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My dear Fisher,

Many thanks for your letter just received. I was so very sorry not to be with you this week-end, but I know you will understand the circumstances. I have not yet heard the results of the X-ray photographs. The stuff I took to make the gall-bladder and bile duct sufficiently opaque for photographing made me feel desperately sick, but otherwise I was not much inconvenienced.

How splendid that you will be able to come on Friday 10th. I do look forward more than I can say to the pleasure of showing you this colony and to the joy of discussing everything with you. As I think I told you, I have been able to arrange for transport. I can provide all necessary collecting materials, including a butterfly net for you, but please bring some old clothes to change into if we have to visit Cotchill in the rain.

As I told you in my last letter, Saturday was an impossible day for collecting; but I

went to the Colony yesterday. The insects are still very early in the emergence and quite rare yet. I suspect that they will not be common until the middle of this week. They were curiously wild and difficult to catch. I got 7 and may have seen about the same number, which I failed to get. None of these had been marked on Friday (but only 6 were marked then), and 5 were normals and 2 heterozygotes (one of these being among the most extreme that I have seen). So far therefore the result is as follows:-

	<u>normals</u>	<u>heterozygotes</u>	<u>Total.</u>
3.vii.	5	1	6
5.vii.	5	2	7
	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>

I am afraid I cannot get an earlier train on Friday than the 4:45. I hope this is not inconvenient in keeping you unnecessarily in town. I will meet you just inside the barrier at the entrance to the platform when one shows ones ticket. I am writing to de Beer today. I

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cannot at all understand his move in nominating
Grüneberg. It may be, as you suspect, that de Beer
has been pressed to do this (presumably by Haldane),
and did so supposing that Mather's term of office was
at ~~the~~ end. Even so, it might well be said that
he ought not to have made a nomination
without acquainting himself fully of the circumstances.

If indeed it is Mather, rather than myself,
that the Haldane party wish to displace, they are
making a great mistake. The Society has rarely had,
nor can it hope often to have, a more thoroughly
efficient and desirable Secretary than Mather.

Ever yours,

Henry