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Abstract : Of recent years statistical research has developed a great deal, in response to the need felt by biological and other workers for exact methods to deal with their experimental data. R. A. Fisher's book, " Statistical Methods for Research Workers, " broke much new ground, and is regarded nowadays as an almost

indispensable laboratory manual. Tippett's book is conceived along much the same lines and contains a very readable account, non-mathematical in character, of the principles of the subject. Examples abound, and the treatment of some difficult subjects, for example, as the exact nature of tests of significance, is very full. If anything suffers a little from looseness of definition, and there are a few minor errors, these should not trouble the critical reader. In some places the author expects the reader to be excused simple proofs, to master without much explanation the more difficult parts of mathematical notation, e.g. summation signs. No worker is completely equipped with tables, and it seems a pity that our author does not furnish these, for the book recommended is another text-book, which is an unsatisfactory position. A special particular interest to plant-breeders is that on principles of experimental arrangement and it was perhaps inevitable in a general book of only some two hundred pages that the section should be comparatively restricted in scope. The experimentalist will have to wait a little longer for the fuller treatment for which a demand undoubtedly exists. If this, the book should make an appeal to a wide class of reader, and is fully recommended for study by any worker who has need of statistical methods.

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