

30th November 1933.

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Dear Ford,

I discussed the Societys affairs with Bramwell the other day and he suggested that it might be well for him, without Blacker and Chance to meet with the Scientific Group of the Committee. I am not sure that this is at all a bad idea. He admits to being controlled more or less by Chance and Blacker, complaining indeed that he was scolded by them for allowing my resolution on Scientific representation to be discussed at the last Council-as though he could help it, or would even had had any right to prevent it. It would I think be an opportunity to let him see that an important part of the Council is united and resolute and not to be diverted by side issues from the main question of whether action taken by Officers of the Society on its behalf, shall be based on the decision of a predominately Scientific or of a non-Scientific Committee. He cannot deny that but for his personal opposition from the chair the Council was agreeable to the appointment of

a predominately Scientific Committee. He is therefore responsible for proposing alternative means of meeting our wishes. I do not myself think he will be so foolish as to try to carry on the business of the Society in opposition to the wishes of the Scientific Members.

The meeting if we call it, would consist, in so far as they can attend, of Bramwell, Huxley, you, I, Thornton, Cutler, Fraser Roberts, Miss Crump and Mrs. Hodson.

I am writing also to these to ascertain their views.

Yours sincerely,