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Dear Professor Darmois,

It would be indeed a great pleasure to me to visit Paris during the Spring of next year, a season at which I believe the city is more than usually attractive. I should be happy to take part, or indeed to initiate a discussion at a conference either of mathematicians or of experimentalists who may have become interested in my ideas. I am, however, quite incapable of speaking French - or, at least, of composing impromptu in that language. May I therefore, if it conforms with your regulations, suggest that I should send you the manuscript in English of a dissertation of perhaps half an hour's duration, and, if you will prepare a French copy of the same, I should be prepared to attempt to read it, though with a sufficiently ridiculous pronunciation.

As to the subject, or subjects, however, I must ask you to make choice according to the interests of the group to be gathered for

a) genetics; and the mathematical theory of selection might interest a group apprised of my work by the excellent little book of Monsieur L'Heritier, while

b) there may be experimentalists whom Professor Cuffrenoy has already interested in my views on the Design

of Experiments, apart from

c) mathematicians concerned with the fundamentals of mathematical statistics. For the latter I might suggest as an appropriate title

"Is uncertainty always of the same kind?"

I shall expect to return from India about the 18th February. You will understand that I shall have much to attend to on my return. I see that Easter next year is on April 17th, and perhaps you will let me know how you would like my visit to stand in relation to this date.

Yours sincerely,