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JHG

My dear Ron,

Thank you very much for your letter. Excuse, if you will, my delay in reply. I am starting up my Genetics show (financed, as you know, by Nuffield) on October 1st and am pretty busy. From that date on I shall have secretary, so such delay should not occur after: up to then, I am managing myself.

Yes, I dislike these compound books also. But that is the thing Julian longs for and has asked me to help him to get. Apart from the fact that I do not feel he has had the recognition he deserves, I owe him so much that when he asks my assistance to obtain that particular form of recognition, the least I can do is to support him.

If I interpret your paragraph correctly, you mean that you do not like such books but that you are prepared to contribute an article to this one for Julian's sake. Please let me know if that is so. Naturally it would give him immense pleasure, as

he so long to have a ~~book~~ book of Essays
dedicated to him.

How good of you, I should love to
come and visit you in Cambridge. May I give
you dates to select from when I see how my
show here is setting off? I would write about
this early in October. I am giving also you
kind invitations to Michie and Sheppard. I
know how much they will value them.

Re the Brit. Assn., I think your
suggestion of a combined "Biometry and Genetics"
Section is excellent. I should favour it.

Personally I would prefer the double title rather
than "Biometry" with a "gentleman's agreement" that
Genetics should be well represented within it: we
may reach the day when Gentlemen are rare.
However, I do think such a Section would be a
good thing: not that I see much of the Brit.
Assn. myself, for it tends to clash with Tsam
(which I consider the higher priority).

Thank you so much for your invitation: as I
say, may I write about this in a week or two
when I see how my new adventure is going.

Yours ever,
Henry