

July 4, 1942

My dear Henry,

I am exceedingly sorry that we shall not have you with us this week end. My Lythrum is beginning to flower; but I have nothing from the test pregenies yet.

Yes , I can come to Oxford on Friday, 10th, as you suggest. I have a Committee in town in the morning, and could catch the 4.45, or indeed an earlier train if that suited you better.

I have just had your letter of Friday. I should suspect that the hope was to supplant Mather, on the ground that his term of office had expired. Perhaps you will be writing to de Beer yourself. I wonder who induced him to take this step.

Yours sincerely,

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1942.

My dear Fisher,

All is going according to plan. Callinophora dominata has just started to emerge. I went up to the locality yesterday and, in two hours, caught 6 and saw about 4 others flying which I could not capture. When the insect is well out one should be able to catch three or four dozen in that time. All these insects were in good condition, and one of them produced emergence-fluid when I caught it. Last year my first catch was on the 15<sup>th</sup> when I took 48. Evidently the species had been coming out for some days then, and it was a considerably later season.

Of the 6 caught yesterday, 5 were normal and 1 (slightly deformed) was a heterozygote. I marked and released them all.

It is quite likely that a few may come out each day for a few days yet before the insect becomes common. At this rate, I expect it to remain really abundant up to about July 20<sup>th</sup>.

I had intended to go up this afternoon after my X-ray photograph. But the weather is hopeless.

So disappointing. When it is reasonably warm, and the  
hired is common, one can get it on a dull day  
and even in the rain. But now it is bitterly cold,  
with a furious wind and little sends of rain at  
intervals. All the insects will be hiding down at the  
roots of the vegetation, and it would be a hopeless  
task to hunt for them.

Ever yours.

Henry