

10th February, 1951.

My dear Harrod,

Thanks for your quick reply and the offerings which clears up the whole situation. Owen also has found that Littlewood remembers him well, and the anxiety caused by his incapacity for relaxation, sometimes ascribed by his friends to an early accident in which his head was struck:

Three other mathematicians were elected to Fellowships simultaneously, (G. I. Taylor, A. V. Hill, and G. B. Watson), so the contrast in subsequent achievement naturally struck Littlewood forcibly.

Without wishing to commit you to one word, I have ventured, as the most helpful course, to suggest an amalgamated version which I enclose. Please disregard it altogether if you think fit.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. The date of publication was 1928, but evidently the London Mathematical Society was in arrears, as it was dated as received in 1926. The date has some importance, for in 1912 or so it might be said that he did "notable pioneering work".

H. T. J. Norton

"By profession he was a mathematician, and was elected to a Fellowship at Trinity in 1910 for a thesis on the application of integral equations to certain problems in genetics. He pursued this work with a view to publication; but time passed and it was not till 1928 that his paper was published. Ill health prevented his achieving all that was hoped, and he died at the age of fifty."