

In re Oliver Heaviside

2/16/25

Mr Farver,

Pls see Elec World
 Feb 14 Editorial and
 Obituary on p 364
 Also get from Miss Kallbeck
 resolutions adopted when
 Heaviside was made an
 Hon mem _____ and
 prepare a suitable
 obituary for our
 March Journal
 Let me see it

Article sent to Belmont for
 approval. 2/19/25 HSF

February 19, 1925

Mr. B. A. Behrend,
Room 1011, 85 Devonshire Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Behrend:

I am enclosing herewith an obituary of Oliver Heaviside which we propose to publish in the March JOURNAL. Knowing that you have been very much interested in Mr. Heaviside and his work, I am sending this to you and asking that you look it over and make such suggestions or changes that you think will improve it. There is very little information available on Mr. Heaviside except that bearing on his eccentricities, which I think might well be suppressed in favor of the excellent work which he has done in the mathematical field.

Anything that you can do to this article or any way in which you can change it to improve it will be very greatly appreciated. We must have copy for the JOURNAL by the 24th at the latest.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Farrer.

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Mr. H. E. Farrer,
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33 West 39th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Farrer:-

As requested I am returning to you here-
with the obituary notice of Oliver Heaviside. I be-
lieve in its amended form it will please you as well as
those who are familiar with his work.

I wrote the obituary notice for the Elect-
rical world which, with one by Sir Oliver Lodge, must
have appeared last week, though I have not seen a copy.
It gives more space to the subject than you could possibly
spare.

The Pupin reference has been slightly altered
as Pupin gives full credit to Heaviside in his Institute
papers. It is, therefore, better to refer to Pupin not
as an independent discoverer of the law of the distotion-
less circuit, but as the engineer who made it a success.
Thus Pupin stands toward Heaviside as C. E. L Brown, Lamme,
and I stand toward Tesla. We were the engineers, they the
discoverers.

Yours very truly,

B. A. Behrend

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MAR 3 1925
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