

10th December, 1955.

My dear Tony,

Thanks for your letter and for your tactful suggestion about the Presidential Address. I have never developed the technique, which I remember of Bowley and Isserlis, of delivering a savage attack disguised as a vote of thanks, and I do not particularly wish to try my hand at this sort of artistry.

I suppose the Society will always have a lunatic fringe on one side and a bogus fringe on the other. I was certainly taken aback at the choice of the President.

Sincerely yours,