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Dear Fisher,

My understanding of the general position regarding the Darwin Research Studentships of the Eugenics Society is that the second Studentship was instituted, like the first, on the understanding that each would be the beginning of a series. The second series was, in my understanding, to be devoted to the general subject of racial crossing, a field of research which might profitably be carried on for many years if suitable investigators were found. This, however, is only my understanding of what was intended. I gather that Trevor is planning to devote another year to this work, and he certainly needs a knowledge of genetics. I shall be giving this term a course of about six lectures on genetics to Honours students of the University in Botany. Unfortunately this course is limited both by the nature of the students and by the fact that I am planning to leave for India early in December. But he might gain something by attending these lectures. Unfortunately the conditions will preclude me from dealing with genetics in man.

While I am writing, you will no doubt remember I showed you a large amount of statistical material, some 120,000 measurements of petal length in *Oenothera*, two or three years ago. I was then hoping that time would be available for preparing it for publication. Many other calls on my time have, however, prevented anything being done. I feel that such an extensive series of measurements ought to be valuable. The original raw data are all in existence and the note books can ultimately be presented to the Natural History Museum for their collection. As I see no opportunity of devoting much time to the publication of this material I wondered whether you would not be willing to take over these tables of results, deal with them statistically and publish them in any way you like, either jointly or otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

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