

30th. May 1947.

My dear Chester,

Thanks for your letter and the information you can give me. I am most excited to hear of the Toastmaster actually being on its way.

I think your plans are very good for a meeting at Woods Hole. I am not quite sure what topic I could best offer, but perhaps, as you mention current work in this department, "a quantitative theory of genetic recombination" might be to the point, though perhaps there are now no geneticists haunting Woods Hole. Anyway, we can probably vary the subject at short notice.

You will remember that the Washington business starts on the 6th. I hope you and other biometricians will be there in force, for the reasons I put before the group at the Mountain session. I doubt if the Statistical Institute members inside or outside the United States comprise many statisticians interested in biological applications. The fact is that leading American non-official statisticians should get together with determination to get at least ten or a dozen of their number elected into the Institute. This would give quite a new complexion to the prospect of the Institute being of service to the world in the future.

Yours sincerely,