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ZOOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

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My dear Fisher:

I was sorry not to see you at the Sterilization Meeting yesterday; there were a number of things I wanted to talk to you about.

- (1) One is that I wondered whether you could spare half-an-hour one day when you are in town to look in and advise one of our research workers here on how to handle certain statistics. I do not think it would take more than a few minutes of your time. Pantin ^{then (a day) advised} told me that this was just the sort of work in which you had particular experience.
- (2) Secondly, various questions came up about your revised pamphlet on the reduction in defectiveness to be expected by preventing defectives from breeding. After the meeting was over Blacker and I drafted out a brief statement which I hope you will agree to; it was that in order to make the matter as obvious as possible, and yet not to make everything depend on one particular figure such as 17%, we should draw up a little table showing the reductions to be expected ~~with~~ about three values for the incidence of defect in parents of defectives; and also as a second variable where you prevented 100% or 50% defectives from breeding. This would involve no re-writing of the text, and could be inserted with a mere sentence or so of connection. However, Blacker will be seeing you about this on your return.
- (3) Thirdly, I understand that Blacker is putting in for this post of male secretary to the Society. May I say (I believe you are on the selection committee) that I hope you feel as I do, that he is absolutely ideal for the purpose. If you have any doubts or objections I should very much appreciate your letting me know, because I feel rather strongly about it, ^{we might have talk.}
- (4) You will be interested to hear that I compared theoretical expectations with ^mactual figures according to my heterogony formula, and found them very good. I will show you when you come. I think there is no doubt that it is all right.

Ever yours,

Julian S. Huxley