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GREEN HEYS,

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November 12th, 1926.

Dear Friends,

I am extremely sorry I shall not be able to be with you at our Annual Meeting on November 18th, for it is a more than ordinarily important occasion, marking a new development in the history of our Society which has had a continuous and not unimportant existence since 1867.

First, I am sure we must all congratulate each other on the extraordinarily generous gift which has been made to promote the objects of our Society by one of its members who desires to remain anonymous. We are full of gratitude to her; at the same time, it is probable that several of us feel that there are some dangers connected with our new financial position.

If it should make any of us relax our efforts or shut our purse strings in pursuance of our objects this great gift will prove not a blessing but the reverse. For the real vitality of any political Society depends on the active and vigorous support of a numerous membership.

We must never forget this; and I know we shall welcome the steps which have been taken by ~~our Secretary and a small group of advisers~~ ^{the Trustees} to minimise the danger to which I have referred.

The nature of these steps will be fully explained to you at the meeting and I regret all the more that I cannot be there to emphasize my conviction that nothing must be done to weaken the responsibility which each one of its members ought to feel for the permanent usefulness and activity of our Society.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: M.G. FAWCETT.