September 7th, 1930.

Dear Fisher,

Many thanks for sending me your papers. All are most valuable, but your neat exposure of Pearson pleases me particularly. It is extraordinary; he does not seem to think on scientific lines! To talk about his dogs in that vague way is, I am afraid, the sort of thing likely to bring discredit on Biology.

I have an uncomfortable feeling that I have never written to tell you that I have read your new book with great profit and real pleasure. I hope you will allow me to say that its publication marks a definite advance in Biological knowledge, for I do so sincerely. Frankly a good deal of Ch. 4 is beyond me so far as method is concerned, though the results are plain enough.

There are a number of points in it which I should like to discuss, but I hope to be able to do so personally. I trust we can meet soon. Do you ever come to Oxford? If so, remember I could always put you up for the night, and should be delighted. But I must
mention your observations in regard to blending inheritance and Johannsen's work; very neat and important. I greatly appreciate the very kind way in which you have mentioned me.

I see that Statistical Methods for Research Workers has reached a 3rd edition; splendid! By the way, in the not unlikely event of another edition of the new book, I have noted just one or two misprints which I could let you have (but you are practically certain to have spotted them too!).

Yours sincerely,

C. B. Ford

The bibliography makes a magnificent list.