

leave a number of Constituents who had assembled on Sunday afternoon to meet me, after a year's absence from that part of my Electorate, without addressing a few words to them - a thing which, as a matter of fact, I have done before, both in my own Constituency and elsewhere, on a Sunday afternoon.

I am bound to confess, however, that had I realised the prominence which would attach to the incident in my new position as Premier and the exception which might fairly be taken to it I should have declined even the pressing requests that were made.

With regards,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Hobart



11th November, 1913.

Dear Sirs,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, expressing the regret of your Committee at the holding of a political meeting on a Sunday.

I sympathise with the sentiment of your Committee and, in turn, regret the wide and apparently unnecessary publicity which has been accorded this incident. I have not, as a matter of fact, addressed a public meeting on a Sunday for very many years. I strongly object to doing so both on religious and utilitarian grounds. There were local circumstances in existence on this occasion which made it practically impossible for me to

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The Clerical & Lay Secretaries,
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