

28th September, 1945.

Dear Dr. de Hevesy,

I am returning herewith your interesting chapter on the Human Family.

Of course, I agree and agree strongly that one of the great problems before mankind is to live in amity with other somewhat different inhabitants of the same planet. Mankind as a whole certainly constitutes a single family, and it is an old ideal and certainly not a dead one to treat all mankind as our brethren. I do think, however, that it is an essential part of the problem which, if ignored, will prevent us from solving it, if we do not recognise profoundly important differences between races, or if we imagine erroneously as to believe that such differences are rapidly disappearing through race mixture. By profoundly important differences, I mean, of course, not the superficial indications provided by skin and hair, but temperamental differences affecting the moral nature.

I have annotated the margin at a few points where you have quoted the somewhat extreme views of Dr. Taylor, but I should like you to rec-

agnise, if you agree, that it will be for us to regard other men with brotherly affection, and as in some senses, equal inhabitants of the world, without fostering what may be a dangerous illusion that we are equal in all respects, or discouraging earliest enquiry as to the nature of racial differences, and without assuming that racial intermixture is necessarily a step in the right direction, however much, assuming it could be accomplished in, say, ten thousand years, it's accomplishment might seem to simplify world problems.

Yours sincerely,