

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.



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To The Editor of the New York Sun.

Dear Sir:-

In your issue of May 15th. there is a paragraph with the heading, "Osler calls them Quacks." The following statement is there made: "Dr. Osler's utterance was published widely," said Dean King, "and in reply we invited him to be present at our dinner to-night. We thought that he would send a letter to be read here even if he could not come. He sent the letter, but it is not to be read. He wrote to say that we were a bunch of Quacks. His lecture was meant for the public and his letter for us." Seeing this specific statement I rubbed my eyes and wondered whether I really had received ^{and replied to} the invitation, ~~replied to it~~ and had ^{then} forgotten ^{the circumstances} all about it, but my secretary knew nothing of it, so I thought it better, before making any denial, to write to Dr. King. I had his reply last week. ~~The invitation, which is~~ stated in the paper to have been sent for the dinner of this year, was sent three years ago ^{that I replied as follows: -} and I enclose a copy of my reply. I do not often take the trouble to correct newspaper statements, but I could not allow such a barefaced lie to be circulated without a denial. ~~As you will see, my letter was not anywate civil enough to be read at the banquet.~~

Truly yours,