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Dear Fisher,

Many thanks for your letter and your memorandum which I found very interesting.

I am Elector to the Chair of Genetics and the University has not yet decided that it will fill the vacant Chair in the immediate future. I much hope that it will be decided to fill the Chair.

I can quite understand that the Professors of Agriculture, Botany and Zoology regard Genetics as an integral part of their respective subjects and feel that it should be taught in their classes, or at any rate, in their more elementary classes by a member of their own staff. I am very ignorant about Genetics but realise that there are many parts of Pathology and Medicine in which Genetics come in, and it will be of very great advantage to our medical students if they can receive instruction on this subject from the Professor of Genetics or members of his staff.

I can see that lectures on the genetical aspects of disease might be very useful and fill former our Part 11 classes in Pathology. I do not forget that the medical curriculum is dreadfully overcrowded and it is difficult to see how and where new stuff can be put in. Any development which will continue my association with Taylor, so happily resumed during the war, will be welcome to me.

Yours sincerely,

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