

15 September 1931.

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

Many thanks for the letter you wrote to cheer me up before my operation. I had not had one before and was quite three parts anxious. What you said encouraged me greatly. I believed it about half, but it seems to have been quite true, for I have had nothing to call pain except the first time they moved the bandages. I am told that they carved me about a good deal and that my job is now to grow what is missing. My doctor hopes I may be out of the Nursing Home in about three weeks.

Your letter of May 26th. I shall postpone until I can read Pangensis again and get the context of your citations. I can see that I shall value it greatly.

Do not lose any good opportunity of letting me hear your ideas old or new. I have been learning bit by bit that there is generally the germ of something uncommonly well worth thinking about, in what you say. And from my end this is a good opportunity.

I am enclosing a delightful little book which E.B. Ford of Oxford has just sent me. Delightful to me of course because he has made such good use of my book. I don't mean merely in citing me often, but in the arrangement of his ideas and the structure of his whole argument. You may be interested to glance through it.

Very many thanks for J. Arthur Thomson's review. How does he manage to say such nice things. I can't think what I can say to express my appreciation, if I brace myself to writing. But I ought to try as you suggest. Thanks for the reminder about the Edinburgh paper.

Yours sincerely,