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SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

M^{rs} Fisher will receive before long two books. One is a mere collection of stories, sent by my wife as being possibly useful in the family circle. The other is a work by members of the Darwin family. The scientific value of the pictures of animals in the latter will, I hope, be fully realized by the whole family. I am sure that my father would have approved of them. I write this first, because the thought of sending them came

first-in time. Now as to your ² book on Experiments, I took M^{rs} Fisher's note to mean that I was to keep it, I consequently pasted in her note, as I sometimes do, and put it into my book-shelf, intending to take it down again later on for further study. Most of it is beyond me, but I should like to see its back remaining amongst my other books, and shall, therefore, keep it. I feel sure that this is what you would like me to do.

As to your long letter, which I am sorry you wrote, unless it should stir you up to publish your views on Mendel in some scientific journal, it seems

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to me that they are valuable & interesting. I was also glad to read what you say about the Origin. I shall read your letter carefully again. You do not, I think, express any opinion on a point I believe I raised, namely whether it would not be better for anyone, who is not an actual student of science, to read the 2nd edition in preference to the 6th. — I feel much of the controversy with the *Miracle*, for example,

it hardly worth reading except ^{by} the student. Do not answer me; but if you ever feel disposed, put your views ^{on this point} on record publicly. I don't want to waste your time.

I have tried to write one or two little things lately; but so far they have been still born. I am trying my hand again, and if I succeed better, I shall send it to you for an opinion; for I am nearly sure that my underlying aim would meet with your approval. But I expect to see this effort appear also.

Yours sincerely

Almond Dawson

I could always return your letter on Mendel, if it would help you.