

17th November, 1954.

My dear Hanson, *thanks for your letter:-*

a) The title of my paper for next term will not be "On Choosing between Statistical Hypotheses", but "Statistical Methods and Scientific Induction".

b) It is not in any sense an answer to Professor Braithwaite's paper, which I have not yet seen or heard, but was written about six months ago.

c) Professor Braithwaite has had it with the opportunity to see and read it, and may include any answer he wishes to make in his address next Monday.

d) In my view understanding, especially of logical questions of any intricacy, is not furthered by acrimonious dispute such as I presume, from your letter, is being organized. I am glad to think that you expect to have a good audience for one, or both, of these meetings, but the statement on the fixture card is sufficiently misleading, as it stands, to need a careful explanation from you, at the beginning of Professor Braithwaite's address, with no implication that I have consented to anything like public debate with Professor Braithwaite, or have done more

than to accept your invitation to open the discussion next Monday, and to give an entirely independent paper for which you have found a date next term, I believe on January 17th.

Incidentally, I do not know what "statistical hypotheses" are, though I often discuss the position of hypotheses in the natural sciences.

Sincerely yours,