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My dear Fisher,

Thank you so much  
for your letter. I am sorry  
you had bad luck too with  
the Walker in Argyll. Generally  
it is rather less bad on the  
mainland than on the islands,  
and I hope this was so. I did  
not realize that you too were  
going to be in that part of the  
world.

It is by no means

unlikely that you saw a Mountain  
Kinglet there. It is, as you  
say, well known to occur in the  
Ben Nevis region, and in the  
Rannoch district of Perthshire (where  
I have found it myself), but  
it has been recorded as rather  
widely spread in the mountainous  
parts of Angles.

The Scotch form is  
recognizably distinct from that of  
the Lake District (where I know  
the species well): it is the larger  
and better marked. Of course the  
two localities are completely out-

off from one another. You see the  
neck of hills, which connect the  
mountains of England and Scotland  
East of Gilsland, are not high  
enough to support this mass.  
(Though they must have been for  
long after the last glacial period).

You have seen our  
difficulties over keeping a dog in  
the department in a very sympathetic  
manner. I will make inquiries  
in regard to homes for bitches,  
and report to you.

I take it you are  
at present having a holiday,

you are more lucky with the  
water this time!

Blount (Director of  
the Glass Research Laboratory)  
and I have a paper on the  
pigments of the Lepidoptera nearly  
complete.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
E. B. Ford