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Dear Dr Osler,

Your telegram to the Medical journals of to-day comes in direct contradiction to your letter, received a few days ago.

I am not taking any part at all in the Edinburgh election, and in fact, am keeping severely "out of it" as I could not intervene without getting into trouble with one or another of the local candidates, all men of great merit, and some of them personal friends.

But I did say - when asked about it - that yours would be a most brilliant appointment, if the electors saw fit to make it.

You will ere this have had knowledge that I, too, am on the retiring list. I feel it a good deal, as I am still, thank God, in very good health; but the defects of my eyesight - and also of hearing, these latter being of very old standing - are to my mind imperative indications that the time is come for me to withdraw and I am going to live, and probably end my days, in Edinburgh.

Yours ever,

W. BINDON