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Dear Foster,

I have been wondering whether
some of the people working on methods of
computation and properties of special
functions should be proposed for the R.S.
Those that occur to me are E. H. Neville,
J. C. P. Miller, Bickley, Conic, Turing,
Possibly McLeod,
& Tommaso. I am committed to proposing
Lyttleton this year, but would be willing
to support any of the above. My own
impression, for what they are worth, are:
Neville: I thought he was in, but he
doesn't seem to be; he has held the B.A.
committee together but I don't know much
that he has done himself. His "Jacobian
Elliptic Functions" should have been
written about 1846 - as it is it doesn't
contain much news though it touches the

subject of a good deal
Bickley & Miller: Have worked together
a lot and I find it impossible to say
which is the better. Both are ingenious
inventors and expert in laying out a
calculation.

Cornis: I suppose he has done more than
anybody else to improve computation
methods. Unfortunately a lot of people
don't like him, but his field is narrow,
but within it he is, I should say, No. 1 in the
world.

Turing: Newman is talking of putting him
up, presumably for his work in mod logic.
I mention his name because he is on the
N.P.L. team, but I don't know of any
special contributions he has made in
spec computation.

Womersley: I should say a doubtful
starter at present.

McClellan: His Machine Functions book
is first rate, but I should want

Goldstein's opinion about how much of
"it" is new. His Operational Methods is
also good.

I mention the matter to you because
you seem to be the only F.R.S. on the
B.A. Tables Committee and may be
able to compare the people better than
I can. So far as I can see Bickley,
Miller & Cornie have the strongest
claims but I could not put them in
an order. Aitken will have views.

Yours
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