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My dear Dufresnoy,

It is a great pleasure to hear from you again, after all these years. I had not heard that you were in the United States. I understand that you are in so pleasant a place as Monterey, where I stayed for some time in 1936.

You have perhaps heard that I have moved to Cambridge as Professor of Genetics, a chair formerly held by W. J. Punnett. I find myself well placed here, though during the War the development of the Department must be slow.

As you kindly ask after my family, all my daughters are doing well, but about a year ago I lost my elder son, a fighter pilot in the Air Force. The shock is over now, but a certain sombreness seems to go on permanently.

I am interested to hear of your sister's work. As to publication, I could consult literary friends here as to the most suitable journal. If she is not publishing in the United States,

I expect for myself to be away for some time in the East until next spring.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,