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Professor E.B. Poulton, F.R.S.,
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Dear Professor Poulton:

I am afraid I wrote rather hastily about joining the Linnean Society, as I am now strongly tempted to join the Zoo. instead. I understand that nothing definite could have been done about the Linnean until the Autumn, and if you let me know what steps you have taken, I could save you any further trouble in the matter by writing to anyone such as Calman, whom you may have approached. The Zoo. is convenient to my new Laboratory, besides being a very attractive Society to belong to.

I find I shall be able to have a biological assistant at the Galton Laboratory, though I do not know yet what the funds will run to. The one man I should like to secure, above all others, would be E.B. Ford. You know him better than I do, and could perhaps say, as far as you can judge, whether he would be entirely happy out of Oxford,

in a department with no undergraduate teaching, ^{where} ~~though~~ I hope to build up good facilities for genetic research and the training of post-graduate and voluntary workers. As I mentioned, I do not know whether I could make the post financially attractive to him, though I believe it could be made so in some other ways, and if you thought, as I am tempted to do, that it would really give the kind of opportunity he wants, I should be the more encouraged to make the effort.

Yours sincerely,