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My dear Ron,

First, I am glad to tell you that Michie has got a Studentship from the Medical Research Council. Since this is for £350 income-tax free, together with all fees paid (and the M.R.C. interpret this rather widely), it is by no means too bad. I do not know whether they bothered you for a Report. But whether they did so or not, your support will have contributed materially to his award. For it would make a lot of difference to know that you were prepared to speak for a Candidate, whether or not they felt it necessary actually to write to you about him.

Secondly, Sewall Wright is in England, and Hardy has asked him to come and address the Zoology Department here. The arrangement is that the Speaker lets off his stuff, and then the meeting is open for questions, discussion, and criticism. You see what will happen.

It would be regarded here as a great honour if you were to attend and speak. I should do my best to keep "our" end up. But I have done that with Wright before, not so well as you would, but I have much more than held my own. When he sees that things are going against him, he retreats behind his mathematics whence I cannot dig him out! It would be grand indeed if you would consent to come and help.

The occasion is three weeks next <sup>Thursday</sup> ~~Monday~~ (November 24th) at 5 p.m.

I would, with so much pleasure, put you up for the night (and the one before, if you could spare the time). I have arranged, long ago, to go to Somerset from the 25th to 28th and so would have to leave on the Friday morning. But that does not interfere in any way.

There is no need to say what a great pleasure it would be to have you - and your support!

I am getting a fine new invertebrate animal house for invertebrate genetics.

Yours ever,