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Dear Mr. Sisam:

If you think it worth while you might send the book along you speak of, either in MS. or proof, on the chance that I could say something useful, without taking more time than I could afford.

This sounds a poor offer, but I really cannot undertake more at the present time. I have seen enough of published ecological work to know that it encounters distinctly difficult mathematical problems, which seem never yet to have been properly formulated; and that I hope to see someone come along to put the statistics on a sound basis. Bailey and Nicholson might have done this, in which case they would have made a first class contribution to their subject, but I fear it is more probable that I shall have to say that the statistical methods are wholly inadequate, though perhaps no worse than those usually applied to the subject.

Yours sincerely,