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My dear Spencer

Your letter does me
proud. I showed it to my friend
Frank Stuart today, & he said,
"Put me down for £20, & write
to the papers. I authorize you to
use my name, & I'll get you
another £100". Now I think
we should get a committee to
take the matter up. This some
others of your friends must do. It
is impossible for me to attend to it.
But I will do what I can. Before
your letter came I had taken
action that may possibly
bring in some money.

I am smitten with
awe, & suspect that I must be
an unsuccessful humbug.
Why should more of note
shirk at my urging?

Don't build upon my
may. It is only a chance, but
even the remotest chance is
worth a trial. If nothing
comes, one is no worse off.

I sent you a copy of
that luminous periodical, the
Spectator, that you might
be profited by what I have
said about the expedition.

I think I had better not
write to the papers. That
should be done by two or three
influential men joining a
committee. As for myself I
am "little & unknown", & may

instincts are to keep
myself in the background.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

L. Tison.

I don't think this is a
thing for which University
men & other such workers
should be blamed. Men like
Hurn ought to take it up.

Will you send me three
or four copies of the circular.
I used up the one you sent.

Stuart's £20 is sure, but
I don't look upon the £100 as
cash in hand. Blessed is the man
that expecteth nothing.