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My dear Riddell,

Thanks for your letter of the 15th. The Obituary will do nicely if you get it in early in September, but I do not think it ought to wait for ^{the} a new volume.

At your ~~convenient~~ ^{convenient} leisure, I should be glad to have your second 500 eye classifications; but, of course, not until you are fully satisfied about them.

Surnames have been exceedingly useful with the blood group work, but if you were to find a higher proportion of diabetics among patients with Highland names, I should certainly hesitate to put it down to inbreeding. I imagine it might be due to almost anything.

Diabetes is so comparatively common an ailment that I think its heredity can best be studied by the tedious and pedestrian method of finding out what proportion of the brothers and sisters, parents, etc, of diabetics, not younger than some chosen age, are themselves diabetic; but, of course, there ^{maybe} is some difficulty about this.

Yours sincerely,