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Dear Mrs Strachey

Many thanks for your letter  
and for your most interesting  
research re Women + the  
F.R.S. I think perhaps you are  
being optimistic if you think  
Mrs Ayrton would have been  
elected F.R.S. at the elections  
following the answer to the  
Women's Engineering Society re  
women being eligible as there  
were women such as Marie  
Stokes who as a botanist  
(+ the Royal Society seem particularly  
partial to botanists!)  
who probably was up to  
the standard of other botanist



who did succeed in getting elected  
& she was not elected. Quite  
frankly I think in 1923  
the Royal Society had no wish  
to include women among their  
midst. By 1945 equality  
of opportunity between men &  
women was ~~considered~~  
a recognized necessity so the  
R.S. could no longer hold out.

I am most grateful to you  
for all the trouble you have  
taken. I am wondering if  
there are any libraries  
specially dealing with the  
emancipation of women  
who ought to be informed  
of this error in Ray Strachey's  
book? I hate inaccuracy



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especially when they deal with  
historical facts. + I am  
even more sensitive when  
an error such as this is made  
by a woman as I am always  
trying to prove that women are  
no more or no less accurate  
than men!

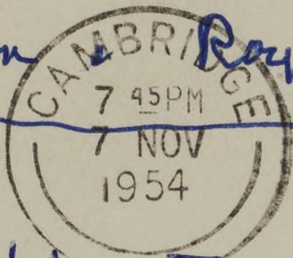
With reference to Mrs Ayrton  
being given the Hughes Medal  
this is certainly a very great  
distinction as I don't suppose  
it has been given to any  
one not already an F.R.S.  
It would be interesting to find  
out if this is an isolated  
distinction. With all good wishes  
yours affec.  
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