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Dear Mr. Purcell,

The Provisional Executive of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League desire me to thank you for your letter of December 9th. and to express their sincere regret that your serious accident prevented you from attending the General Meeting ~~on~~ December 11th. They hope that a speedy recovery will enable you to attend some future meetings.

We are greatly encouraged by the success of our First General Meeting and hardly less so by the letters received from you and other influential sympathisers who were unable to attend. Though we started work little more than a fortnight ago, much ~~has~~ already been done and we have on hand a fairly ambitious programme of which particulars will be supplied to you later. I have <sup>had</sup> forwarded to you a copy of the Irish News containing an account of our General Meeting held on December 11th.

I would like to mention that our Provisional Council (which now replaces the original Organising Committee) includes Irish people of all shades of political thought, members of the Gaelic League, G.A.A., London Irish Rugby Club, the National University Graduates Club in addition to leaders of the former I.S.D.L. and old I.R.A. men. We are hoping to enlist the support not only of our fellow-countrymen and women resident in Britain, but of all lovers of justice in this country.

The Provisional Executive will be very glad to avail of any offer to assist the movement and, while their

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plans are temporarily held up owing to the Xmas holidays,  
it is hoped to give you particulars of the future programme  
at an early date.

yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary of the  
Anti-Partition of Ireland League.