



15th May, 1939.

Dear Mr. Barry-Walsh,

I must apologise for a belated reply to your letter, for which many thanks.

First of all, I want to put you right on one point, that is, Dr. O'Donnell. Dr. O'Donnell's name was given to you, not by me, but by someone else who was at Billy's place when I met you. I mention this because I don't know Dr. O'Donnell and it might give rise to a misunderstanding if you have mentioned my name to him. I should, of course, be willing to contact with him when something more definite is afoot, if and when the need arises.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for me to arrange a meeting with you this week, but I shall be very pleased to meet you one day early next week and discuss matters with you.

Meanwhile, I must, strangely enough, ask you to supply me with some information concerning the Movement itself.

Since receiving your letter I have been speaking to one or two people and have not been able to argue very convincingly on why they should interest themselves in the League. For example, it is necessary to be able to explain exactly what tactics the League proposes to adopt to end Partition. To try and educate the British public in the true aspect of the Partition problem is something which nearly every Nationalist attempts when the opportunity arises, and, unless the League can put forward some concrete proposals for organising individual efforts with a view to making them more productive, it is going to be difficult to explain the need for becoming a member.

You will appreciate that the above remarks are the result of my ignorance on the whole matter, but they do express the feelings I had after having attended the meeting at which the League was launched. That meeting closed with the proposal that a further meeting would be called to discuss the question of policy, but I never heard whether or not that meeting was actually held, so I should be glad if you would bring me up to date.

Yours sincerely,

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