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My dear Fisher:

I find that I very stupidly did not get down in my diary the fact that I was to go to lecture in Sheffield on Wednesday the 13th and stay overnight. This, I fear, cuts out my attending the Measurement Committee that afternoon. What had we better do? I could attend a meeting on the 13th in the afternoon if you thought that desirable. The 14th I have an engagement. On the 17th we have the Gross Committee in the morning, I think, at your place, and the S.E.B. in the afternoon. The 18th and 19th I am in Hull. I am terribly sorry. I usually put all my long-range engagements down in my book beforehand, but forgot this time!

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On another matter. Would you be willing to sponsor the enclosed for the Royal? It is a long paper by Gross and myself on Sabella. I had wanted it published in the Journ. Exp. Biol., for which I have a sentimental affection, having been instrumental in founding it, but Gray has an almost violent feeling about long papers, and wants it cut down to some ridiculous fraction of its length. If you were to speak to Gross, he would explain to you the reasons which make us think that it is desirable to keep it full, the chief being that we feel we are breaking new ground, and that others should repeat similar work on the same and other forms if they are to test out Child's conclusions, and therefore we feel it should be published in full. It doubtless could be abbreviated somewhat, say by 5 or 10%, if one took the trouble.

Yours ever,

Julian Huxley

to follow tomorrow.