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Dear Sir,

Some weeks ago while you were still in America I wrote to the secretary of the American Statistical Association, pointing out that with re-armament decided upon there would almost certainly be new taxation, and that methods greatly enhanced: it then seemed to be an opportunity of influencing public opinion and the government to frame the taxation on economic lines. I referred to the tendency, established by you for ordinary people, for infertility to be wedded to ability, and that therefore one reform
in taxation schemes would be to grade death duties so as to levy lightly the children of a family, and to tax heavily wealth inherited by an only daughter.

I said that through this might be difficult: if Dr. Wilberforce's friend were euthenized and persistent enough, how? 20,000 t. of the public green cane West Indian slaves, could in the society show a like persistence. These types of converting the nation to a cause which affect it much more closely. Dr. Paley's answer was that not all of the council believed in this dependency ability.

I have referred to the tremendous of the present vicissitudes abatement
children - but if the state really wanted income tax payers to have children. Even the worth of £60 (not the full 1.5% it would not expect a parent to have. An assumption the expense per child -

The council suggested that I should get into touch with you on your return - this is why I am writing. Do not know that I am not saying what you have long advocated.

Since then Government have shown (through Mrs. Chamberlain) that they mean to reinforce the nation's health: and here again it seems true that the Society needs, by evidence Government to adopt in addition the temporary aid of
unprime conditions, access to farm fields, etc. some effort to improve the breed, or to have more children born of the better strains in all classes. I emphasize the last two words because I think if we are anxious about heredity, even the Secretary, people immediately jump to the conclusion we think only of social and wealth-distribution (what requires fiscal aloofness) while without doubt we need children of the better ancestry as well as for the better professions. The stronger labours are not for weakening society, but if are much persuaded people that Eugenics want the better in every grade, not merely the
niche people might be more willing to support —-

But the society seems to be missing the point. Instead, the President has in other contexts stressed the importance of good food, exercise, housing, and discipline. It remains for a non-member, Lord Davenport of Peru, to make the observation that the ill health of the nation is largely due to the keeping of an empty wallet.

The Secretary has in the current Review he an article on the population problem without mentioning that there is anything else here.
number do considered. If these reflect the views of the council I can see very serious virtue fell in absolutely deaf ears. But do they?

I am entirely huminum with a different object - it is to make sure that you can persuade the executive to speak eugenically.

Yours truly,
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