

BISHOP'S CROFT,  
HARBORNE,  
BIRMINGHAM.

September 29, 1930.

Dear Dr Fisher,

You will, I think, count it to me for righteousness that in July I saw Charles Darwin's review of your book in the Eugenics Review and that thereupon I bought it. More than that, after the Lambeth Conference, I took the book with me to Devonshire and spent some three weeks in working hard at it. The concluding chapters relating to man were relatively easy, but I confess that I found some of the earlier mathematical stuff most difficult. I hope, however, still to have time in an approaching vacation to work at it again and, if I am still nonplussed, I shall venture to write to you. The copy of the book which you have sent me I shall keep and value, the more so as I must confess that I did not know who you were. A study of Who's Who failed to enlighten me and, owing to your recent election, your name was not in the last Year Book of the Royal Society. When I think that you came to my lectures, I am forced again to reflect how many distinguished people I have presumed to teach. I will not here and now discuss any of the questions which you raised: some of them I attempted to deal with in what my ignorance made a necessary superficial way in my Gifford Lectures at Aberdeen last year. Of their vast importance no thoughtful man can be ignorant. I am especially glad that experts are coming forward with regard to problems of human population. My episcopal colleagues move

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slowly but they are not unwilling to learn from men whom they feel that they can trust.

Forgive this discursive letter and accept my cordial thanks,

Yours very truly,

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