

10th November 1933.

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Dear Major Darwin,

Many thanks for your letter. With respect to Laughlin, I wrote a review of the paper in question for Nature, but I am not sure if it has yet appeared. In any case what I said could scarcely do him any harm. I like Laughlin very much, and would be very glad to see him receive the honour and reward of an important charge, but I am exceedingly sorry to hear that the two departments are to be separated, as I believe this will be very injurious to the Scientific reputation of Eugenics in the States, which is already by no means all that could be wished. From this point of view, Laughlin's appointment would not be at all advantageous. He is aware of the limitations of pure Geneticists in the social field, and carries no weight with them, either in respect or good will. It would be far better in my opinion, to put a Biologist with a little even if not much sympathy with Eugenics in charge of the two Institutions. I mean it would be better from the

purely Eugenic stand-point. I am more than ever convinced that Eugenics will make no progress either in Academic circles, or Public Officials, or with the Public at large unless it has widespread sympathy and some active support from Professional men of Science.

Since you resigned the Presidency in fact, I have been increasingly conscious of the same danger on this side.

Yours sincerely,