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Dear Ed:

I have the job of organizing a genetics symposium for the Western Society of Naturalists -- meetings, which as you no doubt know, will be at Stanford December 28, 29, and 30. I would like to make it a "Recent Advances in Science" symposium, with papers on bacterial viruses, bacteria, molds, corn, Drosophila, and man. Would you be willing to do the one on recent advances in bacterial genetics? I am sure this would be a very welcome contribution from the standpoint of members of the Society. Many of them don't know about the exciting developments in this field. I hope to get one of Delbrück's men to do the phage review, Horn for molds, Roman for corn, and Stern for man. Let me know as soon as you can whether you are willing to do this. I hope very much the answer will be yes.

I understand you have been invited to give a general biology seminar here. I hope you will be able to come. It would be good fun to talk over old times, and show you how Kerckhoff looks ten years later.

With best regards to you, June, and all, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. W. Beadle

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