

H. R. Dean

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Dear Dean,

I have looked over the note on erythroblastosis and Hydrops foetalis in newborn rabbits, which Coombs has prepared, and should like to say that this has my entire concurrence.

I should be quite glad if the rabbit stocks sent over by Nachtsheim, and which Grüneberg handed over to me, were kept at the Department of Pathology for just so long as Coombs is interested in it. In the event, however, of your department deciding to give up work on this problem, I should like to have first call in the disposal of this material.

I think it is an excellent idea to get a medically qualified worker to take the problem up, and should be glad if this man were sufficiently interested to make himself competent on the genetics side and to make a real link between my department and the work on human genetics which will doubtless be continued in the Department of Pathology.

It was, as you know, a very definite hope, which influenced me largely in accepting my present chair, that the work which Taylor and Race were then doing at Cambridge should be continued as a definite part of the work of my department. For a large part of the point of teaching genetics in the University falls away unless students ^{can} ~~will~~ be brought personally into contact with what

is known in human genetics.

The memorandum as it stands seems to supply a very clear basis for action.

Yours sincerely,