# THE INHERITANCE OF GLUME-LENGTH AND GRAIN-LENGTH IN A WHEAT CROSS. 

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(With 1 Text-figure.)

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## I. The Experimental Material and the Nature of the Breeding.

The inheritance results in wheat published by Biffen (1) in 1905, made it clear that certain simply "measurable" or "quantitative" characters behaved, in inheritance, in much the same general fashion as the "qualitative" ones. Manifestly most of the economic plant-breeding questions, e.g. "yield" inheritance, must depend upon "measurable" characters, and the investigations to be described were undertaken with the primary object of ascertaining the precise mode of inheritance of some simply measurable character. Biffen's observations on length
of glume had revealed the segregation of "long" and "short" glumes (apparently of the parental forms) in the $F_{2}^{\prime}$ and, in addition, of heterozygous forms of intermediate length. It seemed desirable to determine whether or not the numerical limits which characterised the parents of the cross, also characterised the apparently "parental" types found in the $F_{2}$.

Glume-length was chosen as the experimental character partly because of the general definiteness of Biffen's results, and further, on account of its botanical suitability to the requirements of a simply measurable character. It was such that numerous and accurate measurements were obtainable, and moreover, as a general experience proved, it was less liable to wide and sudden fluctuations than were most of the other length characters of the wheat-plant.

Grain-length it was clear, bore some definite relation to glumelength [vide (1), p. 38], and as it appeared to have an economic significance, it was included as an experimental character in the investigation.

The parents ( $F_{0}$ ) of the cross were " Polish " (T. polonicum L.) and "Kubanka" (a variety of T. durum Desf.). They had been grown for some years by Professor Biffen, and were known to satisfy the requirements of a definition of "pure line" with regard to origin, behaviour, and mode of maintenance.

The sequence of the breeding was:
$1911\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Cross made, viz. \& Polish } \times{ }^{2} \text { Kubanka. } \\ \text { Parental stocks continued. }\end{array}\right.$
$1912\left\{\begin{array}{l}F_{1} \text { plants grown and harvested. } \\ \text { Parental stocks continued. }\end{array}\right.$
Every grain borne by the $F_{1}$ plants was sown and $530 F_{2}$ plants thus raised. The main ear of every $F_{1}$ plant was
1913 harvested and labelled with a serial number (1-530). Of these plants only 487 set ripe grain.
Parental stocks continued.
Every grain of every labelled ripe $F_{2}$ ear (one per plant) was sown, and $5145 \quad F_{3}$ plants were thus raised. The main ear of every plant was harvested. The ears from those plants
1914 which sprang from the seeds of any one $F_{2}$ plant were bunched together, and the bunch was labelled with a "family number" which was the number allotted in 1913 to the corresponding $F_{2}$ parent plant.
Parental stocks continued.

The investigation began in 1913. Prior to that year the material was in the hands of Professor Biffen.

A certain amount of sterility was encountered, but as the details given below make clear, its incidence wis neither selective nor sufficiently heavy to bias the numerical results recorded.

In the $F_{2}$ a few plants failed to mature by harvest time, and consequently they were not measured. These again were not selective, but included all three of the length types found in $F_{s}$.

The $F_{3}$ plants were kept unthreshed during 1914-19, and it is hoped to raise on $F_{4}$ in 1920 .

## II. The Observations and the Methon of Measuremlet.

The class-intervals of measurement are, throughout:
For glumes, 1.0 mm ; for grains, 0.5 mm .
As a fact, the glumes were measured to 0.5 mm ., but on this basis the frequency distribution, in the case of Polish, covered a range of 45 clnsses. Hence to facilitate statistical work and to smooth out the irregularities introduced into such a distribution by very small classes, the observations were regrouped into 1.0 mm . classes. As a result of this regrouping a non-integral ( $x \cdot 5$ ) number of individuals is to be found as the class frequency in some parts of the tables of observations.

In all the generations one ear per plant was harvested and one glume per ear was measured. The grain situated nearest to that glume was measured also. Either glume of the median spikelet on either side of the rachis (i.e. any one of a specified set of four glames) was selected for measurement.

The acceptance of one glume-length as a characteristic of the ear concerned, was justified by a separate investigation. It was first established that the glumes of the median group of four spikelets on an ear, were all of practically the same length. Thus the average of this set of eight glumes (from four spikelets) could be regarded as a characteristic of the ear. Next, for every $F_{2}$ plant (total 492 plants) these eight glumes (and with them the corresponding eight grains) were measured. The frequency distribution of the deviation of every single measurement from the mean of the set of eight to which it belonged, was then compiled, regard being paid to the sign of the deviation. The mean quartile deviation of the distribution was 0.401 mm . by direct calculation and 0.435 mm . when calculated from the standard deviation of the distribution on the assumption of normality. That is to say, ifty per

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cent. of the single measurements deviate from the means of the sets of eight to which they belong, by no more than $\pm 0.4 \mathrm{~mm}$. The accuracy of measurement is only $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$., and consequently one glume measurement per ear wis considered to be justifiable.

## III. The Inineritance of Glume-Lengith.

The symbols " $P$," " $I$," and " $K$ " are used to facilitate reference.
Thus " $P$ " implies " Polislı" or " of Polish type."
$F_{0} . P$ designates a population of pure "parental" Polish type, the type which was employed as one parent in the cross.
$F_{9}, M_{P}$ (glume) denotes the mean glume-lengtlı of a population of parental Polislı plants.
$F_{0} \cdot \sigma_{P}$ (glume) denotes the standard deviation of the glume-length frequency distribution for such a population.
" $K$ " is similarly used in the case of "Kubanka."
" $I$ " implies the heterozygote form which, as later appears, is roughlyspeaking intermediate between " $P$ " and " $K$ ".

The glume-length distributions in successive generations were as follows:

$$
F_{0}
$$

Both parent varieties were grown and measured in 1913 and 1914. For comparative purposes the results of 1914 are by far the more useful, for they are based on much greater numbers of observations, and the $F_{3}$ was also grown in that year, the conditions being precisely similar. Summarised, the results were:

Glume-lengths of Parent Varieties ( $F_{0} . P$ and $F_{0} . K$ ) of the Cross.

| Year | Variety | Mean Glumb-Length | $\sigma$ | No. of Observations | No. of Table contalning frequency distribution of glume-length |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 | Polish | $F_{0} . M_{P}=28.6 \pm 0.34$ | - | 80 | - |
| 1914 | " | $F_{0} \cdot M_{P}=30.84 \pm 0 \cdot 10$ | 3.784 | 600 | I |
| 1913 | Kubanka | $F_{0} . M_{\kappa}=11 \cdot 23 \pm 0 \cdot 24$ | - | 25 | - |
| 1914 | " | $\Gamma_{0} \cdot M_{\kappa}=11.70 \pm 0.04$ | 1.260 | 400 | II |

That the variability of Polish is great and that of Kubanka small becomes clear from an inspection of Tables I and II.

$$
F_{1}
$$

During 1914-19, the $F_{1}$ measurements were lost. From memory it can be stated simply that the $F_{1}$ mean lay somewhere between the parental means-probably it was close to the arithmetic mean of the
parental values. Backhouse (2) records extensive crosses between PolishKubanka, and the following values are from his results:

$$
F_{0} . M_{P}=29.0 \mathrm{~mm} . ; F_{0} . M_{K}=9.0 \mathrm{~mm} . ; F_{1} . M=18-19.0 \mathrm{~mm} .
$$

Similarly from the records of Biffen [(1), p. 36] for reciprocal Polish $x$ Rivet crosses, the numerical intermediateness of the $F_{1}$ is quite definite.

