

GALTON LABORATORY, October 9, 1939

At a conference of the Head of the Department with Lord Sankey and Sir Allen Mawer, the proposed removal of the Department to premises lent by Sir John Russell at Rothamsted was finally approved.

Apart from insuperable difficulties, this removal will be completed next week, ending October 21st. Thereafter I shall have access to the premises in Gower Street, but other members of the Department will not. All members of the Department will have free access to me at Rothamsted and facilities for continuing their duties there.

Pending removal, and from so soon as the College officials have received instructions to this effect, members of the Department (and visitors to the Professor) will be free to enter the premises in Gower Street for the purpose of making preparations for removal. They are not entitled to carry on research during this period. The Head of the department and his secretary may, however, work as usual.

I have agreed to instruct, or, as I myself would rather say, to remind members of the Department who are British subjects that it is their duty to seek National service or War work. The term "other paid employment" in the Provost's letters is not to be interpreted as other than war work. I may say that I am confident that no member of the Department has overlooked the duty set out in this paragraph.

Subject to the prior claims of war work, it is the duty of members of the department to continue to attend to their research work after October 21st, with proper allowance for temporary inconveniences caused by the removal.

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Dear Provost,

You expressed a wish at our last meeting that I should write you a line on the really regrettable occurrences which took place in the College on Tuesday; and this I gladly do, as I am confident that in reality we think alike in the matter.

Certainly, for my part, I can say with all sincerity that I regret what has taken place, just as I have no doubt you yourself do, and, I imagine, for the very same reasons.

Yours sincerely,