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Dear Egon Pearson:

Of course I should like you to take illustrations of statistical methods from eugenic problems, and should not have the least objection to your lecturing on how the Biometric School has dealt with problems in Heredity and Eugenics. In fact I should welcome both.

You do not say so quite explicitly, but I take your penultimate paragraph to suggest that I ought to accept the restriction not to lecture on "your theory of estimation, your solution of (sampling) problems in multiple space, or your use of combinatorial analysis in moment problems". Now I should feel such a restriction a severe and unnatural one; not that I am longing to expatiate on the more difficult aspects of the work, but because I foresee that these may be just what certain students want to get from me, just as voluntary workers do here, although this is an agricultural Institute, and these subjects are not agriculture, but only useful in agricultural research.

If you feel strongly that we shall not easily be agreed about this, and I think myself that it is chiefly a matter of feeling confidence in each other's decency and good sense, I should think well of your suggestion to put the whole of our correspondence before the Provost, for a more detailed ruling. I should prefer, of course, that we should settle the question without bothering him further.

Yours sincerely,