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Dear Mr. Hope Jones,

I thank you very much for yours of 20th March with enclosure of Newspaper cutting, and congratulate you most sincerely on your bravery in attempting to save life under such circumstances.

Having on two occasions in my boyhood days fallen through the ice whilst skating, I know and realize what it means to have presence of mind sufficient to dive under ice in such circumstances, and feel you were justified in receiving the highest honor the Society could bestow. The thought came to me that if anything had happened to yourself, the Synchronome System would have had a loss, impossible to replace and which would have meant a loss to the whole world practically, at any rate for some time, as enthusiasts [sic] are not met [sic] with every day, and you can be sure that although we have never met [sic] I personally should have felt it deeply, and cannot help expressing my pleasure that nothing untoward happened to yourself, and in this my wife joins me as we often think of you when talking over our Clock worries at this side. No doubt ere this you have met my Son, probably with my Sister who was to meet him in London. I may mention also that my cousin George Jackson who is a member of the Legislative Assembly here and was Chairman of Committee in the last Parliament, is on his way to London as special commissioner to the Queensland Dept. of the Franco-British Exhibition, you may possibly meet him in the Queensland Court where there will be numerous friends and acquaintances of mine. I note your remarks re. the new improvements in the Controlling Pendulum, and I may say in the few I am making for present use I am using the bracket shown in Photograph Sept. somewhat modified attached to all the bases and dispensing with the wood back. I have had working for some time the modification with the pulling instead of pushing pawl, but as yet have not had near the successful working with it, the faults found in first trying it 12 months or more ago still appearing and preventing its installing by the layman.

Awaiting your further good news.

I am,

Yours faithfully,