

3rd. November 1949.

My dear Henry,

Many thanks for your letter and your invitation to stay a night with you in Oxford and attend Wright's address.

As trains now stand I should, I think, be able to arrive in Oxford at 2.36 pm Thursday afternoon, and if I could leave by the 10.15 train on Friday morning I should be in time for my own lecture at 5 p.m. on that day. I should greatly like to hear the Oxford zoologists questioning Wright, and especially the disappearing trick behind a smoke screen.

My mice have been particularly exciting lately, with new linkages which clear up the old and apparently intractable question of polydactyly and its modifiers. It is all much too long for a letter, but perhaps Michie would consider whether he cannot spend a weekend down here with a view to getting the lowdown and giving himself an opportunity of knowing in advance what will be available in all probability, let us say, next year, when the process of physically disentangling the ingredients may have made some progress. I think also he would not have yet heard of the further linkages in the VIIth. linkage group. I have material from Hagedoorn's bayonet, hind legs now in abundance if he would like it, but

I have not yet recognised these characters reappearing, and they may really be more difficult than Hagedoorn's account suggested.

Yes, I was able to say something on Michie's behalf.

I wonder if you have any time in view for making me a visit yourself. I expect we shall have a dinner party with ladies in January, but of course any time at which you saw your way to spend two or three nights here I should enjoy it very much.

Sincerely yours,