

28th. January, 1943.

Dear Topley,

I think if the A.R.C. will make the grant to my Department £350 for the second year, it will be able to meet all liabilities: since I find it has somewhat underspent on the first year's grant and can afford slightly to overspend on the second year. The most doubtful factor in making ends meet these days is the wage of Laboratory assistants, of whom I have been working one short for some time: but as soon as may be I am determined to make up the deficiency, presumably for the time at least at extravagant rates. At the moment I have an excellent little girl who came for only 15/- a week, a wage which I must almost immediately increase. In getting a boy to help her with the heavier work I might, so far as I can see, easily have to pay 25/- or 30/- a week at the present time. Were it not for this sort of doubt and blank uncertainty as to how long such ^{an assistant} ~~a system~~ will stay, I could put forward much more out and dried ideas.

Yours sincerely,