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Dear Sir Ronald,

Thank you for your letter of 9 March. We shall, of course, be delighted to welcome your party of Part II students and 4 June would, I think, be the best day for us. I have made a note of it and we will fix the exact time a little later.

I was extremely interested to see the memorandum which you kindly sent, and I am in wholehearted agreement with your suggestion. From the point of view of the Botanic Garden, we would welcome having a collection like that in Cambridge and we could, I am sure, co-operate with it to the benefit of both of us. We have in mind, for example, establishing in the new part of the Botanic Garden a series of demonstration beds of plants of interest in experimental taxonomy, and if there was a "Genetical Collection" in Cambridge we could, no doubt, get interesting material from time to time for such demonstration beds. On the other hand we could, no doubt, help with the propagation of material and in other ways that would be of assistance to the Genetical Garden. If I can be of any help in forwarding the scheme, I shall be very glad to do so. I am sure that it is best to keep it quite separate from the general Botanic Garden as the very specialized aims of the Genetical Garden would tend to get swamped at a Botanic Garden.

Yours sincerely,

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Director.