In the cross to be described the $F_{1}$ value was thus probably

$$
=(30 \cdot 84+11 \cdot 70) / 2=21 \cdot 27 \mathrm{~mm} .
$$

but no further use is made of this speculative value.

$$
F_{2} .
$$

Although $530 \quad F_{2}$ plants were raiserl, only 487 of them furnished grain for the raising of an $F_{3}$. The causes and distributions of the failures are explained in the tables which follow. The frequency distributions of $F_{2}$ glume-lengths were:

Table III (p. 133). The complete $F_{2}$ of 530 plants.
Table IV. The $487 F_{z}$ plants which matured and whose grain was sown to raise the $F_{3}$.

Table V. The $17 F_{2}$ plants which, although they contributed no grain for the $F_{3}$ sowings, did set one or more imperfect grains. They were unripe at harvest.

Table VI. The $7 F_{2}$ plants which matured but were sterile.
Table VII. The $19 F_{2}$ plants which were unripe at harvest, and which gave no evidence of being able to set grain.

It is with the plants of Table IV that further observation is concerned, for they alone gave $F_{3}$ progeny, from the examination of which they themselves could be sorted into genetic classes. Table IV (like Table III) exhibits a definite tri-modality.

Two conclusions may be drawn from the $F_{2}$ glume-length frequency distributions (Table III or Table IV) viz:
(1) Three glume-length types appear in $l_{2}$.
(2) None of these types corresponds exactly to the Polish parent. It appears that this parental type is represented in the $H_{0}^{\prime}$ by a groups of plants whose mean and fluctuation ranges for glume-length have been "shifted" down towards the lower end of the seale.

In the first place an attempt was made to "dissect" the tri-modal $F_{2}$ distribution into its three constituent types by purely mathematical methods. It was assumed that the distribution of the heterozygote type of $F_{2}^{\prime}$ did not extend below the lowest "peak" of the total $F_{2}$

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distribution (i.e. 11.5 mm . in Table IV). If this were so, then that part of Table IV lying between 11.5 mm . and 9.5 mm . (both values inclusive) was the lower half of the distribution of all the plants of Kubanka type in the $F_{2}$. The upper half of the distribution was obtained by writing down the frequencies symmetrical about 11.5 mm . to those of the lower half. From the distribution so completerl the standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) and mmber of observations $(N)$ were found, and the mean $M$ was, of course, 11.5 mm . The "normal" curve equivalent to this distribution was calculated [see Yule (5) for formula and tables for use in calculation]. By the same processes the normal. curve for the distribution of the Polish type of $F_{2}$ was obtained. Subtraction of these two normal distributions from the total $F_{2}$ gave the distribution of the heterozygote or intermediate type. 'Thus calculated, the frequencies of the $F_{2}$ types were:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
K & I & P \\
23 \cdot 29 \% & 57.76 \% & 18 \cdot 94 \%
\end{array}
$$

while the modes were:

$$
11.5 \mathrm{~mm} . \quad 16.5 \mathrm{~mm} . \quad 24.5 \mathrm{~mm} .
$$

This theoretical "dissection" was carried out for the sole purpose of testing the reliability of mathematical analysis of the $F_{a}$ as against the far more lengthy and laborious genetic analysis by means of a complete $F_{3}$.

Clearly, the analysis of $F_{2}$ into constituent genetic types necessitaterl the raising of a complete $F_{3}$.

$$
F_{13}
$$

The $F_{3}$ plants were kept in "families," an $F_{3}$ family consisting of all the plants raised from the grain bome by any one $F_{2}$ "mother" plant. From the nature of the $F_{y}$ family the genetic type of the corresponcling $F_{2}$ plant was judged. Thus an $F_{3}$ family in which all the plants were $P$, must have originated from a homozygously $P$ plant of the $H_{2}$; similarly in the casc of $K$. An $F_{3}$ family containing plants of two or more types, e.g. $P, I$, and $K$, or $P$ and $I$, or $I$ and $K$, or $P$ and $K$, must have come from an $F_{\mathrm{z}}$ plant that was heterozygous, i.e. an $I$ plant.

The sorting into types of the $F_{3}$ familios necessilated a definition of the three types $P, I$, and $K$ (the tri-modlality of the $F_{2}$ distribution pointed to the existence of only three types). Measurement as opposed to eye-judgment was intended to be the essence of this investigation, and an attempt was made to set up measurable (quantitative) type
standards. 'Table II suggests that an $F_{a}$ fitmily should be regarded as $K$ if, and only if, no plant in it was of greater glume-length than 14.5 mm . Since the accuracy of measurement was only $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$., and the class interval was 1.0 mm ., the value of 15.5 mm . was finally adopted as an upper limit defining the $K$ type of $F_{\mathrm{s}}$ fimily.

From the records of observations, the serial numbers were noted of all $F_{3}$ familics in which occurred no plant of glume-length greater than 15.5 mm . These families were inspected, and every plant of every family proved to be to the judgment of the cye-at this stage fairly practisedof $K$ lype in general appoarance. Thas far, therefore, the metrical standard was applicable; moreover it harmonised with eye-judgment.

For the Polish ( $P$ ) standard it was natural to turn to Table I ( $F_{0} . P$ distribution) and, for the time being, ignoring the ontlying observation at 12.5 mm ., to adopt 19.5 mm . ( $20.5-1 \cdot 0$ ) as the lower limit for the $P$ type. $F_{3}$ families w.,uld thus be accepted as $P$ if, and only if, they containcd no plant of glume-length less than 19.5 mm . Certain $F_{3}$ families were found which, although they failed to pass this numerical test, were obviously composed entirely of plants possessing the unmistakable Polish eye-appearance. The "shift" downwards in glume-length exhibited in $F_{2}$ had persisted in $F_{3}$, and this had rendered mapplicable the metrical " $P$ " standard derived from the distribution of $F_{0} . P$. A fresh metrical standard was essayed in the form of the total range of glume-length variation in $F_{3}$ families. This too failed tor harmonise with facts of eye-judgment-facts so defmed that they could not be ignored.

After finll trial, the metrical stemdard was abandoned in the case of Polish, and in its stead eye-judgment was adopted. Polish and Kubanka are so well characterised in glume-form that the practised eye has little difficulty in separating the one type from the other and from heterozygotes (intermediates). The intermediates proved to be in every one of the numerous glume (and grain) characters, excellent "blends" of the parent forms.

