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Dear Dr. Fisher:

Dr. Hayes and I are working on a book on "Methods of Plant Breeding." The first draft of all but three chapters has been written. Now we are beginning the task of revising and putting the material in final form. We rather hope that the book can be completed by July 1. That depends to a great extent on how much we are interrupted by other work. During the winter we have over 30 graduate students in our division. This spring that number has shrunk to 20.

Dr. Hayes and I would like to obtain permission from you and your publishers to reprint some of the tables, such as "t", X^2 and table V.A., given in your "Statistical Methods for Research Workers." You very kindly gave Dr. Hayes permission to reprint these tables in the book on "Methods of Plant Breeding" which he had published in China. For the present book we started from the material given in the Chinese book and are revising and amplifying very materially. I've written a chapter on statistical methods for some of the simpler problems confronting the plant breeder.

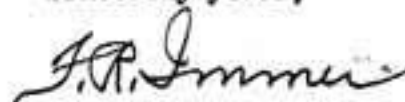
I am writing to Messrs. Oliver and Boyd also, requesting permission to reprint the tables from your book and will tell them that I have written to you directly. We shall be glad to state our acknowledgments for the use of these tables.

I should like very much to attend your lectures in North Carolina this summer but can't leave the field work here. It is my hope that we may be able to meet somewhere during your visit to this country,

The leading articles in our papers deal almost entirely with the war situation. One can obtain the latest news over the radio every hour. Sentiment in this country has always been strongly opposed to the Axis powers. Last fall there was a good deal of sentiment toward no active participating in the war. However, that has changed rapidly, particularly since Congress passed the "Lend-Lease" bill. American sentiment now is toward an "all out" effort to aid Britain in putting down the Axis menace. Industry is being geared as rapidly as possible toward war status.

With best regards to yourself and family, and all of our other friends in England.

Sincerely yours,



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