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Dear Sir Arthur,

Many thanks for your letter telling me you have submitted and recommended my triplet paper to the Royal Society. I am really very much obliged to you for doing so, since odd jobs like mine gain a great deal by being well introduced.

I have been wondering how far it will be possible to continue to utilise the triplet material as it accumulates. The Privy Purse will, I know, give any further facilities required; and Low and Sommerfield would certainly be willing to go on visiting and measuring the Scottish and Irish cases. I should have to give up regular measurements, but I could possibly get a team of volunteers for England, which includes the great bulk of the visits. Especially if they were called to occasional meetings on a Committee with men of distinction. There are as you will have noticed several points on which a longer series would improve the evidence.

The best results would undoubtedly be obtained in connection with a general anthropometric survey of the islands, which would not be impracticable on a really carefully designed sampling method. The kind of thing I mean is explained in a (rather slight) paper I gave to Medical Officers of Health some time ago, which I enclose. Now who would be the best body to get to form a Committee to work

out the details of such a project with a view to organising it on the scientific side, if it became practicable? And could you spare the time to be the Chairman, if I get such a Committee appointed?

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Sir Arthur Keith.