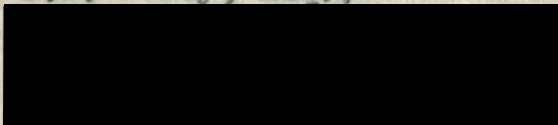


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I hope you will accept the sincere apologies of the Council and myself for the delay in answering your last letter, but we have been overwhelmed with the work of establishing branches in the various areas here in London and preparing at the same time for our big meeting on March 28th. The Council also desire me to thank you for the kind wishes which your Council extended to us.

We read all about your very successful meeting in the papers and both the Council and you deserve to be congratulated for your efforts. We hope that our meeting will get as good a Press.

We have been in touch with both Dublin and Manchester on the question of holding a conference between delegates of Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and London. Dublin has intimated to us that they would send a representative over and also suggested that London would be the most suitable venue for the conference. We wonder if that would suit you as your delegates would be travelling the greatest distance. The date suggested is Sunday, March 26th. the Sunday prior to our big meeting. Representation from each branch should, it has been suggested, be two. It is very important that there should be some sort of link between the branches of the League in this country and very useful ground will be covered by a full discussion between the delegates from the four centres. Perhaps you could let me know the view of your Council on this matter as soon as possible. We have another Council meeting next Thursday, 16th. March and the question of the conference will be fully discussed.

I am very glad to see that your membership is growing. We have endeavoured to recruit members so far mainly through the establishment of branches in the different areas, but there is a

lot of work to be done. Incidentally we have received notice from Hull to the effect that a branch will be starting there very soon and we have already taken steps towards starting one in Cambridge. There are other towns in the south of England with considerable Irish population which should also be able to support branches.

I shall await a reply to this letter from you; meanwhile I wish you every success in Glasgow.

Is mise , le meas,

General Secretary of the
Anti-Partition of Ireland League.