

Private



21st July, 1911.

My dear Leatham,

I think I can recognise your sentences in the leader which was published in the Worker of the 15th inst, and I should like to thank you for it. It matters not whether you agree with my views on the Insurance Bill or not. No disagreement upon contributions or ~~not~~ contributions can justify a wild, bitter and ~~personal~~ ^{personal} attack, far more damaging to the Party than to any individual in the Party. I should like to assure you that your statements about Mr Snowden are perfectly right, and you can stand by them. You should know, however, that he may be able to say from the records of the Party that he has attended its meetings pretty regularly. When he has done so, he has taken little or no part in our business, and, in the work of the House itself, ^{he} ~~but~~ has done nothing ~~except~~ occasionally to make a speech which he has taken days to prepare. I am not complaining, but these are the facts. If he says ~~he~~ ^{he} did state some points of disagreement regarding the Bill that is technically true, but he gave no indication that he held his opposition to be of unusual importance or to be