Dec. 18-31.
Cripps Corner,
Forest Row,
Sussex.

Dear Fisher,

Please thank Mrs. Fisher for her kind letter. I feared very much that it was some relapse after the operation, which is always alarming. You do seem to have had some trouble of that sort, which I hope will not amount to much. As to your work, I do not know if you have seen enclosed by my niece, Mrs. Barlow. I like her much, and believe her to be a careful...
worker; but doubt if she has a really scientific mind.

In my last to you I sent a copy of a letter I wrote to Dr. Freeman and I think another enclosure. I guess if they ever reached you it was not you were at your worst with your infantile complaint. If they ever turn up, please send them back. If never seen again—well—perhaps so much the better!

I am doing very little now. I have been writing a little paper on Evolution, which will probably go no where, unless I bother you with it! I suppose that has
following point has occurred to you. If a change of environment makes a harmful recessive mutation become beneficial, it will begin to win in the struggle, and will tend to become dominant all the time, by reversing the process you describe. This will at first help it to win in the fight; but finally it will delay the process, and help to keep his species more divergent about its mean than would otherwise have been the case. Is it fair to apply this reasoning to human beings? Is the way we are keeping mental defective alive and propagating having a slight-
tending to make this defect less receiveable, and thus to spread stupidity more broadcast throughout the nation? That is enough of a thought—far a sick mind!

My wife bought some goodies for your children, which I hope may be acceptable for Xmas.

Yours sincerely,

Leonard Darwin