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Dear Major Darwin,

It is no trouble whatever to write. The medal was much bigger than I expected, being over 9½ oz. Troy. It seems they do not use exact multiples in Troy weight at the mint. I fear I shall have to park it at the bank, as it would be stupid to let it get stolen.

Gosney sent me his pamphlet with the apology:

"In order to make room for it in this pamphlet, we had to condense the report until in some particulars it is not exactly correct, but it is substantially so."

I agree with Gosney that, though not exactly correct, his reference is not effectively misleading, though it is not clear where 36% comes from, as I do not think the figure appears in my article.

Actually, years later, the data collected for the Sterilization Committee under Brock showed that, of many thousands of children born to one certified and one normal parent, the percentage certifiable was put as high as 35 or 40%, agreeing curiously well with the data you extracted from Goddard.

This ascertainment of the proportion of children seems to me more directly relevant to the policy of sterilization than the estimation of the proportion of parents, such as was previously attempted.

Yours sincerely,