

8th, November 1949.

My dear Salaman,

Ever since seeing it I have been wanting to write to congratulate you on your really magnificent book on the potato. Of course I have not read nearly all of it, but I have read quite enough to see what a fine contribution you have made to the scholarship of genetic literature.

I find myself welcoming enormously that current movement in Genetics which aims expressly at elucidating the history of cultivated plants, and which is illustrated, apart from your own book, by a really delightful little work of Hutchinson, Silow and Stephens on Gossypium, and I should also include Edgar Anderson's Introgressive Hybridization as an application of Genetics of the same kind, though this is not taxonomically specialised. With the appearance of such books as these and yours the spade work of an enormous mass of genetic investigations has really reached its fruition.

Yours sincerely,