

May 12, 1941

Dear Provost,

I have your letter of May 9th. You complain that I have not answered your enquiry of March 11th: "Do you know when Munday is likely to be taken? I do not understand how he has escaped so far". I confess I did not think you expected me to know any more than yourself on this topic. Incidentally, I do not think the word "escape" is an appropriate word for a man duly registered and awaiting willingly the call to whatever duty he may be assigned. If I were to hazard a guess based on his qualifications, I should suppose he was reserved against the time when more assistants in hospitals might be needed than are needed at present.

In view of the possibility of his being called up, it does seem exceptionally harsh, as well as unjust, that Miss Sampson and Mrs Holt should be threatened with dismissal at the end of September next. I certainly hope the College will not take this course for which there appears to be no real justification.

I must remind you that Miss Lucke's salary and insurance for the year amount to only £160.12: 8, which is less than half the sum of £325 due annually from the Department of Zoology, as

agreed at the time of the Weldon bequest. I suppose that the remaining half accrued for the ~~coming~~^{current} year, together with the corresponding half of the following year, might properly be applied in assisting the College to meet these two salaries (Miss Simpson and Mrs Holt) from October 1st next. In this way the cost to the College, pending Mondays calling up would be exceedingly small, and no such drastic and really damaging step as you have in contemplation need now be taken.

Yours sincerely,