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Major L. Darwin,
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Dear Major Darwin.

Many thanks for your suggestion of substituting "legislative" for "political." I find it distinctly improves the sense in three cases out of four, and hope to get it printed with the correction.

I do not know about the Cambridge Studentships. Marshall, the authority on the physiology of sex, has been appointed to the new Studentship Committee, and he might be able to throw some light on their unsuccess, if I knew on what grounds they had been criticised. I think Penrose is a very good man, though, for a time at least, he was influenced by academic faddists.

Yes; the serological work is to start here next October. I find I can make accomodation on the ground floor, at the expense of part of the museum, and can give some useful space in the animal house for his animal material. The man I have, Dr. Taylor, has the reputation of being a particularly patient and careful experimenter, possibly slow, but technically expert. In a subject exposed to the dangers of sensationalism I believe this may be an admirable combination.

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The grant is good for five years, but I presume the Medical Research Council would weigh in to continue it, if there is half as much in it as I hope. I do not at all see why the hidden inheritance of a recessive defect should not be directly detectable in a blood sample; but I ought to say that no one has done this yet, even with animals.

Yours sincerely,