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26.3.17.

My dear North,

Yours of March 1 & 3 received, also copy of your letter to Plomer of Feb. 2nd, but not his letter to you. I am sending Plomer a copy of V. letter, & he will doubtless write to you. The loss of slip of comm. makes our correspondence now very uncertain, but at all times it has to be recognized that Copyists etc. live very much from hand to mouth, & may (especially in these times) be reduced to great straits by the non-arrival of cash. I had two letters each in the

year from Chicago, asking me to put men on to jobs. I did so in one case, & no money has yet been received. In the other case, where the commission was vague & might have led to a big piece of work, I said I could not put a man on it until I had \$25 in hand to pay him. Since when I have heard no more. Perhaps the answer was lost in the Laconia. But anyway I have kept on the safe side. If you can make American engineers understand the situation, it will be a real service.

I am wondering if letters from you sent to me at McKerrrow were lost in the Laconia. I have been expecting all this month to receive (or hear that Graves has received) the

first draft for Bib. Soc. subscriptions
wh. you promised to send this year in
March. Also to hear from you
as to what you thought of the idea that
you might assume the title of Hon.
Treasurer & get what work out
of Winslip ~~that~~ the title of Hon. Secy
might extract from him. But I
mention this again with the same
proviso as before, that the decision
in this matter rests with you and
that if you dislike a change of title
it would be very ungrateful for us to
press it on you & we have intention
of doing so.

McKenno is expecting from you

your corrections to the list of American
members.

The last 3 months have been a
great strain, as Joyce has had
a double operation and my wife
had a very serious heart attack
as the result of the anxiety about her.
However they are both now at Bognor
picking up as well as the still windy
weather permits. I am rather fagged
myself, but am still pretty tough,
thanks be.

Please remember me kindly to
Mrs Norton.

Yours sincerely,

A. W. Belmont

Glad Mr. Mahy was pleased with the list
(could do for him)