

Thursoy,  
Carlisle,  
Cumberland.

Monday.

[23 July 1933?]  
-JMK

My dear Fisher,

I have this morning received  
your letter, sent on from Oxford.

I am very grateful indeed for  
your kindness. Whether you find that you  
do in fact obtain a Readership for your  
Department, and whether or not I can  
come (which I should very much like  
to do), the fact remains that you  
offered the post to me straight away.  
You must allow me to say that I  
feel most encouraged, and really very  
proud of that fact, and I shall  
always remember it.

I must say at the start  
that the offer is most attractive to me.

But I cannot decide definitely until I have had a chance to turn it over in my mind and to talk it over with you personally. One needs a little while to consider so big a change in one's life.

The prospect of the two of us being able to work together in close association, is immensely attractive to me. Further I should very much like to be able to give up the whole (or, at any rate, the major part) of my time to writing and research.

It will, as you say, be best to arrange a meeting. An appointment in town, as you suggest, (if equally convenient for you) would

certainly be the best for me. I return to Oxford at the end of this week, and have some engagements at the week-end, for I am being snowed under with Higher Certificate work.

However I could manage any day that suits you (Morning or afternoon) from Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> inclusive, except Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, when I am "awarding" at Cambridge. If anything, I should prefer not the day before the Annual (Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>), but this does not really matter much.

My present position at Oxford is as follows: -

As Tutor I make £150 per year, and as University Demonstrator £350 per year. This latter sum is

automatically increased by £100 per year at the end of every 4 years (up to £650 or £750, I forget which), and it is due to be so increased next year. I also make about £50 per year as Examiner.

The University Appointment Expires and has to be renewed every 4 <sup>years</sup> ~~years~~. But I am told by Goodrich that the renewal is practically a formality and may be regarded as automatic. It is of course subject to the Admitted Superannuation System.

It would certainly be delightful to be free from teaching, which takes up so large a part of my time at present. May I keep the enclosed letters you sent me till

re meet, and discuss everything then?  
My address will be here until  
Friday next, and from then on at  
Oxford.

With my most grateful Thanks,

Yours sincerely,  
E. B. Ford

P.S. Please excuse my writing, but I  
have cut my fingers so badly that I can  
hardly hold a pen!