

My dear Ron

This explains itself. I will let you know the reaction.
Many thanks for your letter received this morning. I
will write a suggested possible letter when I have
checked with Pauline.

Yours
Frank.

23rd May, 1961

Douglas Grant Esq.,
Messrs. Oliver & Boyd Ltd.,
Tweeddale Court,
14 High Street,
Edinburgh 1.

Dear Mr. Grant,

Statistical Tables for Biological, Agricultural and Medical
Research. Fisher and Yates

I have just had the statement for the 1960 sales. At the end of 1960 there were 1791 copies in stock; the sales for 1958, 1959 and 1960 were respectively 1028, 1090, 1218. It therefore appears that this edition is likely to be exhausted in about a year's time from now.

Since the war there has been an interval between each edition and the next when the book has been out of print. If this is to be avoided work ought to be started on a fresh edition in the near future. If this is desired I will discuss the matter with Sir Ronald Fisher who is at present in England. It may be we shall not have any suggestions for new tables, in which case a reprint of the existing edition should be considered.

I think in a standard work of tables of this kind it is very desirable that the book should be continuously available. Allowing it to run out of print does not appear from the figures to affect sales substantially, but it must be very annoying to prospective purchasers to have to wait a year or more for a copy they have ordered.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

F. Yates

Copy to Professor Sir Ronald Fisher.