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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher.

Cork I shall be at the
Engineer's Office on Wednesday
next at noon as usual. I
shall sleep on the Tuesday
night at the Burlington Hotel
Cork St. W1. Here are 2
questions I should be glad if
you would consider, & consult
Cutler, if you get a chance,
to answer verbally when we
meet.

Did you see Mac Bride's
Speech at the Educational

Conference a day or two ago?
It is the sort of thing he is
expecting Tredgold to say at
the Galton dinner. I thought
of getting Mac Bride to propose
a vote of thanks. My question
is who would be the best
man to second the vote of
thanks and to say with
authority that we are still
almost entirely ignorant of
the cause of mental defect &
that our knowledge is entirely
insufficient to enable us to
found a policy thereon.?

I can say a word or two, but
it is harder when in the
Chair. It must be all very
civil. It is see Tredgold's lecture,
as I may, I shall have to
warn him of my disagreement.

My second question is as
to the first Edition of The Origin.
I wrote Murray, and he replied
that such a scheme is unpractical
because the Oxford Press issues
a very cheap edition, which is
reprinted from the First Edition,
so anyone can now get it.
I buy the Oxford edition, &
find it was reprinted in
1925, that it is from the 2nd

Editor, and that it gives
no hint that it is not the
last edition. The 2nd edition
differs little from the 1st,
except in the omission, under
Lyell's persuasion, of a passage
I know my father was sorry he
left out. There are several
minor corrections! Now this is
not quite fair on the part of
the Oxford Press. I don't know
if I shall do anything, but if
I did want some Oxford
man to rub their nose in
it, would Poisson or
Goodman or Schiller be best?
I don't know of the Oxford

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Pres is under the University.
I am puzzled what to
do.

I have only just finished
my draft Sterilization Bill.
It will meet much opposition.
I don't know myself what it is
wise to do about it. But
I feel more sure than ever
that to draft a bill is the
only way to realize the
difficulties.

Yours sincerely

L. Darwin

I hope legible.