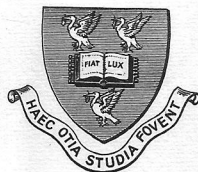


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Dear Ron,

I was sorry not to have been able to see you at the Hispanists' Conference here last month, but I hope that we may meet at the Anglo-Catalan Conference, which should be at the end of October or early November; or perhaps in Madrid - I shall be spending July in Spain, and of this a day or two in Madrid.

This is really, however, a begging letter. Alan has acquired some new responsibilities in Westfield, and wants to give up the secretaryship of the Anglo-Catalan Society this year, so that we are going to need a new secretary. I am wondering if you would be willing to take on the job? It isn't of course a sinecure - there is a certain amount of work involved; but Alan has got the whole thing well-organized now and working much more smoothly than before so that the new secretary would only need to keep the machine ticking over and should have far less to do than previous secretaries. Paul deals with finance, as treasurer; the secretary's duties are to enrol new members (hardly a flood), answer the occasional odd enquiry and - the main job - organize the annual conference. However even this last shouldn't be too big a job, if members are left to book their own digs, John Varey lets us use the Westfield Spanish dept. for meetings and you simply fix the lunch-menu with an appropriate restaurant in Hampstead or elsewhere; and, of course, huelga decir, arrange with the president for appropriate speakers.

I do hope that you will consent to take on the job, as I'm sure you would make an excellent secretary.

All best wishes,

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