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Dear Fraser Roberts,

I am sorry you could not come to the meeting on December 4th, not that an additional vote was needed, but because you would have been amused at the proceedings. For one thing, the chairman so far forget his functions as to press the Council by every means to adopt the proposals of the Committee and became very shifty when opinion went against him. Actually the whole group of Birth Control proposals was postponed until the Council have before it corresponding proposals from the Joint Committee on Sterilization. Probably this means an extraordinary meeting later in this month or in January. But the attempt to rush the Council into spending nearly all its resources on the Secretary's pet projects was defeated, as it happens, by ten votes to two, which shews how little real support could be beaten up.

If the chairman persists in antagonising the Council, it may well be necessary to find another chairman and I have in mind Sir Basil Blackett who, if he undertook it, would I think
perform the functions admirably. Anyway I hope you will turn up for the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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