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Dear Mother,

About the 16th, Lady Barlow writes definitely that she will be staying in the neighbourhood and will look for us at Down House about 11.45 to 12.

I have recently received from the University of London a lot of stuff relating to the appointment of two examiners for the Higher School Examination of 1944 respectively in "Accounting" and "Elementary Statistical Method". I cannot imagine what they mean by this last, though I think you and I would agree as to what they ought to mean by it for tolerably bright children of 16-18. None of the candidates for these examinations whose papers I have seen claims training or experience other than in accountancy, and I therefore suspect that in the past an accountant has set and corrected the paper on Elementary Statistical Method.

Now it seems to me you might be doing quite an important service to education if you could put yourself to the not very profitable trouble of taking on this examinership with a view to making the examination as useful as the present syllabus allows, and of making recommendations amending the syllabus where this seems needful.

If you think you could manage this, I will recommend your

name on behalf of the Board of Studies in Statistics. If in time they then act accordingly, you will, I suppose be able to obtain the syllabus and previous papers from the Matriculation and School Examination Council.

Yours sincerely,