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My dear Ford,

The very exciting seminar you gave us the other day has suggested to me a possibility, which I should now like to put to you.

I understand that you may not be able to attend the Genetical Congress at Edinburgh. I have, in my Department, a Galton Lecture, with a fee of 20 pounds, or guineas, to be given this year, which I think could very well be given at the time the Congress - or a large part of it - is passing through London (August 15 - 18), in which case the lecture could be given on the 17th, say 5.30 to 6.30, to a pretty good audience.

If you could give them the material you gave us in seminar, with adequate coloured slides to illustrate each contrast as you came to it, I should think you would make it a most successful occasion. It would, of course, with so mixed an audience, have to be largely a lantern lecture, but I think you could feel assured that the genetical points you would want to make would be quite well appreciated.

I was speaking of this just now to de Beer, who says

he is now very well equipped with colour photographic appliances, and would gladly help to prepare slides if you would like him to do so. He agrees with me that a good deal depends on this side of the business being done well.

I do hope you will find yourself able to do it. Honestly, your work in genetics is not nearly so well known as it ought to be, and I should be really sorry if visitors to a Genetical Congress in this country were to go away without hearing anything about it.

Yours sincerely,