

30th November 1933.

Dear Thornton,

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 Ruggles Gates, 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 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, Culler, Fraser Roberts, Ford, Miss Crump and Mrs. Hodson.

I am writing also to these to ascertain their views.

Yours sincerely,