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Dear Miss Blagg

I have looked for R Sagittae  
but I think I have sent you everything  
I had. However I will set Miss Bellamy  
to work tomorrow: sometimes she finds  
things that I cannot.

I have many things to look  
up in answer to <sup>your</sup> previous letters, but  
am having a fierce struggle with  
 arrears & engagements just now.  
Tomorrow I go via London to my mother's  
c/o Mr Turner

29 Franklin Road

Harrogate

to pay her a visit & to lecture on  
Wed Dec 2. Hence please address  
there.

I want to ask you whether you  
would allow yourself to be proposed  
as a Candidate for the Royal Astronomical  
Society. The Council long ago decided

that there was no legal reason why ladies should not be admitted as full "fellows"; but ~~as~~ it was made clear that there would be some opposition if any lady were proposed, & so no one would face it.

Now things have greatly changed. The presence of ladies at our meetings as invited guests has broken the ice: & you will see from the enclosed letter from Prof Eddington, the Secretary, that he thinks the moment is propitious.

You know excellent work both the "Law" and the "Collated List" make it certain that you would be welcome on any ground but <sup>that of</sup> possible lingering objection to all women, which I frankly believe does not exist now.

Of course it would be an expense Two guineas entrance & Two guineas a year (or a composition of 32 guineas for life) but it would be a public spirited thing to do if you can afford it. I would try to get Mrs Maunder to be a candidate also, but I fear she may not be able

Also ladies in  
the Brit. Ast. Assoc  
on Equal terms

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I afford it. Moreover as her husband is a Fellow & she gets the Monthly Notices (through his Copy) there is less reason than usual for her facing the expense.

[By the way I hope you get them also? I think we decided to present them to you, but am not sure whether it was ever settled]

Anyway I must leave the question of expense entirely to you.

~~The~~ The War may easily have made impossible what was possible before it.

But if you <sup>could</sup> ~~would~~ take a lead in this matter, you would, I feel sure, earn the gratitude of many of your sex who could scarcely move without some reputable leader. And it would be a great pleasure to

me personally, & to Mr Hardcastle  
I am sure, to be your supporters.

I enclose the form that is  
submitted: & hope for your permission  
to send it to the Astronomer Royal  
& Mr Hardcastle. The <sup>next</sup> meeting is on  
Dec 11

Yours sincerely

H H Turner