

Blessington  
Five miles  
Co. Tyrone  
Ireland

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JAB

My dear Fester,

Thanks for yours of the  
12<sup>th</sup> inst. I am however  
really writing to bother you  
with a question. Would you  
kindly tell me if you  
know anything about Mr.  
Julia Bell, and his work  
on the inheritance of Eye

defects. Would she be pleasant  
to work with as far as you  
know? Any information in  
this point - gratefully received.

I am glad you like

my remarks that individual  
development depends on genes  
acting differently in different  
circumstances - but I am not  
much surprised because I  
am nearly certain that I  
bagged the idea from you.  
I am glad also that you have  
replied to Salisbury's letter.  
I feel rather muddled headed  
to-day and can only say

that I think I understand the situation. The elimination of an individual increases in importance in your three stages A. B. & C. This is also true of the survival of individuals. Hence the proportion of elimination in each stage is of importance a very high proportion of seedlings are eliminated but then the causes of their elimination have very little to do with in-born qualities. This is how it seems to me to-day but if I am making an error don't

trouble to put me right - as  
I have no doubt I shall come  
to see things more clearly.

When I shall have time  
to deal with your book  
thoroughly I do not know.

Yours sincerely

L. Darwin

June 1. 1882.