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Dear Professor Poulton,

I am sending herewith a copy of my book on Natural Selection, which is now just out. I see that while I have acknowledged your help in the chapter on Mimicry I have not thanked you in the Preface. I hope you won't think that this matters.

If I can judge right the selection argument does appeal more to the younger biologists to-day than it did 20 to 30 years ago. In genetics we have in particular to recover from the influence of Bateson, and I hope that what I say in the Preface and in chapters V and VI, while being as little as possible offensive to his friends, will do something to counteract the very irrational trend of thought on evolution for which, in this country, he was responsible.

I should of course very much like to know what you think of any parts of the book which you may find time to read.

Yours sincerely,

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