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Dear Major Darwin:

I have your letter with the enclosure on free-will.
I have not looked at the latter yet, but shall await an
opportunity of getting my wife to read it to me, as I am
not reading anything to myself just now.   My oculist
thinks this is the best way to remove a little blind spot
which appeared about a fortnight ago.   Anyway he says it
is not progressive, for which I thanked my stars when I saw
him.

I enclose my note, for the Linnean Journal, of my
comments on Salisbury, with better wording, I am afraid,
than when I said it.   I do not think that even a man who
believes that the adult structures of plants, (including
e.g. devices for climbing) were not produced by Natural
Selection would think I was insulting him or was treating
him with disrespect.   In fact I fancy you will think I
am qualifying rather well as an asylum attendant.   Now

with McAtee at the Entomological I _did_ rather let myself go
and perhaps that is why the audience took my remarks so
well; for _he_ might have been angry enough to go for me were
not the Atlantic between.   In that case I expect later
to have an offprint of the whole discussion, including a
quantity of interesting material from Poulton, which he was,
unfortunately, not there to deliver.

I did not mean so to disparage 1858! · They may have
had some wrong notions, but they did have an idea that the
way to make progress in science was to think about it.

I heard Baker, and got just the same impression as
you did.   I think, like others, he may be afraid of arousing
proletarian sentiment, and is willing to go rather far to
allay it.   I cannot think why he and others continue to talk
as though intelligence was the chief point.   I should have
thought enterprise and trustworthiness in responsibility were
each much more important socially and were being destroyed
more rapidly than intelligence by the differential birth-rate.
After all Indians and Chinese are probably not unintelligent
on the average.

Yours sincerely,