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Dear Major Darwin,

I am sorry "Armchair Science" has behaved so scurvily, though I suppose they would be willing to make amends in the next number. I am very glad you are thinking of publishing in America.

I saw Goodrich and Poulton at the Royal dinner, and both are very sympathetic. I decided therefore to send the enclosed to Sir William, ~~and his answer~~, and his answer which I have not yet received, ought to make it clear, what "High qualifications" are intended to mean.

I suppose I ought to raise the question of subordinate appointments if things go any further. I should like to get a geneticist, and an experimental psychologist, if they will go so far.

Here is a scheme which has occurred to me. A first class re-organisation of our registration system seems far out of sight, owing to the registrars being

poorly paid, perhaps insufficiently skilled, not whole time employees, etc., Suppose an organisation with money to spend on research were to put up one of its employees for a vacant post as registrar, equip his office with card indices, and clerical assistance, and set him to make a proper study of one registration district. Could any busybody make trouble about it? The advantage would be to provide an ideal framework for further bio-economic enquiries. What do you think?

Yours sincerely,