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Dear Mather,

Of course I agree entirely to your use of the tables. I am sorry I have not taken any previous opportunity of saying so in writing.

As to the sheltering question, I imagine the disadvantage which accrues to a potential, but not incarnate, homozygote must be due to interaction of other factors with that for heterostyly itself. I do not think there is any ground for expecting in the neighbourhood of the S locus an accumulation of genes having unconditionally any deleterious effect; but throughout the whole germ plasma there may well have accrued genes which react less favourably with SS than with the other two phases of the heterostyly factor.

I am glad Blackman is inclined to a more reasonable view of the position of the B.W.C. than appeared from Waddington's letter. I suppose by now you have received the copy of my reply which I sent you. I was afraid Waddington's outburst was the result of an indignation meeting by the B.W.C. Committee, or Executive, or whatever they have, and the poor thing would have to be left to stew in its own juice. If saner counsels prevail, I think we might reasonably appoint a representative, though this will waste ~~some~~ some of his time, and it is far from obvious that any but the most

indirect advantage will ever accrue to the society.

Yours sincerely,