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The Geographical Association,
1 Marine Terrace,
Aberystwyth.

20th. September 1919.

Dear Sir,

The Council of the Geographical Association has passed the following Resolution to which the educational situation gives urgency in many ways :-

To ask the President of the Board of Education to appoint a Departmental Committee to inquire into the position occupied by Geography in the educational system of the Country, and to advise how its study may best be promoted in schools of all types, including Continuation Schools, in Universities and in other Institutions of higher education, regard being had to :-

1. The general requirements of a liberal education.
2. The special educational preparation for Consular, Diplomatic, Administrative, Commercial and other activities.
3. The urgent need of education for the improvement of international appreciation.
4. The relation of Geography to other studies.

The Resolution speaks for itself, but it may be useful to go further and point out two important educational advantages of geographical study, and especially of geographical study by the pupils in the upper forms of secondary schools.

1. The preparation of and the study of Maps in every way and from every point of view is a unique educational discipline and its general value has recently been emphasised by General Sir William Robertson. It is a study which develops exactitude and prevents cramming, and all who have experimented with it are of opinion that there are few other studies which equal it from the point of view of mental training and few that compare with it in the matter of practical utility.