fools these publishers make of us! I do not see the slightest objection to your transposing verbs and adjectives and a few propositions, and making the one stone kill two birds. Is there anything that you would like better than the group of diseases associated with internal secretion? I think we shall cut the thymus out of that section, and put it with the lymphatics, as it is uncertain whether it has any internal secretion. It would be a pretty full section with the suprarenals and the thyroid, including Graves' disease. Would you prefer to take diseases of the lungs? That would come in Volume 3, and we should want it earlier. Let me know, please, at once.

Thanks for the note. I am trying to make a new book of the old quiz-compend, rewriting a number of the important sections and rearranging the whole thing. Send me the reference to the recent work showing the possibility of disinfecting diphtheritic throats.

Sincerely yours,

~~W~~^m Osler

Evidently he was in for the business review of his textbook when came at his no opportune time. But there were other things enough beside!