

Sept. 26. 31

CRIPPS'S CORNER,  
FOREST ROW,  
SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

I bombard you with letters,  
so will write as short as may  
be.

I have received *Biology and  
Manhood*, Rev. S. A. Mc Dowall (of  
Worcester), from Cambridge Press.  
I glean, from a footnote, that he  
was at your Worcester meetings —  
If so, some day tell me what  
sort he is. I shall write to thank  
him, supposing he gave my name  
to the Press. I think the book  
should be briefly but sympathetically  
reviewed in our Review, but do not  
feel equal to it myself. Should I

more in the matter, or write you, if you agree? I want to keep in the background now-a-days. The Central para on page XV of preface is worth quoting, I think.

Blacker's book is going on, I believe, and I expect to hear more some day. I guess it will be a useful work, but I doubt if any of his crew can deal with the side of the question I touched on in my letter to you at all adequately. I thought of saying to him something of what I said to you, and I believe I ~~did~~ <sup>have done</sup> so briefly. At present it is "wait & see", with me. There must be slow evolution in books as in other things. It is no use forcing the pace of others too much.

I have had a niece here, who is somewhat interested in Science. She said, I understood, that there are some distinctions between the species of plants, in land and seaside, which are paralleled by the differences in the individuals of the same species when grown in the two situations. It seems to me that this latter power or adaptation to different environments by the same species must have arisen much as you account for the origin of dominance.

I like Ford's book, which I now have. But I am inclined to object to his internal environment. I like "gene complex", but dislike

the other term as confusing  
environment, which is extraneous  
to the organism, with what  
depends entirely on the genetic  
constitution.

I hope you are soon coming  
out of prison - and I don't  
know where that prison has  
been. You will feel weak for  
a bit, so slow go carefully.

Yours sincerely,

Alward Dawson