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Dear Saleman,

Thanks for your letter. ^{hence} I ~~have~~ to advise you about the R.S. Dining Club. Of course the central difficulty is that if it were much bigger ^{there may be} ~~it would become~~ too many to dine together easily in such places as the Athenaeum and Brown's, where it has hitherto met. I was much disappointed with the attitude of the officers at our last meeting; there being formally no place to fill they obviously were not prepared to discuss such simple modifications of our rules which would in fact have allowed at least a few elections. Probably this will be changed next year, and I have several friends whose claims to consideration I should wish to put forward.

In the present state of the evidence I do not think the composition of the American cultivated cottons can be ignored, even if it shatters a good deal of archeological conviction. In fact we must admit culture contact including settlement, though perhaps at a period before maize and wheat were developed, or at least before they were widely cultivated. Of course an immense amount of archeological prejudice against this view was engendered by the rather preposterous claims of diffusionists, as represented by "the Children of the Sun", (

It will be great to have you as President of Section H. You are right that de Candolle has now to be rewritten, and I suggest that he is being rewritten genus by genus according as the spotlight of genetical research is turned to one or another.

Sincerely yours,