

February 12th 1954.

My dear Ron,

Thank you for all your delightful kindness and great-hospitality. My visit has been a very real pleasure, as well as being most-useful to me. And how good of you to take me to that-enjoyable dinner last-night.

What-a pleasure it-is to see all advancing so splendidly in your laboratories. You know, I think, how much I admire the work. Our talks together have been immensely valuable to me. It was nice too that we had that-quiet-undisturbed railway journey on which we could discuss things further.

I feel greatly encouraged by your favourable opinion of the précis of work and writing that I put before you. Also it-is rather a thrill to me that-you by no means turn down, but-favour and encourage, my scheme for a book on "Ecological Genetics".

People will dislike it - and say that it is premature (as, in a sense, a book on a "growing-point" in science always will be), but that matters not at all to me if I have your approval. If it stimulates some people to work on the lines we have in mind, it will, I think, have done some good.

I look forward so much to your visit here in the Spring. If you could come soon after your return from Princeton, say in early May, Kettlewell should be back and, although that seems some time ahead, there would be great value in this.

With my very real thanks for your hospitality and encouragement.

Yours always,
Howard