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My dear Fisher,

I was glad to get your letter of April 17th, and think it extremely kind of you to send a copy of your book. I have delayed replying in the hope that I might say something about your arguments, but I must ask you to allow me a little more time to read it again. I have been through it and enjoyed reading it, but I am extremely busy here, and evening leisure is not so plentiful. Dr. Phipps, our geneticist here, has read it with interest, and immediately after its arrival he made use of it in a public lecture he gave.

I am interested to hear of the expansion of your genetic work. Now as regards "pouched mice," I made enquiries at once about the points raised in your letter, although from what little I knew about them I thought there was little hope of success with them. I asked Professor Wood Jones, who used to be here and is an authority on South Australian marsupials. I enclose his letter, from which it would seem not worth while following the matter up. Let me know what you think of it.

We shall be glad to have a visit from Miss Allan.

You are as usual very busy. The bulletin by yourself and Wishart on Plot Technique is much appreciated by workers who have no special knowledge of statistics.

I was pleased to see your letter in Nature showing the fallacy regarding Salisbury and the mortality of seedlings--of course he is an ecologist.

My wife sends warm regards to you and Mrs. Fisher.

Dr. R. A. Fisher.

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We are all well.

Professor Gregory gave the University Fisher lecture on International Finance last night: A full hall. He spoke for 90 minutes, and held the audience. As you will know, the topic is of great interest to Australia at present.

Kindest wishes to everybody.

Yours very sincerely,

James Davidson