My dear Fisher.

I wrote Cutler a short while ago to say that I was sorry for the kind of review which The Builders of America had received at the hands of James, but implied that, when written, more had to accept it. I wanted anyhow to read the book again, and it occurred to me that it might be useful if I wrote Whitney a letter partly butter and partly criticism. I thought it would indicate that I was, at all events, much

P.S. I will write soon about your paper just received.
Keep the book I send you till we meet in October if you like. Cripps's Corner, Forest Row, Sussex.

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interested in the book. I wrote the letter as I went along, and it has been much longer than I first intended. Then I came to what seems to me a regular howler which I felt I could not pass over if I wrote about all. And I ask you to do, and I should be much obliged if you would do it, is to read the part of the enclosed letter to Whitney which is marked by a red line, and tell me if he is right and I have blundered, or vice versa.
of his conclusions, such as the heredity of athletic qualities, or rather that they are correlated with big families. If I am right, I think I shall send the letter, though with some doubt.

If you look at the book for yourself, Chap VIII on Crime is interesting, and his figures as to cost extraordinary if true. Please look at the Table on p. 161, and compare columns B and E. These show that the low fertility of those worse educated is almost entirely due to a diminished marriage rate. Does not this indicate that income tax allowances, if only applicable to two children are more beneficial than could otherwise be thought? They encourage marriage, I suppose.
Then the information about the families of missionaries etc.
please go p. 192. 193. Of course his most important point is that
in our class the most successful have most children. It wants
a good deal of thinking about.

If you think I am right
about the blunder, kindly let
me know. No particular hurry.
Keep the book longer if you want
to read it. I am sending it by
this post.

Yours sincerely
Donald Dewar

P.S. I have just sent an abstract
of 5 mathematical papers by
Haldane in Cambridge Phil. Soc., by
Reed of U.S.A. I did not
know of Haldane's work, but
whenever you do.