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Dear Dr. Calman:

It is more than kind of you to interest yourself in getting me into the Linnean and it was of course, owing to your invitation that, when I was offered a London post that seemed to have possibilities, made me ask Poulton that you and he should put me up.

I had hoped, however, that you would be equally glad to put me up for the Zoo; for, though both Societies have their advantages, those of the Zoo do weigh with me a good deal, and I cannot honestly feel that I ought to afford the luxury of both Societies at once.

At first, at any rate, the facilities at my disposal will only allow me to experiment with animals, though there are some botanical problems which I should dearly love to take up. In London, however, the difficulty of obtaining an area for experimentation with plants is a serious one. Do you perhaps know what the position at present is in respect of the grounds of the Royal Botanical Society in Regent's

Park, I mean as to the possibility of getting some portion of it allotted to research departments concerned in botanical work? Kew, I have no doubt, is allocated up to the hilt. Perhaps you can advise me about this and whether you think the support of the Royal Society or the British Association could usefully be invoked.

Yours sincerely,