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My dear Fisher

All biologists will be delighted at this
further recognition of your magnificent work by the
very fitting award of the Darwin Medal.
Darwin could have wished for no more worthy
holder of it. I send my warmest congratulations.
Please do not think of acknowledging them, for I
know how ^{very} busy you will receive

Yours sincerely
Alister Hardy

18th. November 1948.

My dear Hardy,

In spite of your considerate warning it is too great a pleasure to me to acknowledge your very kind note on the Darwin Medal for me to forego it.

My approach to genetical problems has been sufficiently heretical to have encountered a certain amount of resistance from those who think otherwise, so that it is a very real encouragement to find, as I am finding this year, how many are those who think what I have done worth doing.

In talking to students and young workers in research I have often emphasised the disappointment they must expect if an idea that seems to them fruitful and enlightening seems to be received by their colleagues with silence or indifference. A young man need not be particularly impatient to feel that five years is a long while to wait before he gets any reaction, and I am inclined to stress what has indeed been my own experience, that one finds after ten or fifteen years that a great many people have been not only interested but actively influenced by what one has done, ^{though} thinking all the time ^{me is thinking} that it had no effect at all.

Yours sincerely,