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Dear Miss Strachey I am very sorry that
a severe cold will prevent my
attending the Committee tomorrow, as
I sh^d have been glad to support
Miss Davies Resolutions (no 9 on the
agenda.)

With regard to no 8, as you
know I am much opposed to the
proposed change unless any
method c^d be devised for enabling
proposed representatives to know
as much of the questions laid
before the Council as do the

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Executive Committee. It seems to me that the Executive is directly responsible to the whole Society for the votes cast at Council Meetings & that they should either direct how those votes are to be used or find some means of consulting the whole body on important matters.

Some smaller branches of the Union are in the habit of calling general meetings to discuss matters arising out of the agenda of the Council, ^{to elect delegates} but probably the Central's membership is too large

scattered to admit of that being
done - I wonder whether a
meeting of the Executive & all
the Branch Committees wd be
useful & whether it might not
only add to the general understanding
of matters coming up for
discussion, but help you to
find more representatives willing
to go to the Council meetings?

I should much regret it if
large questions of policy,
supposed to be decided by the
general opinion of the branches
were decided by the votes

of representatives who attended
more or less by ^{the} accident of being
free to go & in no sense represented
the views of their Society. Hence
on many points it wd always
be desirable to leave much
freedom of action to representatives
but the Central has such large
voting power as compared to
any other Society that it
surely is of considerable
consequence to the whole
movement how that power is
exercised -

Yr. very sincere
Francis Sterling