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My dear Besse,

It is extremely kind of you to send the cheque, which in English money came to something over £15. It is just the sort of help that my Department needs at a period when the decisions of College authorities are always in doubt, or changing, as it will enable us to take on, or keep, a little extra help where it may be needed, without special official authorisation. It is really most generous of you to interest yourself in keeping us going.

I am glad the farm wood lot analysis has cleared up. The distributions of amount of timber cut and used, as I suppose they are, do look to be of a troublesome kind. If enough hung on it to deserve a good deal of trouble, I should be inclined to treat some or none as a discontinuous variate, to divide the second class as you have done, and to reclassify the whole frequency series on a logarithmic, or even if necessary an inverse scale. This, of course, will need more knowledge than your table now gives of the farms using small quantities, and it may be that there is no sufficiently important analysis that you want to carry out on the distribution to warrant treating them in this way, e. g., total amounts of timber may be more important than numbers of farmers.

P.T.O.

Mrs Fisher was delighted to hear from you, and she and the family are all well. We are hoping to-day to entertain Dugué, whom I think you met, and who was recently in Lille - a very particularly hot spot - a week or so ago. We are immensely relieved that he is now safely in England.

Yours sincerely,