

24th January, 1956.

My dear Gavin,

I do not think it a nuisance at all. It has been a real pleasure to see what you have written for your centenary publication in connection with the Darwin-Wallace celebrations.

Frankly, if I may put it so, I had no idea that you could write so well, and I am sure what you say will arouse interest in many who have not at all followed the course of events in evolution theory.

For my own part I particularly appreciated the balance with which you brought in, each in turn, the various aspects under which evolutionary theory in general, and the theory of natural selection in particular, have been transformed in the last quarter century or so.

I was glad you gave credit to several Americans for the parts they have played in this revaluation, as appreciative remarks from you in this context will certainly carry weight among their countrymen, among whom enlightenment is really very uneven.

Thank you for letting me see it.

Sincerely yours,

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