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To the Editor of THE TIMES,

Sir,--

In THE TIMES to-day it is stated, in reference to the closing of H.M. Prison at Reading, that "it was here that Oscar Wilde wrote the 'Ballad of Reading Gaol' and part of 'De Profundis.'" In the interests of literary accuracy it should be stated that "De Profundis," "a manuscript of eighty close-written pages on twenty folio sheets...was written on blue stamped prison foolscap paper at intervals during the last six months of the author's imprisonment," while "the 'Ballad of Reading Gaol' was not composed nor even planned until he had regained his liberty."

These facts will be found in the prefaces by the late Mr. Robert Ross to various editions of "De Profundis."

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Stuart Mason

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