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Major L. Darwin, Sc.D.,
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Dear Major Darwin:

I duly delivered your message on the evening of Monday, 22 August, to the International Eugenics Congress at the American Museum of Natural History. Your words were so extremely gracious that for some time after I was treated as though the thought and not only the breath had been mine, and I assure you that I appreciated the atmosphere you had created. Incidentally, I think I was the only speaker that evening who was at all audible. Probably I should have been less so in my own words, but having no responsibility but elocution made me pay attention to it. Davenport and Gini also spoke, dreadfully.

One thing tickled me a little on the Eugenics Congress programme; that was a paper in the name of Sir Bernard Mallet inveighing against Family Allowances. I wonder who wrote it, or if perhaps, the President has suffered a conversion; he wrote very heartily to me after my address to the Society last spring.

I hear, by the way, that Pearson is retiring, though I have seen nothing officially. I think you rather doubt if I would do any good with that place, if it were offered me, which naturally Pearson is much interested in avoiding. I think I can see possibilities of getting some real work done, but I am not very confident.

Yours sincerely,