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Dear Dr Pye,

I am writing to let you know, as perhaps you have already heard, that I have been elected to the Arthur Balfour Chair of Genetics in Cambridge. This must mean my relinquishing the Galton Chair of Eugenics, though at what date I should do so seems a matter for consideration.

I will, as soon as possible, explore the immediate situation in Cambridge with a view to moving my mice and dogs. I imagine, however, that there is at present no suitable accommodation and that some time will be needed before any can be made ready. In the meanwhile there are a few points which I should like to take up at once in respect of the property of University College now in use in the Galton Laboratory.

The mouse-stocks are my own property and were brought with me to the College in 1933. The College could, however, properly claim their cages. These are expensive enough when new, especially in war-time, but not easy to value when much gnawed and patched with bits of perforated zinc. I think it would probably suit the College as well as myself best if my new Department bought from my old these cages, and associated miscellaneous equipment for some small sum such as a tenner.