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Dear Dr Barbensi,

I was very glad to get your letter of March 12, and to hear that you are looking forward to returning to scientific work in mathematical statistics. It is a great pleasure to hear, from you and other sources, of scientists confidently returning to their peace-time work with which the war has made such sad havoc.

Of new books in England, I think I should mention M.G.Kendall's Advanced Theory of Statistics (Griffin, £2.2.0), a book which you may find perhaps somewhat old-fashioned in outlook and arrangement of , but into which the author has put a great deal of work and has produced a very useful book of reference for those aspects of the subject which he has taken up and treated thoroughly. On the genetical side a very enterprising and brightly written book has been produced by K.Mather, now in charge of the Genetical Department at the John Innes Institution, Merton.

He was my assistant for three or four years at the Galton Laboratory, and I was delighted by his reaction to the use of modern statistical methods in his own subject. He has probably tried to put too much into his book, Statistical Analysis in Biology (Methuen, 16/-), which is a sort of telescoped edition, for geneticists, of my two books on Statistical Methods and the Design of Experiments.

I have been hoping, since the liberation of Rome to hear something of our mutual friend, Corrado Gini, and I sincerely trust that no harm has happened to him. He was, of course, associated with the Fascist regime, as any distinguished Italian was liable to be, but in circumstances in which, I believe, no blame can be attached to him. In any event, I hope you will let me know any news of him and, if you are in touch, convey to him my good wishes.

Yours sincerely,