

29 November 1932.

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Dear Ruggles Gates:

Thanks for your letter of 28 November. I am trying to do my best by Blacker, but I agree that he does not feel his own limitations, and I think it is a pity that he is Secretary of the Society, since he is only interested in a portion of our programme. Quite possibly his real work would be found in a Society to study pathological inheritance, not of course as a genetical expert, but as a medical man interested in the subject. Unfortunately there are on the Council a group, notably Mr. Chance, who have no technical genetical knowledge, and do not understand that the Society loses ground wherever it is not genuinely scientific, and that genetical members are themselves exposed to criticism when uninformed statements go out in our name. He opposed a proposal of mine from the Chair at the last Council, that a screed of Blacker's on the inheritance of blindness should be vetted, as though this were

obstructing the normal work of the Secretary. I hope
be able to
you will/attend Councils and rub the point in where
necessary.

By all mean put my name on the Committee, but do
not expect me to attend much. Of course my opinion for
what it is worth is always at your service.

Yours sincerely,