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Dear Sir

The "Marathon" has today come into port, but I regret we have not yet heard anything re the "Controllers". The Royal Agricultural Show comes off in Sydney early next month and I had hoped to have made a show there but without the Controllers this would be impossible. I do hope they will not be much later as I said in my last we are at a stand-still and therefore losing money. Re the Racing Time recorder, the order for one here was from a Coy, who are making an "Electric Starting Gate or Barrier" and who would of course start it with their Barrier as they are pushing their appliance throughout the colonies, of course I anticipated the sale of many, hence my disappointment. If you can give me any information on the subject or could supply movement to do what is wanted I beg of you to assist, if within a reasonable cost and I am sure you will not lose by it. At any rate I hope you will forward a movement with the fly back action which will assist if we have to make the rest.

We had some trouble with the last seconds pendulum sent lately: for the second time it began stopping and I had at last to extend the weight at the end of lever, this was the one sold to the Railways and out of my charge and as we had no other to change I could not take away to inspect. In the other two pendulum received there is no adjustment for this so could not alter. I have found that sometimes a dial after running right for a month or more will perhaps miss a minute or more and these when put on again will go allright for months, can you suggest the cause of this, when tested the movement, hands etc. appear to be allright.

I am yours

*Alf Geo Jackson*