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Dear Eden,

Thanks for your letter. I agree with you that the main point which Sander's paper showed, and which he ought to have emphasised is that it is not worth while doing preliminary uniformity trials on the experimental area. Time is valuable as well as precision, and precision can be got with less labour by increased replication.

You are quite right also that Mercer and Hall ought to have averaged the square values, though it does not make a great difference.

I have missed your last point after rereading the paragraph. A sample of figures would help.

I hope your family stands the rain well. Is there enough to do indoors?

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

I met Jodoin for half a minute, but did not discuss your experiment. Of course you are right that at the present stage a combinational explanatory experiment is needed, though the Latin square will probably come in usefully later when the trials have been narrowed down. It may be, however, that a knowledge of field experimentation and one would not expect him to realise this.

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