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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of April 26th with the off-print of your letter to "The Times", which as a matter of fact I had read on publication. It so happens that I am actively in sympathy with your scheme of family allowances, I experienced it to my great advantage during the War, when the Army made these allowances to all Officers after about 1916, if I remember, and I recollect very well what a help I found it. I have tried in two Schools, Cheltenham College and Shrewsbury School, when making a new salary scale - at the former in 1920; at the latter in 1934 - to persuade the two Governing Bodies that the best thing for the individual and far the best thing from the national point of view was not to have a general raising of salaries but precisely to have family allowances on a fairly generous scale. In neither case was I able to persuade my Governors to take this step. I hope that you experts may be much more successful and in a vastly wider field.

A small point in paragraph 3 in your letter. Does the word "employers" really mean "employees" or is it right as it stands? Apparently either would make sense, only the system would be different with the alternative reading. This is really only a rhetorical question, because I don't want to bother you with correspondence.

Yours very truly,

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