

23rd, June, 1951.

My dear Lucia,

It was nice of you to think of sending the photographs and your long explanatory letter.

As to your resignation, if you feel this is inevitable, I think you will have to write something direct to the Secretary of the General Board, or to the Registrar of the University, because if I remember right, last time I communicated any information of the kind to one of these functionaries I was informed that they had to get the information direct from the person concerned. Of course, I suppose this is just *the* *habitual* rudeness cultivated by our academic bureaucracy, so I would not waste more than a post-card on them.

About Cynthia, I had of course no idea of suggesting that her further studies should be supported from the Italian Institute. Her plans at the moment are somewhat fluid, and she may go to Africa as an University teacher without proceeding to her Ph.D. What I had in mind was, if she wished to complete this course in my department, that part of her time ought in my opinion to be spent with you in Italy, where I imagine she will be expected to pay Bench and Supervision fees and not to be an expatriate mendicant.

I like very much your tests on the mutation <sup>to</sup> of chloro-  
mycetin resistance. The three simultaneous items of positive

correlation for numbers, positive correlation for intensity and zero correlation between numbers and intensity seem to supply evidence which should shake even Minshelwood. I think myself that it would be worth while seeing personally whether he is really impregnable to reason or perhaps is capable of seeing that whatever may be the case in other examples, in this case the evidence is against the views he has on the whole so far favoured.

With best wishes to yourself and your family.

Sincerely yours,