

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

3rd January, 1948.

TO THE EDITOR, *The Journal of Laryngology and Otology*.

DEAR SIR,

I fear that certain words of mine in the recent article on Labyrinthine Fenestration in the *Journal* for November, 1946, to the effect that "unlike certain American workers he makes no extravagant claims to 80 per cent. successes" are liable to be misconstrued into an imputation against the sincerity of our American colleagues. Nothing, however, could have been further from my intention, and I would hate to feel that I had, through a regrettable and careless choice of words, given offence to any of them.

What I had intended to convey in the paragraph in question was not that certain American workers were making extravagant claims but that the reports on their work appearing in certain American literature seemed extravagantly optimistic.

I should be much obliged, therefore, if you would kindly publish this letter of mine in an early copy of the *Journal of Laryngology* in the hope that this disclaimer may remove all misunderstanding and serve in some measure to accentuate instead of to disturb the most cordial relations between colleagues on both sides of the Atlantic.

Yours sincerely,

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