

And he dislikes this so much, that till explained, he does not wish to stand again. — Which I earnestly hope he will do, not only because I think he is very fit for a fellow, (much more so than some recently elected) but because it is right that the decision should be reversed as the result either of mistake or malice (as far as I know.) He could get Prof. Harley's name (who is he?) added to his proposal. —

As to H.S. how kind, how peace-making, how like yourself, is the tone of your note to me! — Who could but respect & love the motive? I must the more say this, because I am not so much convinced about it as you could wish. I don't know whether I am right in fancying that ^{you suppose} I have been in communication with Knott on the subject. Not a word has passed (nor indeed could, for not a letter had been written on either side containing the slightest reference to

H.S.) — tho' now I think of it, he did, in a letter a good while before, express regret at the modern disposition to call received results into question — but that was all — & I have not replied to it. It was not from him or in connection with him in any way that I heard of the possibility of things not remaining as they are. — But perhaps I may have expressed myself to you in some way that might give a wrong impression. I do not for a moment question the right to criticise anything justly open to it — but I do not question but deny the right of a junior in every way, to ~~assume~~ criticise in such a tone. We may point out mistakes, and with authority too, if we possess that authority through position, or age, or experience — but if not, surely the critic's tone should be that of respect & deference. — It was well for the assailant that the still more offensive letter in the E. Beech: was not produced at the meeting. —