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My dear Fisher

This is how it stands with regard to my  
blessed old centrip. & centrif. <sup>[real]</sup> <sup>[used]</sup> mutation paper. I got  
it set up in type. Then I was tempted to send it you  
to read, but I thought it would be hard luck on you,  
especially as I know you could only repeat the statement  
that you did not like the idea. Then I did ask  
Carr Saunders to read it, especially to keep me from  
making howlers in technical terms; which he has  
done very well. Then I read Hagedorn. Then I got  
a panic, seeing I had left out one important  
unifying influence, and feeling I did not know  
enough to write on the subject. I really thought  
I might scrap heap the whole thing. I have now  
picked up some courage, for there are some  
things I do want to say. Moreover I am still  
rather enamoured of the idea that a system  
may exist which makes the lopping off of  
forms at one end cause new forms to  
appear at the other end of the series; and this  
can (?) only occur as the result of something  
like transferences between the allomorphs.  
And now I am inclined to reverse my venture.

intention of not bothering you. I know I shall  
not convert you, but you might keep me out  
of quasi-mathematical howlers. I wonder if  
you could find time to read it. It is about  
60 pages of big print, with <sup>several</sup> ~~several~~ pages of  
type written additions. You must not scruple  
to say you are too busy if that is the case,  
for I know I am making a serious demand.  
But I think it will be my last regular  
scientific paper, and I should never trouble  
you exactly in this way again. I shall  
have to get on with it soon. I shall be  
at ~~the~~ Cripps's Corner, Forest Row, Sussex  
after next Saturday for a week, where  
I shall work at <sup>one copy of</sup> it. It I do send it to  
you, where shall I write it writing on  
Friday next? But I shall really quite  
understand if you are too busy.

Yours sincerely

L. Darwin