



Melbourne

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My dear Spencer

First of all let me make my heartiest congratulations on your nomination to the Royal Society. All your friends must be greatly pleased and I for one great rejoice.

Next I mention that I have recd a note from Dr McFarland in which he says that he has heard that I

care to thrust myself forward when a better man
maybe obtained with more time at his disposal,

What I wished to ask of you is to let as a friend in
whose opinion I have the greatest reliance, you
will tell candidly whether there is anything in Dr. W. Farlow's
suggestion ~~and~~ of much concern.

I have had it in mind to write a note to
the Registrar at the end of this month or the
beginning of the next intimating that as I shall
be absent from Melbourne during the greater part of
at the whole of next year, I do not propose to
submit myself for reelection.

Kindly let this note be confidential

Yours faithfully

Arthur

frequently receive my seat in the
 Movement Journal, therefore we
 reconsider my decision on the ground
 well as it is that my assistance will be
 valuable in "organizing in the Government
 to provide proper equipment for training
 School at the University".

My feeling is still the same. But
 as I am about to leave Melbourne
 for future months I could not expect
 to retain my seat. Moreover I do
 not know the of services are of much
 value to the Movement. It however
 chance through so and if a rare
 attendance at the meeting would
 suffice I should not hesitate to
 appear there myself. But I do not