Dear Sir,

For some years past various investigations have been made into the question of the extraction and economic production of Tin and Tungsten by individuals, but these have not been co-ordinated nor carried far enough, and the Institution of Mining & Metallurgy and the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society have now taken the matter up.

It has been felt that a systematic and complete investigation is urgently needed:

(a) To revise the evidence upon which the estimates of total contents and recovery of Tin, Wolfram etc., are based, the present methods of extraction etc.

(b) To co-ordinate and complete the researches already begun by the late John J. Beringer and others and, if necessary, to institute others on new lines.

(c) To institute improved or new methods of treatment that may be indicated by the results of thorough investigation.

It is confidently believed that valuable conclusions may be reached within comparatively short time which may result in a substantial increase in the recovery of Tin and Tungsten in Cornwall especially and a corresponding benefit to the industry and the county.
The Committee of the Privy Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has been approached by the Institution of Mining & Metallurgy, and has given a grant, in the first instance, of £1,000 towards such investigations, conditional that £1,000 be raised in Cornwall and which the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society has undertaken to do. The Institute of Mining & Metallurgy will contribute £500 towards the cost of printing and administration, and have appointed a Committee to carry out the work of investigation in conjunction with the Cornish Committee of the Royal Polytechnic Society of which the writer has been appointed Chairman.

The Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society has given £100 towards the amount to be raised, and Viscount Clifden a similar sum.

Applications are now being made to the Companies and others working Tin & Wolfram Mines, the Mineral Owners and others in the County for subscriptions, and I have to ask if you would be good enough to contribute towards the funds to carry on this highly important research work; cheques to be remitted to Messrs Barolay & Co., Ltd., Camborne.

Yours faithfully,