

Replied
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Dear Paul,

I'm sorry I haven't written for so long, but I've been bogged down with an article on Inimino & Tony Madacho that ought to have been written ages ago, and a lecture on Bécquer I rashly promised to give at Liverpool to the Spanish Society (non-University) there. This has now caught up with me, — it is next Tuesday — and to have been busy all this ^{last} week scribbling involved Spanish sentences destined to hide the essential vacuity of Bécquer's — and my^{own} — thought.

You, I imagine, will be fully occupied with the preparations for the Conference, (There used to be a song about rolling out a barrel)

As regards A.C.S., I wrote to Lovet & told him we can offer 10 guineas.

I still have the cash, as he suggested I might as well pay it to the first-winner, myself. Actually, as there will almost certainly be currency difficulties I'll probably hand on the baby, with its small dowry, as soon as possible.

Batista has written to Frank saying that the police have been asking Tracini questions about the Society, which the former kidly stated they knew about from the Spanish embassy here. It sounds undiplomatic. Batista wonders if we ought to do anything; I don't know, but we certainly need to remember these cases of interference with an English cultural activity. B:R has also coughed up his 10/- : 36 subs. paid.

How are the papers for the Cat. conf. going? Lovel mentions: historia economica, medieval, R Lull (P-Mill?), literatura moderna, etc. I don't care whether I read one or not: let me know if you heed me. I could use the paper I

had last year & sent off about this
the last year to the Secció històrica
of the I. E. C.; I now learn from
Pont Blanc (Nov 1955) that it has been
given, but no word at all in
reply to my repeated enquiries. I
think I'll have to offer a talk

'Lengua castellana, lengua española:
misión universal de la hispanidad'.
to make them sit up.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed
for next Wednesday.

Tu - dle - oo.

Geoff

We are all looking forward to the
Nott'm conference. We shall be coming
on the Sat. morning, I expect, in company
of Peter Dunn.