

November 18, 1950.

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Dear Dr. Sturtevant:

The Genetics Society issue of material on the Committee on public education has just arrived here. I was so encouraged by the result that a line to you seemed to be justified.

A substantial majority of the candidates for the committee appear to be committed against the promulgation of official information, which was, I think, the most important point protested by both of us. The issue thus seems to be won, and I am sorry now not to have withdrawn, as I wanted to do, in your favor, at the meeting. There is an unfortunate multiplicity of candidates, which is not necessarily going to lead to a very democratic selection; it appears to me that a few of the nominations were rather irregularly added, but it doesn't really matter.

At Madison, I have been rather quietly campaigning against myself, because I think that the Society would be best served by a committee of high prestige and mature judgment. The main point of this letter is to encourage you not to follow your own interest in the same way, as you might well be tempted to do (if I may reason from the annual meeting). I for one will be very disappointed if for any reason you are not a leading member of the committee.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg.

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