

Her Maj: has given the Socⁿ an
 Society has been granted by Her Majesty the
 opportunity of according, it will go far to
 outweigh the advantages of a wider but less
 concentrated reputation. I need hardly say
 that I am not speaking of myself in these
 remarks, I am speaking of the younger
 generation of scientific ^{men} students who can be
 influenced by such a local recognition as the
 Society has an opportunity of giving. I had
 hoped that the Society would encourage ~~the union of Science~~
~~and Practice to go hand in hand but that~~
 recent action seems bent on a divorce
 between these two, whose union is the only
 hope of material progress in our country.

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 Yours sincerely
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My dear Cross
 Please lay my resignation of the Office
 of Hon. Sec. of the Royal Dublin Society before the
 Council. The meeting yesterday referred back
 to the Council along ~~with the other By-Laws~~ the other By-Laws
 the only serious attempt that
 has been proposed to encourage Scientific
 members to work for the Society. ~~However~~ The
 other matters involved in yesterday's vote ~~which~~
 makes ~~the vote~~ ~~was~~ ~~ambiguous~~ ambiguous and
 I believe the Society would very probably
 rescind that vote as far as it related to
 the encouragement of its Scientific functions
 when it really understood the matter the true bearing of things
 as I have been working for the Society
 worked

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for a number of years under the impression that the Society was most anxious to advance its Scientific functions, ^{This} ~~as~~ was evidenced by its previous vote upon this ^{very} question of Fellowships, and as I now find that the Society ^{is not serious} ~~does not seem at all~~ ^{in its desire} ~~all anxious to encourage~~ ^{its} Scientific ^{members} ~~to take much trouble~~ ~~to work for the Society~~ ~~and as it~~ ^{that I have acted} has been at great personal inconvenience, and ^{the work} ~~as it has been~~ ~~an most irksome and disagreeable work,~~ ^{therefore} I take this opportunity of ^{resigning} ~~enabling~~ the Society to obtain the services of some member whose life work the Society does desire to advance. ¶ I have stated that the proposal of Fellowships is the only serious attempt of the Society to advance its Scientific functions, ^{although it is} ~~upon whose~~ ^{of these that} ~~vitality~~ ^{all its} ~~rights~~, I do not say claims, to Leicester

House depend. The Society by its Agreement has ~~at~~ acknowledged the principle contended for by the Government that its rights to accommodation in Leicester House ^{is} ~~are~~ limited by the vitality of its Scientific functions. The Society provides evening Scientific meetings and publishes Scientific journals but so far from their being any encouragement to ^{its} Scientific ^{members} ~~workers~~ to work for the Society, they are ^{only} the means by which ~~those members~~ support the reputation of the Scientific workers ~~work~~ for the Society at great inconvenience and serious loss to themselves. ¶ Unless the Society holds out some substantial result to be attained by ~~the~~ younger men ~~working for the Society~~, they dare not in justice to themselves resign the opportunity of working for London Societies where they will attain reputation much more surely than by ^{publishing in Dublin} ~~keeping their work in~~ the journals of ~~the~~ ^a provincial society. If however they ^{had} ~~have~~ a prospect of attaining an acknowledged local recognition such as the