Major L. Darwin, Cripps's Corner, FORTET RCT, Sussex.

Dear Major Darwin,

Mrs Hodson called my attention to the advertisement of this Chair, and the subjects in view, in the marked paragraph, do seem rather attractive.

would you advise my putting in for it? They speak
of testinomials and references. Would it do to send
in a copy of my Royal Society testimonial of last year,
and refer to my chief here, Sir John Russell, and perhaps
to you for personal repute?

If I put in I should like to gain some support towards the extravagant claim to high qualifications as a biologist"! Perhaps Poulton would do it, if it was his Committee (perhaps it was Goodrich's) who gave me the Weldon medal.

Yours sincerely,