

27th. January, 1943.

My dear Taylor,

Keny thanks for your note. Gray buttonholed me the other day at the Royal Society meeting for nominations to fellowships and put a question very like yours. My reply was the same as thirty months ago, that I would be willing to put in a lot of work to build up an adequate department, if in this I could look for steady support from the University; but I wasn't looking for a job to retire to in whatever affluence and dignity.

I don't think he had considered the question from my point of view, and though he made encouraging noises he undoubtedly felt vague. I stressed to him the importance of your Unit and of Medical Genetics; but his thought had not travelled further than to mention some acres of garden, of other land at the disposal of the Professor, instead of yelping for joy at finding so much of the necessary organisation already as it were accomplished. I hope he will brood upon it, and if possible consult with Dean.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. I should like to publish Hart's thesis as it stands, as soon as Oliver can procure it.