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My dear Lord:

I was glad to have your letter, but really sorry for the news you gave. It must be sickening to see work such as you had built up in the paddy experiments, turned over to a new man with no special qualifications.

If consultant work attracts you I believe you could get all you wanted, by using the next three years to publish expositions and discussions of the randomised methods, as applied to tropical crops, as Maskell and Beckett have done, and as doubtless Eden is doing. Travelling in U.S.A last summer, I saw something of the very eager demand there is for definite and coherent advice ~~from~~ ^(i.e. the crops) someone who knows what he is talking about, and can grasp the system of the newer replicated arrangements.

Most Planters' Associations and Growing Corporations already half know that their field trials are largely waste of money, and need only be told so and why, to take quite a new interest in the subject.

Yours sincerely,