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Dear Professor,

I don't know whether you noticed an article in Nature of December 20th. last, bringing up the Russian genetics controversy again.

It was written by a man named Espinasse who appeared to have little knowledge of genetics and was very critical of genetical theory. He seemed to have an outlook very much like that of Lyssenko. I think that if allowed to go unchallenged it might have a bad effect on genetics in this country, apart from any damage that Lyssenko has done in Russia.

In consequence I was inspired to write the enclosed, which I propose to offer to Nature. I should, however, very much like to have your opinion on it, both from the point of view of whether it is a fair presentation of the case for genetics, and also from the point of view of whether I have been too rude or insufficiently rude.

Yours sincerely,

*K. Martin*

P.S. My book goes to the publishers tomorrow.