

December 1, 1942

Dear Ford,

I had realised that, for years now, you had felt that the Hope Department was being neglected by the University, and that your own researches had been not a little inconvenienced by the condition, in respect of accommodation and assistance, into which it had fallen. I do hope, now that the opportunity seems to be open, that the University will give the matter their most serious consideration, in view of the great tradition of Poulton's work in this Department, and the unique place which it fills, not merely as a great collection, but as a living centre of a school of evolutionary studies.

I should indeed feel very well rewarded if anything I could write could lead to a better realisation of the potential value for scientific research of what has already been built up in the Hope Department.

Yours sincerely,

December 1, 1942

Dear Henry,

I am enclosing a letter formally to you, which it might be worth while passing over to Carpenter, if it seems likely to help him. I thought it better to address it to you rather than to him, and I think he will not mind that.

Good luck to your efforts!

Yours sincerely,