My dear Jack,

Thanks for your letter of May 21st. You may like to know that next month I shall be giving a lecture in honour of the Geneticist William Bateson at the John Innes Institute. I propose to draw a parallel between the progress in this century of the two new disciplines of Genetics and Statistics and to say that Statistics, like Genetics, can only thrive in close contact with its material, instancing places like Rothamsted and your Bureau of Standards as centres of progress in contrast with the Mathematical Departments, which seem so often to lack any genuine savoir-faire in statistical methods, particularly because, I think, they have a craving to deduce the whole from the part, namely statistical theory, as now understood, from the particular contribution it received from the old Theory of Probability.

I have now duly got a copy of the four papers and would like to thank you greatly for what you have said. Of course, I have sent on your request with approval to Oliver and Boyd.

What does De Lury do in Halifax? I did not know his beat went so far east. I suppose he has not changed his location.

My best wishes to you as you know, and if you get the chance, give my love also to Besse.

Yours sincerely,