

WOLMER WOOD,

MARLOW COMMON,

MARLOW, BUCKS.

March 12th 1930.

My dear Philip

Patry rang me up again last night and gave me some further details of the R. B. A. meeting. An official letter has, I gather, been sent to you asking you to take the office of President and if you consent to do so another meeting will be held on March 12th to elect you a full member of the Society. You must be made a full member before your formal election as President can go through. Of course there is some small risk of a counter move by the opposition at the meeting on the 12th but Patry says that this risk is quite negligible. However, I must say, strongly impressed on him the need for the greatest care to keep your supporters solidly together,

not only for the coming meeting
but permanently, so that they will
always be available to back you up
in the development of your policy.
I have told him that nothing
would ^{be} more likely to offend you
than slackness on the part of
your supporters and that I feel
sure you would regard any failure
on their part to work actively for
you as a serious breach of faith,
so your party must be kept united
and mobilised and ready to
meet any attack. He says that
he entirely appreciates the im-
- portance of this. It seems that
Drinkwater - who came to see
you - has worked exceedingly
well for you and that Dorothy
Sharp has helped greatly to get the
women members to see reason;
Cyril Roberts, the Hon. Sec., remains
a rather bitter opponent, but as he
is a portrait painter this is to be
expected, and Miss Asher, the
most active woman member,

the Sicker party, is, of course, still against you and
is not likely to be converted — she is one of the more
extravagant opponents. The opposition put up Maclean
against you as a safe and harmless candidate — he
has been Vice-President in some office and is, with a nice
chap cut has not much backbone. I have known him
a good many years and I think you would do well with
him. However, the thing is in him and you have missed
him, in definite, and fairly says that the matter for
you would have been worse still if it had not been for
supporters had not been unavoidably prevented from
coming to the meeting.

I hope you and Mary are very well and enjoying the
sun — we are having quite decent weather here now with
bright sun but a fairly cold wind still.

We had a line from the Benaricks yesterday; they seem
to be having a good time. They are at the Hotel Victoria,
La Plage, Cap Martin.

Our love to you both always yours H. & F.