

63, Holbrook Road,
Cambridge.

4th April, 1956.

Dear Paul,

*Replied 5/4/56
send further report
to reach by
18/4/56*

I hope you will have received my last letter, telling you what I know about the arrangements for the Jocs Florals, as I have just had a letter from Helen Grant saying that you are worried about the Anglo-Catalan meeting. I offered to do anything if you let me know what is wanted before next weekend, but you will realise that with Batista rushing away without telling us what was to be done, we are in the dark about your programme -- apart from the fact that I am under the impression that the local committee has to do only with the Jocs Florals.

Let me say that the Jocs are fixed up, as far as I am aware from Batista's report, to take place at Christ's on the Sunday afternoon, starting at 2 pm. Apart from that I now know what lecture rooms Wilson has fixed up for the Society meeting, and also I know that there are some rooms booked in one or two colleges, and I booked half a dozen rooms at the Goldsborough Hotel, for the whole weekend -- though I don't know whether Batista confirmed the booking before rushing off. He was to book rooms at other hotels, and I presume he did.

So that accommodation ought to be alright if Batista has done his part. As for food, the question was not mentioned, but it is almost certain that the delegates will have to fend for themselves in town -- which is not difficult, though it spoils the conference feeling to a certain extent. In any case, feeding a conference all together in Cambridge in May would probably be impossible unless the booking had been done about a year ahead!

What about your booking a room in 'Queens' for the Saturday evening session? I think that would solve the question of accommodation for the meetings, wouldn't it? Also, Helen gave me the impression that there ought to be a conference dinner on the Saturday. Is this correct? Because I cannot think of any way of getting a dinner laid on just at that time, unless you could browbeat 'Queens' into it. Emanuel's can't, because, they say, their kitchens are out of order.

These seem to be the two main points to arrange, though we really don't know anything more definite than I have told you about the arrangements until Batista comes back -- and you may know about that, but I don't. It would have been a help if we had known how many are likely to attend. But at any rate, there are people who were asked to see about rooms, and I did book some, and Batista knows about the rest! I'm sorry I can't be more definite.

I shall not be here from next weekend until the beginning of term, as I told you before. But there is another committee meeting booked for Wednesday 18th April, the first available date, so if you can tell us what is to be done we shall do our best. Or does Batista know already?

With best wishes,

Yours,

Jack Street.