The standards thus finally adopied were applied, every $F_{3}$ plant being twice judged. The second judgment accorded with the first and the result was:

$$
F_{3}=\left\{\begin{array}{llll}
114 K & \text { families } & =1237 & \text { plants } \\
267 I & & =2854 & " \\
101 P & " & =1054 & ,
\end{array}\right\}=5145 \text { plants. }
$$

Regarding all $F_{\mathrm{g}}$ plants as simple heterozygotes, if in their $F_{3}$ families

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$$
\begin{aligned}
H_{2}=K: I: P & =114: 267 \quad: 101[=482 \text { plants }] \\
& =23 \cdot 65 \%: 55 \cdot 39 \%: 20 \cdot 95 \% .
\end{aligned}
$$

[N.B. $487 F_{2}$ plants set good seed, but only $482 F_{:}$fimilies were obtained at harvest.]

From the $H_{2}$ distribution it is concluded that there are three distinct $F_{2}$ types. The classification of the $F_{2}$ plants by means of the $F_{3}$ should, on the assumption of a one-factor difference between $P$ and $K$, reveal a 1:2:1 ratio among these types. Actually the ratio (given above) deviates considerably from this expectation, and as Tables V, VI, and VII show, the deviation is not explicable on the basis of selective mortality or sterility. Confirmatory evidence is to be found in Biffen [(1), p. 36] with Polish $\times$ Rivet, Backhouse (2) with Polish $\times$ Kubanka, and Caporn (3) with Polish $\times$ Eloboni. In all three of these cases the evidence for a one-factor difference for glume-length was very substantial, and close approaches to a 1:2:1 ratio were obtained in the $F_{2}$. No other explanation appears to accord as closely with the results of observation above described as does that of one-factor difference; and consequently as a working hypothesis it is assumed that either $P$ or $K$ possesses a factor for glume-length which the other lacks, and that the heterozygote is, broadly speaking, intermediate between the parental forms.

## IV. The Measurable Characteristics of the $P$, $I$, and $K$ Glume <br> Types in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$.

In $F_{2}$ and $F_{3}$ every plant was classified as $P, I$, or $K$. The next step was to evaluate the measurable characteristies-frequency distribution, mean, and standard deviation-of all three types in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$ successively. The $P$ (and similarly $K$ ) plants of $F_{3}$ are of two kinds, the one descendants of $F_{2} . P$ (designated $F_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2} . P$ ) and the other of $F_{2} . I$ (lesignated $F_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2}, I$ ). For the time being the characteristics of $F_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2} . I$ and $F_{3} . K$ ex $F_{2} . I$ will not be considered. The measurable characteristics of the three types in the three generations were as follows:
$M=$ mean glume-lengtl $; \sigma=$ standard deviation of glume-length frequency distribution and $N=$ the number of observations in the distribution.

## $K$.

Measurable Charcateristics of the Kubanka Glume Type in $F_{1}, F_{1}$, and $F_{3}$.

| Year | Generation | M | $\sigma$ | $N$ | 'Table of Prepmency fistribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1914 | $I_{0}^{3} \cdot \mathrm{~K}$ | 11.70土0.043 | 1-2 ${ }^{\text {j }}$ | 100 | I [ |
| 1913 | 隹. $K$ | $11 \cdot 42 \pm 0 \cdot 075$ | $1 \cdot 18$ | 114 | V1II |
| 1914 | $r_{2} . K$ ex $F_{2} . \kappa$ | $11 \cdot 98 \pm 0 \cdot 025$ | 1-30 | 1237 | IX |

The $F_{2} . K$ population was small ( 114 plants) and the 1913-14 seasonal difference was doubtless responsible to a considerable extent for differences in growth. From the above values it is concluded that the $K$ type maintained its measurable characters practically constant in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$.

## $P$.

Measurable Characteristics of the Pol sh Glume Type in $H_{0}, F_{2}$, and $H_{3}$.

| Year | Generation | M | $\sigma$ | $N$ | Trable of lirequency matribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1!114$ | $F_{0}, P$ | $30 \cdot 8.4 \pm 0 \cdot 10.4$ | 3.78 | (:00) | I |
| 1913 | $H_{2}, P$ | $23 \cdot 18 \pm 0 \cdot 186$ | $2 \cdot 75$ | 101 | X |
| 1914 | $H_{3}, P$ ex $F_{2}, P$ | $94 \cdot 66 \pm 0 \cdot 078$ | $3 \cdot 78$ | 105.4 | XI |

As in the case of Kubanka, the mean of ( $F_{3} 1914$ ) is slightily greater than that of $F_{2}(1913)$ and the difference is small enough to be attributable to season.

The differences

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{0} \cdot M_{p}-F_{3} \cdot M_{p}=7.66 \mathrm{~mm}=24.83 \% \text { of } F_{0} \cdot M_{p} \\
& F_{0} \cdot M_{p}-F_{3} \cdot M_{p}=6.18 \mathrm{~mm}=20.04 \% \text { of } F_{0} \cdot M_{p}
\end{aligned}
$$

and
are so great in comparison with the relevant probable errors that there is full justification for stating that in the $P \times K$ cross, the parental $P$ does not re-appear in $F_{2}$. In its place are found $P$ plants which closely resemble $F_{0} . P$ in general appearance but whose mean glume-length is more than $20 \%$ lower than that of $F_{0} . P$. This "reduced" form of $P$ in $F_{0}$ produces, when selfed, $P$ plants of the same "reduced" glume-length in $F_{3}$. The possibility that "minor multiplying factors" are responsible in some way for this phenomenon of "reduction" or "shift" demands, perhaps, some form of reservation. It may be that the true $F_{0} . P$ type is reproduced in $F_{2}$ but in extremely small proportion. Apart from the value of a safeguarding reservation there is nothing to recommend any theory of multiplying factors in this case. On the grounds of simplicity and agreement with observation, the most acceptable theory is that of the segregation of one facior with the attendant phenomenon of "shift."

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Interesting evidence of the occurrence of "shift" accompanying an otherwise apparently single segregation of one factor is to be found in the results of a number of investigations. Caporn [(3), p. 259] has remarked upon it and it is clearly shown in some of Backhouse's results [c.g. (2), p. 130, Fig. 1a]. In both of these cases Polish was one parent of the cross. The importance of a recognition of "gametic impurity" or "contamination" has been emphasised by Ruggles-Gates (9) and in a varicty of crosses the occurrence of the phenomenon is exemplified. Among these are Pumett and Bailey (10) and (11), Castle and Phillips (12), Davenport (13), Martin Leake [(14)--leaf factor in Cotton], East (15), Balls [(17), p. 69 on seed-weight], and possibly some of the intangible facts discovered in Tomato investigations by Groth (7) might be explained as results of "shift." It is interesting to observe that the results recorded by Belling (16) constitute one of the closest studies of length inheritance and that they show complete absence of "shift."

