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Dear Hutchinson,

I have just received a long letter from Silow, written I understand at your suggestion, giving his qualifications, experience, etc. with a view to the possibility of an appointment at Cambridge. This, in principle, would suit me very well, but I know too little of him personally at present and, apart from what you can tell me, I should need your recommendation if any things were to be done with the University authorities.

The position at present is peculiar in that genetics is disseminated in different departments, and represented very unevenly by persons of varying qualifications. I do not fully know how widely the development of a centralised Department of Genetics will be welcomed, but am reconciled to the notion that there may be occasional obstacles. In any case, I should like to know more about Silow, especially from you, and shall be thinking very seriously of putting him forward for a University appointment.

Yours sincerely,