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Prof. L. Hogben

My dear Hogben,

With one thing and another I fear I have failed to answer your letter of Sep. 8 on Federal Union. Events move so rapidly that I do not feel sure that you will be still pressing forward with the manifesto. My own first reaction is the commonplace one that there is a war to be won first. I imagine however that a league to promote federal union, if it could establish influential branches in the neutral countries, might be a useful foundation. Without such branches it would be quite ineffectual since no one will much like a policy of overriding by force the political liberty of, let us say, Denmark or Switzerland. However, perhaps you will write again.

Yours sincerely,