## $I$.

Measuruble Characters of the Heterozyyous Glume Type in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$.

| Yenr | Generation | M | $\sigma$ | $N$ | Table of Frequency Distrilbution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 191: | $r_{2} .1$ | $16 \cdot 407 \pm 0.078$ | $1 \cdot 89$ | 267 | XII |
| 1914 | $F_{3}, I$ ex $F_{2}, I$ | $17 \cdot 480 \pm 0 \cdot 058$ | $2 \cdot 09$ | 580 | XIII |

From Tables XII and XIII it appears that the frequency distribution of glume-lengths for the plants of $F_{2}$ and $F_{3}$ which are neither $P$ nor $K$ (and are therefore classed as $I$ ) is unimodal, and this is in accordance with the one-factor explanation which has been adopted. With regard to the relation of the mean glume-length of the heterozygote to the means of the parents, the following values are of interest.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(F_{0} \cdot M_{P}+F_{0} \cdot M_{K}\right) / 2=21 \cdot 27 \mathrm{~mm} . \quad\left(F_{0} \cdot M_{P} \times F_{0}^{\prime} \cdot M_{K}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}=19 \cdot 0 \mathrm{~mm} . \\
\left(F_{2} \cdot M_{P}+F_{2}^{\prime} \cdot M_{K}\right) / 2=17 \cdot 30 \mathrm{~mm} . \quad\left(F_{2} \cdot M_{P} \times F_{2}^{\prime} \cdot M_{K}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}=16 \cdot 27 \mathrm{~mm} . \\
F_{2} \cdot M_{I}=16 \cdot 41 \mathrm{~mm} .
\end{gathered}
$$

It will be observed that a modified form of the "golden mean" theory of Groth (7) and (8) appears to fit the facts of this case.

The complete $F_{3}$ progeny of the $F_{2} . I$ plants should, on the hypothesis adopted, present a glume-length distribution similar to the distribution of the complete $F_{2}$. That this is the case is shown by Table XIV. There appear to be three constituents with modes approximately at:
$11.5 \mathrm{~mm} . \quad 17.0 \mathrm{~mm} . \quad 245 \mathrm{~mm}$.

On expectation, these constituents are $K, I$, and $P$, and in order to determine their measurable characteristics, all plants of all $F_{3} . I$ families (between family No. 51 and family No. 265 both inclusive) were re-measured and re-classified as $K, I$, or $P$. From a sample of 1190 plants thus obtained the following values were calculated:

Measurable Characters of the $K, I$, and $P$ Glume Thypes breth from $F_{1}$. I phents.

| Year | Gencration | M | $\sigma$ | $N$ | Table of lirequency Distribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1914 | $r_{3}^{\prime} . K_{\text {ex }} H_{2} . I$ | $11.81 \pm 0.053$ | $1 \cdot 35$ | 20.2 | SV |
| ', | $r_{3}, I$ ex $r_{2} . I$ | 17•48: $0 \cdot 058$ | 2.0! | 580 | XIII |
| " | $I_{3}^{\prime}, P$ ex $r_{2}, I$ | $21 \cdot 6 \mathrm{Nt}$ 上 $0 \cdot 1.11$ | 3•73 | 318 | XVI |

Comparison of these values with those given moder $\boldsymbol{R}^{r}$ (p. 117) and $P$ (p. 117) show that for the mean glume-lengths:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\left(F_{3}^{\prime} . K \text { ex } F_{2}^{\prime} . K\right)-\left(F_{3}^{\prime} . K \text { ex } h^{\prime} \cdot I\right)\right]=11 \cdot 98-11 \cdot 81=+0 \cdot 17,} \\
& {\left[\left(F_{3}^{\prime} . P \text { ex } F_{2}^{\prime} . P\right)-\left(F_{3}^{\prime} . P \text { ex } F_{2}^{\prime} . I\right)\right]=24 \cdot 66-24 \cdot 68=-0 \cdot 02 .}
\end{aligned}
$$

That is to say, although "shift" was first exhibited by the $P$ descendants of heterozygous plants (viz. by $l_{2}^{\prime} . P$ ex $l_{1}$ ) it is not again exhibited by the $P$ descendants of $r_{2}^{\prime}$ heterozygotes (viz. $F_{3} . P$ ex $l_{2}^{\prime}, l$ ). It appears that the reduced or "shifted" value of Polish glume-length camot be further shifted by either
(a) Selfing-for $F_{3} \cdot P$ ex $F_{2} \cdot P$ (mean) $\bumpeq F_{2}, P$.
( $\beta$ ) Hybridisation, as in the zygosis performed by $F_{2} . I$ plants-for $F_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2} \cdot I$ (mem $\bumpeq F_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2}^{\prime} . P$.

## V. The Inheritance of Grain-Length.

It was originally intended to deal with grain-length entirely by measurement but the principle of metrical type-standards proved inapplicable just as it did in the case of glume-length. In fact the breakdown was more complete, for the parental ( $K$ and $P$ ) mean grain-lengths lie, comparatively, very close, and the overlap of their distributions is considerable. From the early stages of the work upon $l_{2}^{\prime \prime}$ it was quite certain that " $P$ " grains were never associated with " $K$ " glumes or vice versâ and after extensive trials of sorting grains into types, it was concluded that in $F_{2}$ three types only were found ( $K, I$, and $P$ ), and that on any plant $K$ glumes were invariably accompanied by $K$ grains and similarly for $I$ and for $P$. Consequently in $F_{\underline{2}}$ and $F_{i}$ the classification by glunes was accepted as a classification by grains. Biffen [(1), p. 38] remarked upon the relationship between grain and glume.

In what follows the phrase " $b_{2}^{\prime}: K$ grains" refers to the grains borne by those $F_{0}$ plants which have $K$ glumes and so on, the plant eategories in $F_{2}$ and $F_{3}$ being thus identical with those of the glume-classification already described. On account of shed-grain etc., the number of plants in a grain-category is sometimes slightly less than the number in the otherwise identical glume-category.

In the successive generations the grain-length distributions were:

$$
F_{0}
$$

(iruin-Lengths of Parent Varieties ( $F_{0}, P$ and $F_{0} . K$ ) of the C'ross.

| Year | Variety | M | $\sigma$ | $N$ | Table of Frequency Distribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 | Polish | $F_{0}, M M_{P}=10 \cdot 8 \pm 0 \cdot 102$ | -- | 80 | - |
| 1914 | , | $F_{0}, M_{r}=10.2 \pm 0.019$ | 0.66 | 526 | XVIII |
| 1013 | Kubanka | $F_{0} \cdot M_{S}=8.2 \pm 0.077$ | - | 25 | - |
| 1914 | " | $F_{10} \cdot M_{N}=7 \cdot 7 \pm 0.017$ | 0.49 | 395 | XIX |

The grain-length distributions are more smooth than those of glumelength and $K$ again shows less dispersion than $P$.

$$
F_{1}
$$

Like the $F_{1}$ glume measurements, those of the grains were lost. From memory and from previously published investigations it is concluded that the heterozygote length is roughly intermediate between the parental ones. In the $F_{2}$ the intermediate or heterozygote grain can, with practice, always be distinguished from $P$ and $K$. In some five or six well marked characters, it is a very even blend or intermediate between the characters of the parent grain-forms.

$$
F_{2} .
$$

In maize, the occurrence of "double fertilization" has been established. Assuming it in wheat, the expectation is that the endosperm of the grain (like the embryo) will be one generation aheal of the plant which bears $i t$. Later on the question is more fully considered but for the present the grain borne by an $F_{x}$ plant will be referred to as $F_{x}$ grain. This convention is in no sense prejudicial and it simplifies the designation of the grains of different generations.

