

13th January, 1954.

My dear Henry,

Thanks for your long letter about the book on Medical Genetics.

I will only venture ~~two~~ suggestions, especially as one of them is rather troublesome. This one is that the list of conditions proposed as probably unifactorial should be accompanied, in the entry, with a reference to some writer who has found adequate grounds for proposing the unifactorial interpretation. In many cases the grounds will have been inadequate, but you as author of the textbook, would have done your duty by referring the reader to some tolerably reputable source. I would not, of course, try to make these references exhaustive, e.g. one might refer either to Hurst or to Davenport in the matter of blue versus brown eyes. This would, of course, double the length of your list, perhaps more than double it, but at the moment I do not know what the medical student should do on seeing number 27, neurofibromatosis, if he wants to know more about the evidence for heredity.

My second suggestion is simpler, and that is that a separate

section, perhaps section A, should be devoted to the human blood groups. All except I think J_K (Kidd) are, I believe, available in the first edition of Race and Sanger's book, though of course you would use the second if it were available in time for your revision. The kind of point for which one needs recent information is whether there is one or more available antibodies for such a system as F_y (Duffy).

When are you coming down here.

Yours sincerely,