

4th August, 1951.

My dear Cyril,

I do not know whether you or any others from Bayfordbury will be attending the British Association meeting in Edinburgh. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter from me to the members of the committee of the Biometric Society proposing the formation of a new section of Biometry and Genetics.

I fear that if a section of Genetics only were to be formed now it would get immediately into difficulties, partly owing to the comparatively small group of professional geneticists in the country and partly owing to the diversity of their temperaments. The inclusion of Biometry would have, I feel sure, a stabilising influence, and of course, many people have common interests in both subjects.

It would be particularly important, if a new section were formed, to have as one of its officers, Secretary or Recorder, a geneticist such as D. Lewis, and I should be glad if you cared to pass this letter on to him so that he too can consider the matter. The absence of specific sections for Statistics in the scientific sense, and for Genetics has been for a long while felt at the British Association, and has encountered the usual obstacles represented by the word Statistics in the title of Section F, and by the immediate proposal of a sub-section of Section K as likely to meet the needs of Genetics.

Of course, both of these are worth less than nothing.

Yours sincerely,

Copy of circular to Bionics Committee enclosed.