February 18th, 1930.

My dear Fisher,

A little while ago I wrote to you about an idea that struck me concerning your theory of dominance, which has interested me so much. The point being that completely recessive genes sometimes have secondary effects not open to direct selection, and that these are intermediate in the heterozygote.

If you consider it of sufficient interest I had thought you might possibly include the point next time you wrote on the subject. But you sent me a most kind letter in which
you urged me to publish the idea. I have accordingly written a note as for the
Prm. Nat.

After I have seen several
rights that reply, in which he falls
back upon the idea of genic loss (or
reactivation) as the basis of the
recurrent condition. So much nonsense
(in my opinion) has been written
about that, that I thought it worth
while adding a short review of the
subject, pointing out that his theory
assumption of genic loss could not
itself provide an explanation of the
recurrent state.
Would you therefore be so kind as to read through the enclosed note and let me know if you think it worth publishing, and if you agree with it? I really want your opinion and shall not be offended what you say! So do not hesitate to tell me (a) if you disagree, or (b) if you think the points raised are not worth discussion. I am anxious to obtain your honest opinion.

I would have written sooner but have had too much work connected with the University, and it takes up a lot of time; also my summer
...been living entirely on
attention. Also, I have had a
bad attack of influenza; and lately
my farm was taken ill, and I had
him ill in the house for some time—and
you know what a better sort of thing it is.

Yours sincerely,

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