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Dear Lady Mackinnon :

I am glad to hear that there is now one (only) circle i.e. The General Experimental Circle. In this age of splitting apart everywhere we should really show the world that we are of a different kind. There are of course grave problems like the book by Frau Kolisko and I wonder how the Mier group feels about it?

Our tendency should always be to put the practical aspect into the foreground as far the as the public representation is concerned. The publicly discussing of the aetheric and astral or cosmic forces in our movement lacks still a solid basis of a scientific representation and is apt to create too much the odor of mysticism. This is my main criticism on the other group.

Internally of course we should intensify our studies on the anthroposophical subjects . Outwardly they should be presented in a way that everyone can accept them.

I appreciate your intention to contribute to the laboratory. One way would be to send your contribution to Mrs. Maria Lehrs, 68 Burns Road, Aberdeen, Scotland. I owe Mrs. Lehrs quite a large sum, which she had given me as a loan for the laboratory in Dornach before the war. I have to send her from time to time interest as well as capital repayments. When you would send her something I could pay the exchange amount to the laboratory over here instead of sending money to England. How do you feel about it ? (Handwritten: Maybe others would like to join this scheme?)

I have just completed the proof reading of the galley proofs for the landscape book. Faber and Faber have done a very satisfactory job with it. Sir Georg Stapledon has written a very good and favorable preface to it. Very honest and straight and – pleasing. It is more than I ever dared to expect from an outsider and gives due reference to Rudolf Steiner too.

Replying your kind wishes for the new year

sincerely yours

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PS. In the laboratory we have come across a very interesting theme. We make bacteria cultures from manure with and without the bd.preps. They show marked differences. For instance the bd. preparations reduce and eliminate pathological bacteria which are present in the manure such as tetanus. I will follow up this line and also show that the preps. introduce favorable bacteria such as the actinomyces which produce humus and which were not present in the manure which I had tested. This should give the best acceptable proof for the preps we have had so far.