January 27, 1942

Dear McClean,

It was good to have your letter of November 26th, which has, however, taken two months to reach here. Since then the United States has entered the war, not indeed unaniomously, but, I think, wholeheartedly. I liked the phrase of a Canadian wireless commentator, soon after the Japanese attack, that "we rejoice that our great and good neighbour has now found peace of mind in wholehearted cooperation in the common cause." Peace of mind seemed a good phrase, and I think very true in the circumstances.

I and some others ventured this year to put up Nebulanobis for the Royal; but, owing to some letters going astray, the Committee had little information to go on, and he will not be seriously considered this year. I am glad to have your information about Kosambi, but in his case I could scarcely take any initiative, as his work in statistics is not considerable, however good his geometry may be.

I was glad to see that Horton's 7 x 7 squares was found to be readable, for he had taken a lot of trouble in writing it up clearly. I was very glad to hear that Kosambi had been continuing to work on the technique of fitting; for, though it is not everybody's subject,
it is none the less valuable to everybody that some few should have the patience to work at it. I find a book of tables supplies an excellent nucleus for a course in statistics, for capacity to use the tables correctly, and familiarity with them are almost invariably wanted in any applied problem. I am not sure which paper of Irwin's you refer to; his later papers were a good deal better than his earlier ones on biological assay, but as the subject is intrinsically an important one and illustrates very well the practical difficulties of many sorts to which statistical methods have to adapt themselves, I am sending, under separate cover, a pocket of 9 papers by an American, C.I. Bliss, who worked for some time at the Galton Laboratory. Bliss is not primarily a mathematician, but supplies what mathematician most need, extensive knowledge of the experimental conditions and a most valuable urge to formulate the procedure appropriate to each of the several kinds of question which toxicological data are capable of answering. I hope you will find these useful.

Yours sincerely,

The Great Array of Insulin [C. I. Bliss]
Factorial Design, Covariance in the
Biological Assay of Vitamin D.
Comparison of Osteum of Newborn... [H. R. Marcus]

Exp. Spray Testing
Quantitative aspects of Biological Assay
The Array of Parathyroid extract from the
Serum Calcium day
The major factor in the action of the vitamin upon
among hormones
Osteum of Osteum of Potency 7 day chicks
Bliss
Bliss
Bliss

Broadbent
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Bliss
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Rose