

From  
The Vice-Chancellor.

THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY,  
BELFAST.

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Dear Fisher,

It is very good of you to lend me this typescript and I greatly enjoyed reading it. Do you think that one of the reasons for Mendel's unique approach to the problem was that he had been a science master at a school and had specialised in physics and mathematics? He would presumably be familiar with the elements of probability and I can think of no other plant breeder who had that mathematical background. It always seems to me significant too that Mendel was appointed to the board of directors of a bank. He presumably had the accountant's flair for keeping his records straight.

I would like to see the publication in which this appears - I assume it is a re-publication of Mendel's original paper. Can you send me the reference so that I can get it?

Yours sincerely,

*Eric Ashby.*