

17th November 1933.

Professor J. Huxley,
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Strand.

Dear Huxley,

I think you were present at the meeting of Council which resolved to appoint a Committee, to meet me and discuss the Annals of Eugenics, with a view to recommending action to the Council. I met that Committee once only. Chance and Gunn were not present, but a statement was made by Blacker apparently on Chance's behalf at the beginning of the meeting to the effect that my proposals could not be considered. The only purpose there might have been in appointing a Committee to meet me was in this way frustrated from the start, I stayed afterwards to ascertain if Blacker was willing to call a Committee, including Chance or a representative of the Finance Committee, which would be empowered to talk business, and it was only on ascertaining that he intended to take no further step in the matter that I left and wrote at once withdrawing my offer. If this differs from the account that Blacker has given you I am afraid I must ask you to see Fraser Roberts who was present throughout the meeting, and during my talk with Blacker afterwards.

If you are thinking of framing counter proposals to be put forward on behalf of the Society, perhaps I had better remind you that the College must have sunk several thousand pounds in building up the Journal to its present position, and that I should not be either able or willing to admit the Society on an equal profit sharing basis without taking full account of this fact. In fact, if the Eugenic Society wants an investment, it had better look for one on the Stock market, but if it wants to give financial support to further Scientific publications on its own subject, to assist the publications of Annals seemed to me a perfectly suitable way of doing so.

Yours sincerely,