

Until Oct. 1st my address is "Petersham, Mass." though
anything sent to Cambridge will be duly forwarded.
Fiske

Petersham, Mass.

July 27, 1882.

My dear Mr. Darwin;

It is too bad that you should have had to wait so long for an answer to your letter of 25th May, but Mrs. Fiske & I have both been away from home, and so my correspondence has fallen into arrears.

To make amends, so far as possible, Mrs. Fiske has herself made a copy of all of your father's letters in my possession; hoping that this may save any further delay for you, should you find anything in the letters which you would like to use.

These are all the letters I have ever received from your father except one

or two which merely say, Take such or such a train to Oxington, &c. I believe I still have those on file in Cambridge, but Mrs. Fiske did not find them, and of course you would not care for them.

— In those which I send I do not know whether there is anything which you will find of interest or not. It is needless to say that I shall always take the greatest pride & pleasure in remembering the value which your father (I fear, too generously) set upon my work.

To have had him, with ~~all~~ his time so fully occupied, ~~study~~ ^{morely} read through my two bulky volumes of "Cosmic Philosophy" was, I have always thought, ~~think~~ ^{think} the highest compliment the book could receive.

On one point possibly you can enlighten me. I do not now understand the reference (on page 4 of this ms. copy) "mem. case of Baboons," &c. I never heard from your father again on this point. The general subject of the postscript, i. e. the point to which I had called your father's attention, was my hypothesis as to the effects of the prolonged infancy of man, both in making it possible for one generation of men to vary ^{in intelligence} (e. g. progressively) from the preceding generation, and also in giving rise to stable & permanent family groups. The point is stated

I almost forgot to say, Pray make any use whatever that you
choose of these letters. If there is anything in any of them that
you may care to publish, pray do so.

at length in Cos. Phil. part II.
chap. XXII., and also in my
"Darwinism & other Essays", essay
on Dr Bateman & Darwinism.

Possibly you can enlighten
me as to the reference in
"mem. Case of Baboons".

Pray give my warmest
regards & best wishes (in which
Mrs. Fiske joins me) to all of
the family. We can never
forget our delightful visit of
two years ago. I remain,
my dear Mr. Darwin,

Very sincerely yours,

John Fiske.