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Dear Sir William Peterson,

In reply to your letter of March 12th, I hope that you may find it possible to attend the meeting of the Royal Society. If you intend to submit a paper please let me have the title and synopsis some time before April 26th, so that I may bring it before the Council for formal approval with the other papers.

At the last meeting you and I as President and Secretary of the Section were charged with the question of putting the arrangement and character of the annual programme of papers on [^]more systematic basis. It was the concensus of opinion that the practice had been altogether too haphazard in the past, and that it would probably be worth while if the papers submitted at the Annual meeting could be grouped mainly around some central theme. My idea was that we might select some subject, such as the one I mentioned to you, and ask certain Fellows to take up different phases of it for discussion. I still believe that this would give us something much more valuable than the utterly unrelated medley of papers that we have had in the past.