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Dear Fraser Roberts,

Yes, I duly received your book from the Oxford Press, and have asked Taylor, who is now working at Cambridge under the Medical Research Council, to review it, if he will, for the Annals. I should like him to do it, as it ought to be done by someone with real knowledge of medical teaching.

I did not realise that it was intended to wind up the Burden Trust on Mrs Burden’s death; but I am glad to hear that it will rise from its ashes, and I hope it will give you adequate opportunities for carrying on your work.

I saw in the Times the other day, in connection with the Queen’s visit to Bristol, that Her Majesty was told — I hope truly — that Bristol had registered no less than 30,000 blood donors and were hard at work getting more. Taylor and I have been collecting data on blood group frequencies obtained by the blood transfusion service from different centres in England and Scotland, but I think we have not yet had any from Bristol. I wonder if you could tell me who to write to, or, better still, if you know the man in charge
let him know that we should be sorry to leave out of our compilation, which we shall soon be thinking of publishing, any such considerable number as you seem to have collected.

For various good and adequate reasons, we are tabulating frequencies separately for men and women, so that each centre actually supplies us with eight frequencies for the four blood groups and the two sexes. Apart from Taylor's work, we are, of course, not getting any subdivision of $A_1$ and $A_2$.

At a recent Pathological meeting in Cambridge we were able to exhibit over 100,000 cases, which showed a very beautiful trend from North to South in the frequency of the $A$ gene.

Yours sincerely,