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Dear Miss Allan:

I was glad to get your Christmas letter telling me that the offprints had duly arrived. I am glad you are finding them useful. The chief points in the fourth edition of Statistical Methods are:— (i) a historical note to replace the portion of the introduction which formerly dealt with the tables previously available for tests of significance, and which struck me as having outlived its usefulness; (ii) the appendix on technical notation and formulae at the end of Chapter III has been re-written with a view to introducing the  $\kappa$  notation and tidying up, as far as possible, the confusion into which people have got through a loose use of the term semi-invariants; (iii) a freer use of the covariance throughout the book and a special section on the analysis of covariance, which I found to be useful in a large number of different problems.

The children are all well at the moment, and Mrs. Fisher, and <sup>we</sup> I both send you our good wishes for the new year. A

Mr. Christian, whom I expect you know in connection with wheat research, is working at the Lab. at the moment chiefly on experimental design problems. In addition there is a rubber man from India, as well as a native Indian, who is concerned with cotton, and I am immediately expecting a mathematical pupil of Hotelling's from the States, and another Dutchman to follow in Justesen's footsteps. I suppose you couldn't put <sup>me</sup> in touch with a Mexican or a Maori to complete the collection?

If you run across a bright zoologist who knows anything about pouched mice don't let the opportunity slip.

Yours sincerely,