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said/wd. contact committee ✓
wd. contact Livermore ✓
promised circulating list.
Contact Highfield ✓
Merton College ✓
Topsom ✓
St John's College ✓
Lamb ✓
Livermore ✓*

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again
19/xi/55*

DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH.
THE UNIVERSITY.
SHEFFIELD 10.

4. xire 1955.

Dear Paul,

I don't know quite why I have taken so long to answer your letter, but I think it's because I've been infernally busy doing nothing: an activity which, as I hope you know, requires a considerable amount of dedication. Anyway, the fact is I've done sweet f...-all without very much enjoying it. The two things I should have been doing as regards the A+CS (apart from replying to your letter) - namely, send out requests for additional subscriptions for a prize at the Jocs Florals and get busy with the Català parlat tape - have been neglected completely.

Tens raó (des de lluec) en el que dius sobre els nostres bons catalanots Triadú i Carbonell. And as far as I'm concerned ~~you~~ them's my sentiments and should be those of the Society. But I suppose we ought to get cracking on the tape though.

I have subscriptions from the following: Arthur Terry (Belfast); Robert Comet (Ca'n Batista, Golder's Green); H.V. Livermore (Sandycombe Lodge, Sandycombe Road, Twickenham, Middx.); Albert Sagarra (Chem Eng. Birmingham); J.B. Trend (Cambridge); & John Elliott (Muntaner, 191, 1^{er}, Barcelona); making 27 in all.

Livermore says, by the way, that he's going to the U.S.A. (Chicago) in the first half of next year, and asks if he can do anything for the Soc. I'll ask him to make contacts for us in a general way, like Trueta in Mexico, but if you feel there's anything more specific he could do would you write to him direct?

(ie about £5)

I expect you got the notification about the Jocs Florals. I think we ought to consult the committee about what sort of prize we can give. My views are that we could take 2/6 per current subscription plus whatever we get from more opulent members if we send out a whip-round call. I think we ought to specify what we want the money used for, at least negatively: no political prizes for instance. Do you agree, and think we ought to ask the other committee members? If so, will you contact them or shall I? When we know their sentiments I could send out another circular.

I'm glad to see you are getting your Ass. Lect. More time for dialect studies of Nottingham paisanas, or the punto de partida for the Crusades perhaps.

We were greatly impressed by the efficient minutes of the Burn conference: congratulations to your chief. He will be hearing from us

shortly about the holding of Hispanic periodicals.

No more for now: I'm due at a wine-tasting orgy in a few minutes. Today I actually met a purist who won't go because everyone swallows the stuff instead of spitting it out after tasting. They, or rather we, have the bad taste (but good flavour) to enjoy the whole ceremony undisguisedly.

Adéu.

Geoff -

Records, saluts, etc. (el que puguis....) a la landlady's daughter.

I hope Batista i Riego is safely escaped in Cambridge!