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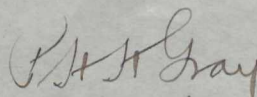
given the rougher type of work. The head of the department and the two assistants are all hereby considerably handicapped in their provision of suitable material for instruction, and also in their own studies that are essential for progress. I would suggest that a technical assistant be made a normal appointment to the department, and that provision be made for space that it would be necessary for him to occupy.

The work of instruction would be considerably facilitated by the reorganisation of certain classrooms to accommodate students more economically. Two available classrooms are at present provided with benches entirely unsuited to work in bacteriology. These should be replaced with benches of a simpler kind, equipped for bacteriological work. One of these rooms, at present accommodating the overflow of material from the attendant's scullery, could be subdivided, for small classes or research, and for the technical assistant.

Research work is in progress in pure bacteriology, closely connected with its application to agriculture and public health, and also in the biochemistry of soils. The former kind of work can be done under the present arrangements, but the soils work is at present done in a room shared with the Professor of Animal Pathology. The biochemical work should be relegated to a basement room, that is at present unavailable, but could easily be made so. This would leave a considerable amount of space that could be relegated to the Professor of Animal Pathology, should he require it.

I have submitted these requests from time to time to the recent Dean. It is only by such reorganisation as we urgently need can we carry on our work as expeditiously and in conformity with the standard we would preserve. These requests are not, I think, unreasonable, and should be regarded as primary for consideration by the head of the College, and I shall welcome the assurance that we may expect to see fulfilment of them in the near future.

Yours very truly,



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Head of Department.

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