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You were good enough (November 10) to reprint for the information of readers of *SCIENCE*, the letter of protest which I wrote to the London *Times* on the obstacles placed in the way of the Galton Laboratory continuing its researches. It is now possible to give a somewhat fuller view of the situation.

Many of the constituent institutions of London University are again active. The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, for example, situated only a few hundred yards from University College, along Gower Street, has its library and main departments open. I have been unable to ascertain, even if undergraduate teaching is supposed to be safer elsewhere, why research departments should be forbidden to continue at University College, which now stands nearly empty.

The Galton Laboratory has established its right to continued existence, though it has been forced to leave London. Sir John Russell was kind enough to find it space at Rothamsted, and the college has withdrawn its ban on the attendance of my assistants. Apart from small sources of income, such as the sale of mice, we must rely on the income of Francis Galton's trust, and this will suffice to make sure that the work he initiated will be continued.

It has been suggested to me that many American friends, who would be glad, from time to time, of statistical assistance and advice, have refrained from writing in the belief that I should be too busy. This is not so. I should, indeed, be glad to earn some support for my department by such professional services. Any sympathizer who considers that we could supply assistance worth \$100 towards his own researches is invited to put up a problem; though I must add that I should be sorry if this offer were to prevent any friend, who might otherwise write to me for advice, from doing so as freely as before.

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