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Dear

For many years it has been apparent at meetings of the British Association that the traditional structure gives no place to modern Statistics or Biometry although from time to time, in one connection or another, the subject has not been unrepresented, e.g. a special meeting of Section A^{**} has been held on experimental design.

As Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for Genetics, I understand that a move will be made this year to establish a Genetical section. I do not believe that professional geneticists in this country are sufficiently numerous to make such a section a success. It would, in any case, be exposed to considerable obstruction from the sections of Zoology and Botany.

With, I hope, your consent and approbation, I propose to suggest a section in which both geneticists and biometricians would feel at home. It might be called "Biometry and Genetics", but perhaps a better designation can be found with the general field of quantitative Biology and the special function of providing what the Association has hitherto lacked in respect of Statistics and Genetics. (Of course, Statistics is mentioned in the title of Section F, Economics and Statistics, and it is just this sort of thing which is preventing any more modern development of the subject.)

Please let me know how you feel about all this.

Yours sincerely,