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Dear Caradog Jones:

Many thanks for your kind letter. It is a pleasure to hear that what one has written has been enjoyed. I was, I think, very fortunate in my reviewers, but in spite of that it will evidently take a long while to make any impression on biological, or equally on sociological, thought. I should be very glad to hear, now or later, of your impression of the chapters on human selection. While writing them I felt they were growing unduly, as I had originally intended social selection in human fertility, following sexual selection, and mimicry, as a third development or application of natural selection, having like them special relevance to special circumstances. Whereas, in the other cases, I could take a groundwork from earlier writers, and could concentrate on critical discussion and amendment, in the human case I felt I had to justify the

primary propositions, such as the heritability of fertility, whether consciously or unconsciously conditioned, and this took so much space, that I fear Chapters VIII to XII are not easily grasped as a single argument.

Again thanks for your encouraging letter.

Yours sincerely,