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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUBSEX.

My dear Fisher.

Thank you for letting me
hear all about your doings.
I fear that Beveridge will only
reply that he cannot in any ^{way}
prejudge any decision of the
Appointment Board in regard to
any appointment at his College,
but that there can be no harm
in applying, since the more
candidates the better. If he
does reply in this cautious way,
you should not think that he
means more than he actually

Says.

As to the Staff under you, would it not be wise to catch your hare before trying to fatten it? I suppose it takes £30,000 to endow a professorship like this one. Would it not take another £30,000 to make it into the kind of department you have in mind? I know from 40 years experience at Oxford College how very difficult it is to get money. If a professor there had asked for a considerable enlargement - we should have said we will bear it in mind, & shall be delighted if anyone can

raise the money. We got £100,000
from one man in the Duchy of
Marlborough, after talking to the
Prime Minister, telling him that
she hoped it would get him a
peerage - which it did not!

You want a baronetcy as a
bracket at least for your research
department. Serious & admir-
ably genuine study. And I am wr.
So sorry as you write he. I believe
you still have a lot in your
head which merely needs leisure
and opportunity to bring it
out. It is in such lines that
you will continue to enhance
your reputation. My father only
had one old and insufficient
gardener for his "staff" for many
years, and I believe his work

was in some ways, at the
better in consequence. It made
it more original. And I want
to get embodied out of your
head all that is original in
it, and I believe that means
a lot.

It would be an excellent
thing to get, as you suggest,
a good man who could
superintend the registration. Market-
could tell you far more than
I can as to difficulties. But
here again comes in the
money question.

I know I am never very
cheerful, but I must tell you
how matters strike me.

Yours ever

Leonard Darwin