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Cripps's Corner,
Forest Row,
Sussex.

My dear Fisher,

I shall be at the
Engineer's Office on Wednesday
next at noon as usual. I
shall sleep on the Tuesday
night at the Burlington Hotel
Cork St. W1. Here are 2
questions I should be glad if
you would consider, a credit
Cutler, if you get a chance,

Do you see MacBride's
Speech at the Educational
Confidence a day or two ago? It is the sort of thing he is expecting Tredgold to say at the Galton dinner. I thought of getting MacBride to prepare a vote of thanks. My question is who would be the best man to second the vote of thanks and to say with authority that we are still almost entirely ignorant or the causes of mental defect so that our knowledge is entirely insufficient to enable us to found a policy thereon?
I can say a word or two, but it is harder than in the chair. It must be the very civil. If I see Tredgold's lecture, as I may, I shall have to warn him of my disagreement.

My second question is as to the first edition of The Origin. I wrote Murray, and he replied that such a scheme is unpresidented because The Oxford then issues a very cheap edition, which is reprinted from the First Edition, so anyone can now get it. I buy The Oxford edition, I said, and it was reprinted in 1925, that it is from the 2nd.
Editor, and that it gives no hint that it is not the last edition. The 2nd edition differs little from the 1st, except in the omission, under Prof. Fawcett's persuasion, of a passage I knew my father was sorry he left out. There are several main conclusions. Now this is not quite fair on the part of the Oxford Men. I don't know if I shall do anything, but if I did want some Oxford man to rub their nose in it, would Poultney or Goodwin or Schiller be best? I don't know if the Oxford...
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Dear sir under the University, 
I am puzzled what to do.

I have only just finished my draft Sterilisation Bill, 
It will meet much opposition, 
I dont know myself what it is wise to do about it. But, 
I feel more sure than ever, 
that to draft a Bill is the only way to realise the difficulties.

Yours sincerely, 

J. Darwin 

I hope legitimate.