Table XX contains the grain-length frequency distribution for the complete $k_{2}^{\prime}$. Comparison with Table XVIII ( $k_{0}^{\prime} . P$ ) and Table XIX ( $k_{0}^{\prime} . K$ ) indicates that:
(a) The $F_{2}$ distribution contains no constituent exactly like $F_{0} . P$ for the frequency at 10.2 mm . is almost zero ( $F_{0} . M_{P}=10 \cdot 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.).
( $\beta$ ) Similarly it contains no component exactly like

$$
F_{0} \cdot K\left(F_{0}, M_{K}=7.7 \mathrm{~mm} .\right)
$$

( $\gamma$ ) The $F_{2}$ distribution is unimodal but ( $\alpha$ ) and $(\beta)$ suggest that 'shift" has occurred. Possibly therefore the distribution consists of three constituents which lie very close on account of shift and which, by marked overlap, produce unimodality of the whole.

If the grain be one generation ahead of the plant which bears it, the ratio in $F_{3}$ should be $3: 2: 3$; if not a $1: 2: 1$ is expected. The ratio is investigated in § VI below.

It is to be observed that the $F_{y}$ distribution is based entiroly on measurements and consequently the phenomena of "shift," "unimodality," etc. are unaffected by the fact that in sorting it will be assumed that $K$ (or $I$ or $P$ ) grains always accompany $K$ (or $I$ or $P$ ) glumes only.

$$
F_{i}
$$

The measurements and numbers of plants correspond with those for glime-length in §III above. Owing to the sterility of a few $F_{3}$ plants the distribution totals differ in some cases from those for the corresponding glumes.

## VI. The Measurable Characteristics of tie $K, I$, and $P$ Grain Types in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$.

It is necessary to recall that " $K$ grain" (or $I$ or $P$ ) implies the grain borne by plants whose glumes have been classed by eye as " $K$ " (or $I$ or $P$ ). That is to say, glume-length and grain-length are assumed to be "genetic inseparable," to be governed by the same factor. Eyc-impressions amply support the assumption, and its validity may now be tested. Glume-length showed segregation in $F_{2}$, as was made clear by examination of the $F_{3}$ progenies of the $F_{2}$ plants. The vindication of the assumption necessitates a demonstration of the segregation of grainlength in $F_{2}$ similar to that given for glume-length. This is afforded by the measurable characteristics of the $K, I$, and $l^{\prime}$ grain types in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$, which were as follows:

$$
K
$$

Measurable Characteristics of the Kubanka Grain Type in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$.

| Year | Generation | M | $\sigma$ | $N$ | Table of Frequency Distribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1914 | $F_{0} \cdot K$ | $7 \cdot 70 \pm 0 \cdot 017$ | $0 \cdot 49$ | 395 | XIX |
| 1913 | $F_{2} . K$ | $8 \cdot 33 \cdot \pm 0 \cdot 042$ | $0 \cdot 6 t$ | 112 | XXI |
| 1914 | $\boldsymbol{F}_{3} \cdot K$ ex $F_{2} \cdot \boldsymbol{H}$ | $8 \cdot 19 \pm 0 \cdot 012$ | $0 \cdot 63$ | 1214 | XXII |

Tables XIX, XXI, and XXII show that the $F_{0}$. $K$ type is not reproduced in $F_{2}$ as does the equation $F_{2}, M_{K}-F_{0} . M_{K}=0.63 \mathrm{~mm}$. An upward "shift" in mean ghame-length appears to have occurred, and the shifted value to have bred true, for despite the 1913-14 seasonal difference, $F_{2} . M_{K}$ and $F_{3} . M_{K}$ differ by 0.14 mm . only. It will be recalled that in the case of $K$ glume-length the differences concerned were so small that they could not saifely be aceepted as evidence of shift.
$P$.
Measurable Characteristics of the Polish Grain Type in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$.

| Year | Generation | $M$ | $\sigma$ | $N$ | Table of lirequency Distribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1914 | $F_{0}, P$ | $10.20 \pm 0.019$ | $0 \cdot 66$ | 526 | XVIII |
| 1913 | $F_{2} . P$ | $8.84 \pm 0.038$ | 0.56 | 101 | XXIII |
| 1914 | $F_{3}, P$ ex $F_{2}, P$ | $8 \cdot 75 \pm 0.026$ | 0.83 | 1028 | XXIV |

The tables of frequency distribution and the values of $M$ show that $F_{2}, P$ very closely resembles its $F_{3}$ progeny, but that both of them are definitely "shifted" down from $F_{0} . P$. The amount of the shift is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{0} \cdot M_{P}-F_{2} \cdot M_{P}=1.36 \mathrm{~mm}=13.34 \% \text { of } F_{0} \cdot M_{p}, \\
& F_{0} \cdot M_{P}-F_{3} \cdot M_{P}=1.45 \mathrm{~mm}=1421 \% \text { of } F_{0} \cdot M_{P} .
\end{aligned}
$$

That there is a segregation of grain types in $F_{0}$ is shown by the regularity and resemblance of the distributions etc. of $F_{2}, P$ and $F_{3} . P$ (cf. also $F_{2}, K$ and $F_{3}, K$ ).

## I.

Measurable Charateristics of the Heterozygous Grain Type in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$.

| Year | Generation | $M$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 | $F_{3} . I$ | $8.67 \pm 0.026$ | 0.62 | 266 | Table of Frequency |
| Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |

Thus the classification of the grains of the $F_{2}$ and $F_{3}$ plants by means of the glumes with which they are associated, has led to the conclusion that three grain types occur in $F_{2}$. These types naturally have the same frequency relations as the glume types, and as pointed out in §IV above the evidence indicates that the relations are actually an experimental expression of a $1: 2: 1$ ratio. A unimodal distribution (Table XX, i.e. grain-lengths of the complete $F_{2}$ ) has thus been shown to consist of three overlapping separate constituents $K, I$, and $P$, the overlap having been much accentuated by the "inwards" shift of $P$ and $K$ from the $F_{0}$ values.

In the glume-length results of §IV (under " $I$ ") it was shown that the progenv of the $F_{2} . I$ plants had a length distribution similar to
that of the complete $F_{2}^{\prime}$ (i.e. the progeny of $F_{1}$, which is also " $I$ "). Table XXVI is for the grains of the complete descendants of the $F_{2} . I$ plants, and its general resemblance to Table XIX furnishes an analogous proof in the case of grain-length.

