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My dear Dwight,

It is exceedingly kind of you to enquire about mast years in the northern conifers. I did not, of course, hope to get very definite information but rather to call attention to a subject of great importance for animal ecology and perhaps, also, for forestry.

I am not surprised that the numbers of squirrel pelts vary erratically, for I suppose that it is only of the more valuable furs that one can say that the number of pelts brought in is a measure of the supply in nature.

I am glad Butler does not support sun spots, but I fancy that majority of journalists still do.

Sincerely yours,