27th June, 1957.

My dear David,

For further guidance I am wanting to say distinctly that opportunities for research are the attraction.

As you say, I should have no difficulty at Caius or at Rothamsted of going on with the work, in which more and more extensive fields continually open up, of pointing out faulty and misleading methods now taught to students. There is surely a lifetime's work in front of me there, but it is less agreeable than doing a bit towards clarifying the situation in one of the natural sciences, where the application of statistical methods is not bogged down with all the pedantic verbiage that seems to be necessary in mathematical departments, and it seems to amount to no more than finding excuses for replacing known competent methods by less adequate ones. If you want to forget that a test of significance is liable to be invalid if based on inefficient estimation, it seems to be sufficient to speak of it as a non-parametric test.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature: Ronald]