

Private.

P.S. - 1.

I quite appreciate the enquiries which you must make, but please do not make it appear as if I had sent in a formal application for the position, which I am not doing. If I were to do this, it would be necessary, I think, for me to resign here first. I know you will appreciate my point. I do not want to be disloyal or underhand with anyone. A direct offer from Sir Arthur would, however, be an entirely different matter, and would be the same position over again as when I received the invitation from here. I had heard from Haldane beforehand, but never had time to answer before the formal letter from the Principal arrived.

If the invitation should come from Sir Arthur, I would much appreciate it if a definite statement could be made about -

1. Scope of work and position.
2. Salary, etc.
3. Pension, if any, and if not, state so.
4. Time of retirement.
5. Anything else of importance in regard to the present
and future.

You will notice that my publications only cover the past ten years; I thought that would be sufficient for your purpose.

J.M.