My dear Helen, 

Many thanks for your long letter with your introductions to Margaret Hardy, Des Dowling and G.A. Macintyre. I expect you have already given them any encouragement they need to look me up here, and, of course, I hope you will never hesitate to send anyone of the kind along. If they do chance to turn up at my lectures I shall at least know who they are.

I am only just back from the States, where I have been since the beginning of September. It seems to be relevant to your statistical society problem that we did form at a Woods Hole conference an International Biometric Society, which should have at least this advantage over the statistical societies that it will not be flooded with administrative economists. Belz, whom I expect you know for he certainly spoke of you, is, I think, taking the initiative in forming an Australian regional organisation. Of course, the backbone of the society at first is the biometric section of the American Statistical Association, but they are most earnestly concerned to be international, and were kind enough to make me president for a start. This, of course, will give my good friend Chester Bliss, who is secretary, the great advantage of having a president too far off to interfere. In any case, I do hope that you will get likeminded people in your continent to make a successful biometric society in line with this new body. I anticipate that we shall be affiliated.
both with the International Institute of Statistics and with the International Council of Scientific Unions, and shall try to arrange international conferences perhaps every three years or so.

Good luck.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. I have received Dowling's letter, but too late to reply to any of his ports of call.

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