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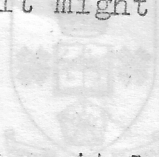
Dear Brian,

Thanks for your letter and a copy of the proposed constitution of the A-C. I shall let you have some comments on this later, although it seems to me generally to be just the thing.

About the Catalan Conference, I have been thinking about your suggestion, and I feel I should give a paper some-time to this society. Although I could not get down to writing anything until July, I shall take up your idea of a paper on the Tirant. Rather than something on this and DQ, which would mean much more preparation than I have time for, what about something I have given some thought to, such as aspects of the realism of the Tirant? I am rather interested in the picture of the mores of courtly life as it appears here. You might take, then, as a tentative title, El Tirant i la qüestió del realisme. Do you think it should be in Catalan rather than English for this particular meeting at which there will be perhaps more non-English speakers than usual? Let me have your comments on this point. What I shall say will be considerations

bringing in literary parallels from several periods, literatures and authors. It might well encourage some discussion.

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Gili's wife has had to go into hospital again and I am feeling rather worried about it all. I trust she will soon be well. She had a bout of pleurisy at the time of Ignatius' funeral and then she went to hospital with something more serious, but I saw her home when I was in Oxford and she looked as if she were getting better.

Jeremy had a good time in Paris on his sixth-form holiday. Martin returns to school on Wednesday. Hope you're all well.

As ever,

John

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