In connection with glume-length a special series of measurements was made to ascertain if the means of $F_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2} . P$ and of $F_{3} . P$ ex $f_{2} . I$ were the same (and similarly for $K$ ). Some of the data of it separate investigation may be used as a similar test in the case of grainlength. In $F_{3}$ families Nos. 1-50 (both inclusive) and 450-494 (both inclusive) every grain in the ear was measured for plants ex $F_{2} . P$ and for all $P$ plants ex $F_{2}^{\prime}$. $I$. The results were:

| Yen' | Generation |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1914 | $F_{3} \cdot P^{\prime}$ ex $F_{2} \cdot I^{\prime}$ | $8.589 \pm 0.010$ | 1.08 | 4396 | Trable of Frequency |
| Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |

Both of the values of $M$ are less than the value given previously for $F_{3} . P$, for the last named was based upon the measurement of one "outside" grain per ear. The inner grains of a spikelet being smaller than the outside ones lower the value of $M$.

The difference shown, viz. $8.532-8.389=0.143 \mathrm{~mm}$., is small in comparison with the relevant probable errors, but, as compared with the values of $M$ to which it relates, it appears to be not sufficiently significant to imply any difference in type between $F_{8}, P$ ex $F_{2}, P$ and $F_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2} . I$.

The conclusions so far reached may be thus briefly stated:
(a) The one factor which governs the $P-K$ glume difference also governs the $P$ - $K$ grain difference.
( $\beta$ ) "Shift" occurs, so that the $P$ and $K$ types as seen in $F_{2}$ (glume and grain) are numerically "shifted" forms of the true $F_{0}$ type.

The shifted values persist in $F_{3}$.
( $\gamma$ ) In spite of the demands of the "double fertilization" theory, the grain appears in so far as its length is concerned to belong to the same generation as the plant on which it is borne, i.e. grain-length is a maternal character and segregates on the 1:2:1 basis in $F_{2}$.

## VII. Concerning tee Apparent Genetic Inseparability of Certain Characters in the Cross.

The glumes of parental $P$ plants are of a definite, recognisable, general form ; their grains are equally characteristic. $F_{2}$ or $F_{3}$ plants whose glumes are $P$, invariably have grains which also, to the eye,

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 Glume-Length and Grain-Length in Wheatare $P$. Moreover, no plants are found, in any generation, whose glumes wre other than $P$ and yet whose grains are $P$. That is to say the $P$-form of glume and the $P$-form of grain appear to be inseparables, remaining associated throughout the vicissitudes attendant upon the production of $F_{2}$ and $F_{3}$ plants. Such characters may be called "genetic inseparables" [cf. "Correlation" as used by Collins (4)]. For the $K$ type the same association prevails. Heterozygous plants ( $I$ ) present an appearance best described as a skilful blend of the $P$ and $K$ forms. With $I$ glumes, $I$ grains are always found.

Glume-form or appearance, like grain-form, is the resultant of a number of chariacteristics and since the resultants are inseparable, so must the constituents be. Close inspection of a great number of plants ( $F_{0}-F_{3}$ ) leads to the conclusion that there is a considerable number of such inseparable constituent characters, and a list of them is given below. The simplest view of this matter is that one factor controls all the inseparables. The list is:
(1) Length of glume.
(2) Ribs on main lamina of glume.
(3) Shape of tip of glume.
(4) Curvature of keel of glume.
(5) Consistency of material of glume ( $P$ is "papery," $K$ is more rigid).
(6) Length of grain.
(7) Shape and size of cross-section of grain.
(8) The angle at which the embryo of the grain is set into the endosperm.
(9) Number and length of the hairs at the apex of the grain.
(10) Distinctness of the outline of the apical pad of the grain (" (Gipfel-polster"-Kcke).
For every one of these characters $I$ proves to be an interparental blend.
To test the closeness of the association, the correlation between glume-length and grain-length was evaluated for $F_{0} . P$ and $F_{0} . K$. If $r=$ coeff. of correlation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(F_{0} . K\right) \cdot r=+0.348 \pm 0.044(N=395), \\
& \left(F_{0} . P\right) \cdot r=+0.392 \pm 0.037(N=526) .
\end{aligned}
$$

The values of the coefficient are, at first sight, surprisingly low. It is to be borne in mind however that circumstances of environment which affect grain-length, do not of necessity exercise a proportionate or
indeed any influence upon glume-length. Some two months before harvest the ear of the wheat plant has fully energed from the sheath and, whereas its glumes have attained practically full development, the grain is just commencing to form-fertilization having, it may be supposed, just taken place. Two plants of the same glume-length may thus, if their post fertilization enviromments be markedly different, develop grains of distinctly different length, whereas under identical conditions they would, presumably, have developed grains of the same length

Whatever may be the explanation of the low values of $r$, it is to be expected that if classifying by glume-length automatically ensures grainlength classification, then the value of $r$ will be the same for $P$ (or $K$ or $I$ ) in $F_{0}, F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$. As a test, $r$ was evaluated for $F_{2}$. $P$. The first of the eight pairs of measurements made in every $F_{2}$ plant (see $\S$ II above) was used, i.e. first glune-length and first grain-length. Calculation gave:

$$
\left(F_{2} \cdot P\right) \cdot r=+0 \cdot 301 \pm 0 \cdot 090,
$$

and it may be noted that:

$$
\left(F_{0}, P\right) \cdot r-\left(F_{2}, P\right) \cdot r=+0 \cdot 09=\mathrm{p} . \mathrm{e} . \text { of }\left(F_{2}, P\right) \cdot r
$$

Thus $r$ glume/grain appears to have reasonable constancy and therefore although the absolute value of $r$ is not great, a constant relationship between glume-length and grain-length is inferred. Owing to the fact that glume development is not contemporaneous with that of grain, the relationship is liable to be concealed by envirommental influences, particularly when it is expressed as a coefficient of correlation.

## VIII. An Apparlent Relationship betwefn Glume-Lengti and the Development of Harrs on the Glume.

Both Polish and Kubanka are, from the point of view of ordinary descriptive botany, regarded as smooth-glumed wheats. As a fact each, and in particular $F_{0} . P$, exhibits a slight development of hairs on the glumes. In $F_{2}$ there were found a few plants decidedly hairy and very noticeably different in this respect from the parents. All plants more hairy than $F_{0} . P$ were noted and the distribution of their glume-lengths is given in Table XXIX. They numbered 56/494, but the data available do not permit of any particular construction being placed upon this ratio. It will be observed that the increased development of hairs appears to have taken place in association with glumes of lengths below the length runge of $F_{0} . P$. This fact and the impression gained from an examination of the glume hairs of great numbers of $F_{0} . P$ plants, is in agreement with the finding of Backhouse (2) that "leugth of glume has
acted as an inhibitor of pubescence." Confirmatory evidence cannot be sought from the $F_{3}$ plants, for it is found that, comparatively quickly, glume hairs fall off or become so brittle that they are very readily rubbed off in handling, and the $F_{8}$ plants have been stored for five years.

