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My dear Fisher

It appears that things are not so simple as
either of us wants to make out about
more! E.g. I was present at a meeting (when
you were still ill) when Laydon & Down himself gave
some salient examples of the difficulties the ~~Co~~ or at
least he had had with M. and Blacker
& Gates have both had difficulties; and
certainly all was not well over the "Spinal"
Congress, nor over the affair where Moore's
inducement over the phone apparently lost us a
legacy. Further, I don't think it
correct to say that the alternative was "a
clerk working under Blacker". The only
suggestion I have heard was to get an
intelligent professional woman to do it ^{in time};

alternately there was the possibility of getting
a very able medical man to do it
in his spare time for a fee.

However, the matter appears now to be
put on their new basis, & must be given
its chance.

I may say that neither Pitt Rivers nor
Mr Grant Duff spoke to me about Moore
until after I had formed my own opinion.
— which started on the silly Welby affair.
What does seem to me urgent is that Wellett,
whom I personally like very much, should
come to realize what a sick man he is, &
resign his position. He has become almost
useless as a chairman at a meeting, I fear.
Meanwhile I am glad Macken's suggestion
about pushing forward with investigation of the
'Social Problem Fund' seems to be bearing fruit.
Ever yours
Julian Huxley.

P.S. we are just getting v. extraordinary results with the histology of the eyes
of mutant *Sarcophaga*; albino has no rhabdome or
xtens! only crystalline cones!