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Dear Father,

Thanks for your letter. If you learn anything further of  
Timiryazev, I should, of course, be glad to hear it, though, as  
you say, there is nothing to build high hopes on. It is only too  
common, both in England and abroad, for biological writers, even  
those capable of meticulous care and self-criticism in matters of  
factual detail, to be entirely without these restraints in abstract  
or theoretical statements.

Levit, however, who had, I think, a central laboratory in  
Moscow on human genetics, was lecturing on the Genetical Theory very  
soon after its publication, and had a panel, I suppose of his students,  
at work on its translation into Russian. I remember being offered  
1000 copies, apparently in compensation for the infringement of  
copyright. I remember it because they were only available at the  
expense of visiting Russia where they could be expended. Anyway,  

my book was well known in Russia quite early.

Yours sincerely,