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Dear Huxley,

I am sorry that I could not get up for your meeting at the Zoo, as I should particularly have liked to show my sympathy in the stand you had made against the action of the Council. As things have turned out, I wonder whether you or the Emergency Committee had any further action in view.

I do not know whether Hemming told you that at our first meeting I urged him as much as I was able to reconsider the policy of putting up Lord Horder as President, since I understood that Onslow was anxious to retire voluntarily in a year or two. This seemed to be the only unessential item in the programme we adopted, and I felt sure that Horder's name would lose us support. However, Hemming felt bound by what had gone before.

As to ecological variation in plants and animals, I have not yet seen the article in Proc. Linn. Soc., but will try to see it as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,