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Dear Viktor -

This letter is probably something you can file under the heading of Foolish and Unnecessary Correspondence - but it occurs to me that this is the time of year when we deal with applications from prospective graduate assistants.

I have no reason for thinking the results are less melancholy this year than they have recently been; but just in case there should be some promising applicant not needed for the teaching staff, you might bear in mind that I shall be in need of one or two research assistants next year.

A modicum of chemistry is about the only special requirement.

Should there be any such person, I'd appreciate hearing about him, or her. Also, since I shall have to go back to tissue culture

next year, I would be very much interested in having a tissue culture assistant with you or Rita, if that arrangement should prove useful.

I visited the Natural History Museum in London last Saturday. A guard there, seeing me eyeing a Triceratops skeleton, told me that it was a very old skeleton - they'd had it since 1878. They have an excellent exhibit on the Piltdown story, and another on the latest news in collagen. On the whole, though, the museum is by no means equal to either the American or the Field. It's the British Museum itself that is really worth crossing the Atlantic to see. We have nothing like that.

Nothing much is new here, except I heard this morning that I have a place on the program

at the Groningen meetings - it's
not such a closed shop as the
embryological affair in Brussels.
We have not been able to do
any more with the blastocysts,
since the extreme cold here has
wrecked the reproductive physi-
ology of the rabbits, the unfortunate
animals having to live in
unheated houses. There was a
piano concert here on Sunday
at which an electric blanket
was placed over the keyboard
beforehand, to keep the artist
from freezing his fingers.

Burs wrote last week that royalties
had been paid on the Great Work.
Does that mean it is off the press?
I'm certainly waiting anxiously
to see it.

With all good wishes -
Florence.

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