

18th October 1988.

Mr. Rolf Kuehni,
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Dear Rolf,

Before I reply to your letter of July 2nd or comment on the enclosed Column, I must mention that I have not yet received the proofs of the Column about Defective Color Vision which I understood was to appear in the December issue of C. R. and A. I am concerned because we had a postal strike a month or two ago and the proofs may have gone astray then. It took them several weeks to clear up the backlog of mail that accumulated during the strike. The other point that concerns me is that I had planned to order a small number of reprints to give ~~to give~~ to Mrs. Newport and Mr. Abery. If I have missed the opportunity to place this order, would you mind doing it for me if it is not too late and I would, of course, reimburse you later.

Now for the new Column. You are, as usual, at liberty to throw it away if you do not like it, but as you will realise, ~~that~~ it is a modest attempt to meet your problem of a shortage of manuscripts. I do genuinely believe that we need to widen the field that is covered by the journal. In this Column I have picked out the topic of flower colours which we have scarcely touched. Another is the colour of food which again I could find only two contributions since 1976, which surprised me. I might do another Column about this if you thought it worth doing, but you may not like the idea at all.

Another possibility which must have occurred to you is that you might commission some review articles on new developments that are taking place. You would presumably have to offer a fee for the articles but this could be worth while, both by giving you the extra material you need and by broadening the range of topics covered by the journal.

You will see that in the enclosed Column I have made rather complimentary comments about the article John Hutchings wrote on "Colour and Appearance in Nature". It has occurred to me that John might be a good person to provide the occasional Column when you need them. Also, I feel that before long I should hand over to a successor and John might be a possible candidate. If I provided four Columns for you in 1989, then I think we should try to find someone to take over in 1990. You may have a likely person in mind, but if you would like me to have a word with John, I should be glad to do so.

Could you, by the way, let me know the deadlines for the 1989 Columns.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

D. Wright