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When I was negotiating on behalf of the R.S.S. I had a private intimation from D. Peters that the family, who are not in good circumstances, would have been very glad of an offer of £100. - of this however I took no notice. Lord Lindsay probably knows that an offer of £30 produced no reply - & consequently the advance of £50 which the Council authorized if necessary, was never acted upon.

From a delicate & distant intimation I gather that D. P. would be very glad to be connected with the R.S.S. Would there be any difficulty in getting him elected an Associate? I don't know the requisite conditions or formalities. Will you kindly find out for me? - His forthcoming Memoir on B will be complimentary, he says, to a large Memoir which

Kaiser has left (in MS. I conclude. I believe I should have said "supplementary" as the better rendering of his expression "le complément".

I have finished - all but proof of Index now on the table. Col. Birch - most thankful to be delivered from him - & must soon proceed to the examination of my dear Father's "History". Proctor has I see (from cursory perusals, for I have not yet read the book) been very kind to me in his "Moon". But he has talked in his preface about my intention of writing one day a book upon the same subject. I don't recollect ever saying so to him - nor does he say he heard it from me. But anyhow, if I could write the book in "one day" - it should be done - or one week rather - otherwise the intention - if it ever existed - would have to be adjourned sine die. - But the older I grow, the less inclined I feel to go far into these matters. Science has furnished me with many delightful hours of relaxation - & for that I am thankful - & it has paid