## IX. The Inieritance of Solidness of Straw in the Cross.

When the "shift" in glume-length became apparent, it was decided. to investigate some character unconnected with glume- or grain-length, to see if it manifested in $H_{2}^{r}$ any feature corresponding to the shift of glume-length. The straw was selected. $P$ is solid, $K$ is hollow, and it is noteworthy that in all cases in which "shift" of glume-length is observable [vide cases cited in $\S T V$ above], one parent was solid in straw and the other hollow. Absence of shift characterises one case only, viz. the Polish $\times$ Rivet cross [Biffen (1)], and in this both the parents are solid in straw. Thus the nature of the straw might possibly be related to the shift in glume-length.

Biffen (1) for a Turgidum (solid) $\times$ Vulgare (hollow) cross (Rivet and Red King were the varieties actually used) found a sharp $3: 1=$ hollow : solid in $F_{2}$. In the cross here clescribed it was difficult on many occasions to separate hollow and solid straws. "Intermediate-solids" were encountered and finally were included as solids. The $H_{2}^{\prime}$ was classified for straw by examination of its $F_{s}$ progenies, but in all three of the glume types ( $P, I$, and $K$ ) the ratios were such as could not be ascribed to ordinary factor segregation, whether of one or more than one factor: Different ratios were found for every one of the glume-type constituents ( $K, I$, and $P$ ) and a different one, again, for the complete $F_{3}$.

The result is therefore negative-shift of glume-length is not connected with any simple peculiarity of straw inheritance-but the fact that unaccountably irregular ratios were obtained points to the need of a continuation of the straw investigation in subsequent generations.

## X. Evidence concerning the Endosperm in Inheritance.

That grain-length is a maternal character was one of the conclusions arrived at by a comparative study of the inheritinces of glume-length and grain-length [see § VI (y), p. 123 above]. Singleness of length-type of all grains borne by " $I$ " plants was manifestly a sine quà non of the acceptance of such a conclusion and it was thought well to re-examine the " $I$ " grain question both theoretically and in practice.

For the cross here described $F_{1}$ data are not available but Biffen [(1) p. 38] found that all the grains borne by all the $F_{1}$ (and therofore " $l$ ") plants were identical in form and appearance and, within the limits of natural fluctuation, of one common length-type. His conclusion is thus precisely the one which has already been expressed in this paper-a conclusion which appears to be decidedly out of harmony with the double fertilization hypothesis.

As already recorded, the $F_{2}$ of the Polish $\times$ Kubanka cross contained 267 " $I$ " plants and their grains afford material for a more extensive inquiry than is possible with the necessarily limited number of $F_{1}$ plants in any cross. Table XXV contains the frecgnency distribution of the lengths of these grains, and it exhibits clear unimodality. That unimodality ol' distribution is unreliable as an index of singleness of grain-type has, however, already been demonstrated. By measming the grains of the more numerous $F_{3} . I$ plants a distribution based on a greater number of observations might be obtained but it could afford no more evidence as to the existence of sub-types of length than docs the $F$. $I$ distribution. Only by measuring a great number of grains and grouping the lengths of those which grew respectively into $K, I$, and $P$ plants would it be possible to determine whether the same length of grain (i.e. of endosperm) was or was not associated with the $K, I$, and $P$ types of embryo. It is proposed to make this test next year but in the meantime, metrical methods lailing, the assistance of eyc-judgment has been sought. Suitably devised tests demonstrated the ability of the cye to pick out infallibly the members of the three types from an artificially prepared mixture of $K, I$, and $P$ grains. Beyond this, however, the eye could not go. Despite very extensive trials no evidence of sub-types either for lengtl or appenrance could be found among the grains borne by "I" plants. Il, owing to "double fertilization," the endosperm is "hybrid" in nature, the fact appears to find no expression in the length or appearance of the endosperm both of which are such that they mary be described as "matemal" characters.

The expectation derivable from an extension of the clouble fertilization hypothesis is of interest. Correns (6) and others assume that the secondary or definitive nucleus of the embryo sac exerts twice as much influence on the endosperm as clocs the single generative nucleus of the pollen grain-the reason lor this being that the definitive nucleus is formed by the union of two of the polar cells of the original nucleus of the ovule. The male generative nucleus unites, of course, with the female definitive nucleus and from the divisions which follow this union,
the endosperm results. To express the effect of such a "double dose of femaleness":
let $p=$ either a generative nucleus of a pollen grain which carries the "Polish" factor or one of the polar cells which unite to form the definitive nucleus of an ovule bearing the "Polish" factor. Let $k$ be similarly used for "Kubanka."
From the gametogenesis of a heterozygous $(l)$ plant the $\delta$ generative nuclei will be one half ( $p$ ) and one half ( $l$ ) ; the $i+$ definitive nuclei will be one half ( $2 p$ ) and one half ( $2 k$ ). When such a plant is selfed the following endosperms will result:

$$
3 p, \quad 2 p \mp k, \quad 2 k \mp p, \quad 3 k .
$$

Thus four types of endosperm are expected among the grains borne by " I" plants.

An endosperm of constitution $3 p$ develops, when nourished by an $F_{0} . P$ mother plant, into the characteristic " Polish" form of endosperm; but it may be that when nourished by the less vigorous " $I$ " type of plant it is imperfectly weaned. Consequently its final length may be below the $F_{0}$. $P$ grain-length standard. Similarly $3 k$ may be above the $F_{0}$. $K$ standard. The remaining types $2 p \mp l c$ and $2 k \mp p$ will presumably lie between the $F_{0} . P$ and $F_{0} . K$ types and thus the expectation for the grains borne by " $I$ " plants is four constituents whose length-modes have, owing to irregular development of the endosperms, closed inwards. The intensified overlapping would certainly produce unimodality of the whole distribution.

This theoretical consideration casts no new light upon the problem. As will be observed, it might be elaborated into an explanation of "shift"-an embryo, genetically Polish, fed during development on an " $I$ " plant and nourished during germination by a similarly improperly weaned ( $3 p$ ) endosperm, may be expected to grow into a reduced or "shifted" $P$ plant'. Several experimental methods of investigating

[^0]this problem are possible but it has been decided to apply them to a cross whose parents are more widely separated in grain-length, -form, and -weight, than are Polish and Kubanka.

## XI. Conclusions.

(1) In this cross, length of glume appeus to segregate simply and in the $F_{2}$ the ratio long : intermediate : short $=1: 2: 1$.
(2) The "longs" and "shorts" of $F_{2}$ although recognisably of the same form as the parents ( $F_{0}$ ), yet differ from them in mean glumelength. The average of the longs is reduced by $24: 8 \%$ of the $F_{0}$ value. In the case of the $F_{y}$ shorts there is an increase over the $F_{0}$ shorts but it is smaller.

