

13th July, 1954.

My dear Henry,

Thank you for your long and interesting letter. It was very good of Phillip to make possible my visit to Oxford this year, and I am especially glad to hear that you will be there too.

I am sure that Race and all of us will be interested to see what you have been doing about the notation in human genetics. It is one of those peculiarly difficult problems which is hampered by the great undesirability of any serious change, and perhaps still more by the venomously fractious feeling which nomenclature seems to arouse, at least in Wiener. I am myself, therefore, tempted to the very easy, or lazy, course of giving it time.

I had not fully realised that you had in Cornwall a second melitaea colony showing the great fluctuations in numbers which you and your father studied in one, I believe, in the midlands. It would certainly be a triumph if the second example were to throw light on the extraordinary phenomenon which you first established.

I hope I shall meet Derek again when I come.

Sincerely yours,