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My dear Ruggles Gates,

I am sorry Davenport is inclined to be troublesome, but he is a difficult man and probably dislikes me as much as my predecessor. However, your name will appear with, or without reference to I.F.E.O. As a member of the Committee I should of course always be glad to receive suggestions from you as to new material. Naturally also I am particularly anxious that the first volume shall be all first class, and if the paper you refer to cannot be brought into this category I should rather it went to the Anthropologists. There is too, in my experience a great deal to be said for letting papers of Eugenic interest be disseminated in a number of Journals rather than concentrated too closely in one only, for I know personally that it has been of the greatest advantage to me that my Statistical work has not been published in Biometrika, but has been scattered in about 30 different Journals.

At first we cannot pick and choose

to closely, but I should like ultimately the Annals of Eugenics to publish papers which are both good of their kind and of general interest to Human Genetists and Eugenists, while racial questions or economic questions could properly be diverted to the other Journals dealing with Man and Society, even if they are also of Eugenic interest.

For the first number I have a paper from Fraser Roberts on the Familiar incidence of Acute Rheumatism, and a long and I think very useful paper from Haldane on the Detection of Linkage from Human Records. In connection with that I shall have to add a shortish technical paper on Applications of the Theory of Estimation to this problem, and I ought also to write a general foreword to the 6th volume, which I shall find it difficult to do without emphasising to harshly the contrast between my views and those of the previous editor. Possibly there may be a paper from the Anthropometric side of this department, on the Compounding of Measurements for the discrimination of Sex and Race in Osteometric data. I do not know how far this goes towards filling up the volume, but so far it should give the impression I want of a completely genetic outlook combined with better rather than worst

statistical methods.

I think we must advertise the new volume rather widely, and should be glad of suggestions as to where advertisements could be placed with the best advantage.

Yours sincerely,