

Gymley Hall. Burslem-le-Mansel
Dunelmans. Aug 18. 25

Dear Fisher.

First as to Gini. He had reason to complain. But he is rather a grumbler. At Milan he complained of all his Italian colleagues, and did nothing himself.

Then as to M^{rs} Hodson, she is forgetful & does muddle things a good deal. She knows it, and has more than once offered to give way before a better person. She hopes that Miss Boyd will keep her more straight.

I deesay you don't quite know how the finances of the Society stand. I think a few facts may make you regard some things rather differently. You know how badly off we were some time ago. We are no better off now, except for 2 causes. (A) more members: this is more due to Col James & M^{rs} Hodson than to any other 2 individuals. And James only looks to propaganda work. (B) Our anonymous donor. And he cares nothing about research. If we are to get his £1000 a year, we must see that it goes in propaganda, when we might get more.

Now as to research finance. In 1924 and 1925 Research only received £25 from the ordinary funds of the Society. It received about £390 from London School of Economics, Buxton Trustees,

2 Medical Research Council, Clothworkers, Royal Society, and myself. These were all obtained by Mr Hodgson's exertions. In short but for her the work would never have been begun or carried on.

As to its merits, I am inclined to rate it higher than you do. I may be wrong. But I cannot doubt that it will be useful for propaganda work.

Then as to Officers meetings. So far they have been rather failures as business arrangements. They are too apt, under Mac Bride's influence largely, to drift into conversative meetings. But that must be largely my fault. Now how would it be to arrange to have officers meetings quite regularly on the fourth Wednesday in each month at ~~2~~ 3-30? I intend to come up from home once a fortnight. I am sitting at my work but Enganci, as it is such a long way from town. I let me what you think of this.

Yours truly

J O'Donoghue

I think what Mr Hodgson entrusted to my care about finance was that the films & other propaganda schemes which had been sanctioned should be all available for propaganda.