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Russell

Dear Lamb,

My Department has been forcibly evacuated from its rooms in University College; but, after a fight, it has been possible to maintain it in existence in premises lent to us by Rothamsted. I suppose in time we shall begin sheepishly to creep back to town, telling each other how right we were to take the precaution of evacuation.

Yes, I could look through the two papers by Henry Wood, and you are right in thinking that I should heed a fee for doing so officially. If my report is to be at all brief and to the point, may I suggest that an outline of two opposing views might be drawn up for my guidance, with indications of what objective data each argument claims in its support. I should like to confine my interest to those points that can really be decided, rather than to add a new stratum to the general blather.

Yours sincerely,