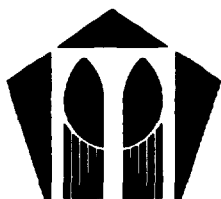


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Dear Josh,

It was good to hear from you after so long a time and to have memories brought back of 1944-45. It was fun thinking about Woodger's mathematical approach to biology and how impossible it was - Your using somewhat similar methods for organic chemistry is really the only reasonable possibility. I never could keep up with your ideas but I enjoyed them in my spirit. Thank you.

My memories of the reception of Avery's work consist of discussions with Pollister, <sup>(about 1947)</sup> as he spoke of his conflicts with Mirsky. Pollister said that Mirsky wanted the residual protein of the chromosome to be the genetic material, and therefore <sup>(M.)</sup> thought that transformation was due to a protein impurity.

I don't know the answer to your question about Avery's paper. I never knew Harriet very well and so if she talked about it before Jan '45 I wouldn't know.

As ever,  
Marion  
(Hines)