

25th. August 1949.

My dear Cyril,

I am sorry I did not answer your letter more fully in respect to what Grant says. I do not know whether he has yet answered your question 5 on cost of production. Of course I agree with you that his publishing department are mistaken and that we undertook a total obligation of £250 each, on the understanding that the continuance of the journal should be discussed after five years running. We should have met at the end of four years, and could then consider whether the Royal Society or some other source should be applied to to maintain the journal. The stock of back numbers is, of course, a considerable asset, and their sale a continuous source of income, which must be taken into account at this time.

I should very much like to read the papers you have sent to me for Heredity, but as I am on the eve of departure for Switzerland for some weeks I think it will be better to give a blind approval at once so as not to risk any delay in their publication. I am therefore having them returned to you now.

I understand that Mather sent Bennett's address to me for our journal, and I think it might well be published there.

Yours sincerely,

*Encl.: 3 papers.
Dr Grant's letter to Dr Darlington*

In manuscript:

Thanks for your fine new book. I feel rather conscience stricken about the agouti story in mice, though you quite properly make it clear that it was a conjecture only, subject to experiemntal test. Still it would have been a better example if the linkage test had revealed an inversion.

I find now that I have over 2000 backcrosses with a, un, we pa, and that the other four, kr, a, un, we is doing better than I expected. The discontinuity between the age sensitive region to the left of un, and the sex sensitive region to the right is as strong as ever. The four intercepts together are only about 20 cM, so you will not be surprised that I have still no certain double crossover.