Private

My dear Fisher,

The problem you raise is exactly the kind of one which I want you to solve. Your proposal would be far better than mine, and all I have to say on the other side is that the advice should be based on principles as simple as may be. If you can make your plan sufficiently simple for the mind of the ordinary medical man to work on, go ahead! But I confess I

do see very considerable difficulties
in that direction.

I have not heard what
Blacker has been doing lately.
Possibly he may have had some
holidays. I saw him several
times earlier in the year, and
I now decidedly like him.
Of course he has faults — we
all have. He rushes at his
fences a bit, but that is
certain to be the case with
anyone who really wants to
get a move on. He may give
the idea of a little swagger at
first, but I am now sure this
is only manner. I often tell

how I opened a birthday book on
my birthday and read the
following words — "a man must
row with such oars as he has".
Ofcourse it is silly from one
point of view, because a man
is an ass not to get better
oars if he can. Nevertheless I
have repeated these words to
myself over and over again when
human difficulties have arisen at
the Eugenics Society. Now may I
say that for the progress of
Eugenics ~~you should~~ I hope you will try to row
with the Blacker oar as well
as you can — as long as he is
there. I regard this as most
important for the welfare of the
Society. I do not anticipate

difficulties on his side, for I
know that he likes working
with you in the chair — which
is more than he feels as
regards some other chairmen!
I am feeling all this rather
strongly, for I don't suppose I
shall go to many or any
more Council meetings.
        Of course use my last week's letter in
any way you like.
        I return Ford. I have
paid it the compliment of
buying a copy, to read it
a second time some day.
        No more today
                Yours sincerely
                    C. Darwin