

30th November 1933.

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My dear Ruggles Gates,

I have drafted abstracts from about the right lengths of the two first questions suggested by the Scottish Committee, and I am sending copies to you and to Thornton, in order that we may put together fairly coherent documents.

I discussed the Society's affairs with Bramwell the other day, and he suggested that it might be well for him, without Blacker or Chance, to meet with the Scientific Group on the Council. 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 have 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 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 Ford, Miss Crump and Mrs. Hodson.

I am writing also to these to ascertain their views.

Yours sincerely,