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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher.

Just one word about that Committee on which both you and my niece are. It ought to do some good work. But it is run by doctors, and they must be allowed the major control. Doctors seem to be always after a cure, rightly enough, and therefore wanting to know the cause of a disease. To find the cause of mental defect seems to me an extraordinarily difficult task. You will be able to show them 'I suspect' many dangers in their path, both on the assumption of Mandelisa, and in regard to accidental causes. I don't see how to

Set about the job. Could things do
anything? I am very fond indeed
of my niece, who does not
pretend to be learned. You will
keep them stranger statistically,
and, if I may give advice, be
cautious about trying to guide
them otherwise too much. I have
heard a good deal of talk
about it.

I hear that Mac Bride has
cared in, without in least realizing
what an -- he has made of
himself - so I judge.

This is a hasty & impromptu
Scram, needing no answer

Yours sincerely

Samuel Dawson

11 October 1930.

Major L. Darwin, Sc.D.,
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FOREST ROW,
Sussex.

Dear Major Darwin,

It must be nearly a year ago that I wrote to you that Haldane had attacked Dominance theory on the strength of the dominance exhibited in Grouse Locusts and the fish Lebistes. I thought at the time that his allies might betray him, and give an unexpected support to the theory, as apparent exceptions are wont to do.

So far they have come up to expectations nobly. Of course I need more data to make a complete case, but I think this paper may serve to make sure that the necessary observations will be made. I am still quite nervous about my tentative and conjectural last section, because however often one says that he is guessing, there are many people who will take no notice of the difference between a guess and a decided opinion. Personally, I am sure that we ought to go on guessing, as intelligently as may be, and if it is an error it seems one on the generous side, to do some of it in public.

I feel rather depressed about the Eugenics Society. But, I know by experience that I am capable of making a fool of myself, and I suppose I am as liable as anyone else to ascribe that fault to others. This, I believe, ought to comfort me.

Yours sincerely,