

10th. January, 1943.

My dear Mother,

Your publishers have just sent me, the complimentary copy of your new book, and I am just beginning to realise what a lot of useful stuff you have been able to put into it. I should hope and think that it might be a great success. "Something of that will depend I think on how far the mere sight of Algebraic expressions will intimidate your readers; for of course the very process of breaking an argument up into very small and easy steps does, if each step is represented symbolically, lead to a great proliferation of printed symbols. However, it may well be that Biologists are really more ready to read symbolism if intelligently arranged, than would appear from the cries of alarm they will emit on seeing it.

Tell La Cour I am bearing his need in mind, but what with Mrs. Molt's being still ill, and a Lab. boy just left, I am not well placed for wrestling with the mere details of sorting the stuff out and sending it off. He could of course pick it up here any time if he cared to come over.

For my part I should think reference to *Lythrum* cytology very

much strengthened if we could say anything new on our own account. On Darlington's current view, I understand, the haploid number is thought to be ten, rather than five, which raises the question of why Hilde gives five as this number. I do hope that Darlington's confidence is justified that the cytology can be cleared up in parallel with the genetics, as it certainly is a most interesting case.

Yours sincerely,