This change or "shift" in the longs of the $F_{2}$ is quite definite and cannot be explained by errors of sampling, seasonal variation, or any such cause.
(3) The "shifted" form of longs of $F_{2}$ breeds true as far as $F_{3}$ (it has not yet been carried further).
(4) When, in the selfing of $F_{2}$ heterozygotes, plants of parental type are again evolved, there is no evidence of super-added "shift." Lilrewise there is no evidence of a tendency to the restoration of $F_{0}$ values of mean glume-length, i.e.

$$
\left(F_{3}, P \operatorname{ex} F_{2}, I\right)=\left(F_{3}^{\prime} . P \operatorname{ex} F_{2}^{\prime}, P\right)=F_{2}^{\prime} . P<F_{0} . P
$$

(5) For grain-length results are obtained analogous to (1), (2), (3) and (4). The percentage value of the "shift" is, however, less than it is for glume-length, e.g.

$$
F_{0} \cdot P-F_{2} . P=12.5 \% \text { of } F_{0} . P .
$$

(6) All the available evidence supports the view that grain-length and glume-length belong to the same generation or, differently expressed, that grain-length is a maternal character. It is difficult to harmonise this view with the double-fertilization hypothesis.
(7) Numerous grain and glume characters appear to be genetic inseparables. Long-type glumes never contain short-type grains and vice $v e r s \hat{a}$. Despite the association of glume-length and grain-length, the correlation between these two variables is low. Certain reasons may be urged in explanation.
(8) A development of hairs, far more marked than that exhibited by cither parent variety, is found in certain of the $F_{2}$ plants. These plants are all of short glume type. Length of glume appears in some manner to inhibit the full development of hairs.
(9) The Inheritance of Hollow and Solid Straw is complicated and a relationship may possibly exist between "shift" in glume-lengtlı and nature of straw inheritance.
(10) The investigation is to be continued by growing on the pure $F_{0}$ types as well as the "shifted" parental forms from the $F_{3}$. By crossing the "shifted" and $F_{0}$ types it is hoped to test the behaviour of "shifted" types in inheritance.

Table XVII (p. 131) presents diagrammatically a résumé of the measurable characteristics of the glume types in successive generations.

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## TABLES OF FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTIONS OF GLUME- AND GRAIN-LENGTHS.

Glumes.

## Table No.

Type and Generation
I $I_{0}^{\prime} . P$ i.e. Parent variety
II $F_{0} . K$, i.e. Parent varioty
III $\mathrm{I}_{2}$ complete
IV The $487 I_{2}^{\prime}$ plants from which seed was obtained for $F_{3}$
V $17 F_{2}$ plants which though fertile were unripe at harvest
VI $\quad 7 F_{2}$ plants ripe at harvest but sterile
VII $19 F_{2}$ plants unripe at harvest and sterile
VIII $\quad F_{2} . K$, i.e. Kubanka type of the $F_{2}$
IX $\quad F_{3} . K$ ex $F_{2} . K$, i.e. descendants by selfing of the plants of VIII
$X \quad F_{2} . P$, i.e. Polish type of the $F_{2}$
XI $H_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2} . P$, i.e. descendants by selfing of the plants of X
XII $\quad F_{2} . I$ i.e. heterozygote (intermediate) plants of $F_{2}$
XIII $\quad I_{3} . I$ ex $F_{2} . I$, i.e. heterozygous descendants of plants of XII
XIV Complete descendants of the plants of XII (by selfing)
XV $\quad F_{3} . K$ ex $F_{2} . I$, i.e. $K$ type of descendents of the plants of XII
XVI $H_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2} . I$, i.e. $P$ type of descendents of the plants of'XII
XVII Diagrammatic résumé of mensurable characteristics of $K, I$, and $P$ in $F_{0}$, $F_{2}$, and $F_{3}$.


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Grains．
Table No．
Type and fieneration

| XVIII | $F_{0} . P$ ，i．e．Parent varicty |
| :---: | :---: |
| XIX | $F_{0} . K$ ，i．c．Parent variety |
| XX | $F_{2}$ complete |
| XXI | $F_{2} . K$ ，i．e．Kubrnka lype of the $F_{2}$ |
| XXIE | $F_{3} . K$ ex $F_{2} . K$ ，i．e．descendants by sulfing of the plants of XXI |
| XXIII | $F_{2} . P$ ，i．e．Polish type of the $F_{2}$ |
| XXIV | $F_{3} . P$ ex $F_{2} . P$ ，i．e．descendants by selfing of the plants of XXILI |
| XXV | $I_{2} . ~ T, ~ i . o . ~ h e t e r o z y g o t e ~(i n t e r m e d i a t e) ~ p l a n t s ~ o f ~ F F_{2}$ |
| XXVI | Complete descendants of the plauts of XXV |
| XXVII |  |
| XXVIII | $\left.F_{3}, P \text { ex } l_{2}^{\prime}, I\right\} \text { from seprate series of mensurements (see § VI of text) }$ |

N．B．Trable XXIX is a table of glume－lengthe nud refers to § VIII of the text．

## Grains．

|  | Numbers of Tables |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Menis | XVIII | XIX | XX | XXI | XXII | XXIII | XXIV | XXV | XXVI | XXVII | XXVIII |
| $\square_{8}$ | $5 \cdot 5$ | － | 2 | － | － | 2 | － | － | －－ | － | 20 | 4 |
| ＊ | $6 \cdot 0$ | －－ | － | － | － | 5 | － | － | － | 10 | 43 | 19 |
| 即 | 6.5 | － | 9 | 3 | 2 | 17 | － | 9 | － | 31 | 123 | 53 |
| 当 | 7.0 | － | 47 | 11 | 5 | 50 | 1 | 36 | 5 | 82 | 262 | 94 |
| 召 | $7 \cdot 5$ | － | 111 | 32 | 10 | 169 | 2 | 73 | 16 | 199 | 609 | 207 |
| － | $8 \cdot 3$ | 4 | 187 | 89 | 30 | 399 | 14 | 167 | 45 | 589 | 679 | 324 |
| ． | $8 \cdot 5$ | 7 | 36 | 127 | 36 | 347 | 20 | 199 | 68 | 721 | 864 | 321 |
| 蜀 | $9 \cdot 0$ | 37 | 2 | 101 | 24 | 189 | 40 | 274 | 87 | 691 | 845 | 343 |
| － | $9 \cdot 5$ | 56 | 1 | 67 | 4 | 25 | 23 | 149 | 40 | 340 | 585 | 199 |
| \％ | $10 \cdot 0$ | 165 | － | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 95 | 5 | 138 | 319 | 76 |
| － | 10\％ | 154 | － | － | － | －－ | － | 23 | － | 19 | 112 | 4 |
| $\stackrel{\circ}{\square}$ | $11 \cdot 0$ | 8 l | － | － | －－ | － | － | 3 | － | 2 | 30 | － |
| \％ | 11.5 | 18 | － | － | － | － | － | － | － | － | 3 | － |
| 空 | $12 \cdot 0$ | 1 | － | － | － | － | － | － | －－ | $\cdots$ | 2 | － |
|  | otals | 526 | 395 | 487 | 112 | 1214 | 101 | 1028 | 266 | 2822 | 4396 | 1644 |

TABLIE XXIX．

| Class Means | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11.5 | $12 \cdot 5$ | $13 \cdot 5$ | $14 \cdot 5$ | $15 \cdot 5$ | $16 \cdot 5$ | $17 \cdot 5$ | $18 \cdot 5$ | $19 \cdot 5$ | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequencies | 4 | 7 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 56 |

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