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Dear Dr. Dubos:

Thank you for your note. I was of course mistaken on immunity to pullorum— at least all the texts on poultry disease indicate that such immunity is not found even in birds that have recovered, much less after vaccination. I was confused as between a prophylactic vaccine and the diagnostic antigen. If this lack of immunity is in fact true, it should be rather disquieting to the typhoid enterprise. I am not sure how well-founded these textbook citations are— perhaps more work is still in order.

I am still compelled to chuckle at the wit of your introduction to my paper at Rutgers, and want to thank you for setting a light and informal tone to the proceedings, which might have been deadly sombre otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

  
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