

My dear Guy

I am sure of that Historical Paper & am sure of
 corrections. With respect to ageing, I have shamefully blundered
 but Mr Baer is fully as good an authority as I am for
 evidence to ageing & that if you think worth while.
 I wrote all latter part of volume from memory, & it is
 a blinding man blunder was how it ^{get} been detected; but
 the state of my health left me no choice; I felt on the
 point of quite breaking down. — If the M.S. ^(as before) ~~was~~ ^{is} sent
 is of no use, no harm is done. — The paper all

refer to the new Edition of Reprint —
 I have now received your letter of the 23^d of Jan. & Hooker, in which you
 tell me all to trouble (& you so much overworked) which you have
 taken about an American Edition. I fear there is no chance
 of your Review now appearing at the head, which would have
 greatly pleased me. If there is another Reprint, with you send
 the English 2^d Edt (or Reprint) on account of ^{several} verbal corrections
 likewise I would send you another copy, or make the
 Publishers give you one. If you notice any errors like
 "self-fertilisation itself" & "ptg" correct. — Again & again, I thank
 you heartily for all your generous kindness to me. —
 Now I will just run through some points in your letter.
 What you say about my Book gratifies me most deeply
 & I wish I could feel all was deserved of me.

May 1

(Letter continued)

I quite think a Review from a man who is at all an
entirely correct, if fair & moderately favourable, & in all
respects the best kind of Review. About weak points
I agree. The eye to this day gives me a cold shudder,
but when I think of the fine human qualities, of reason
tells me I ought to conquer the cold shudder. I agree
about sterility, & especially about fertility of ^{the} ^{marked} ^{varieties}, &
in the m. S. already sent to you, I have infused more plausibility
the difficulty. But a vast number of facts show how
mysterious & even the reproductive system is affected.
Pray kindly remember & tell Prof. Wyman how very grateful
I am for any hints, information or assistance I can
get. I am so sorry
the highest respect for his opinion. I am so sorry
about ^{health} ^{Deming} I have already asked him to pay me
a visit - Farewell, you have laid me under a
load of obligation - which I feel it a load. It is
a highest possible gratification to me to think that
you have found my Book worth reading & reflecting
on & then after I put down in my book
mine as the judge alone opinion I shall value
most of all - My dear friend

Yours most sincerely
C. Darwin

I feel pretty sure of the
to keep the subject of origin of species before your mind, the
with so further a further in your belief. I took me long
years & I assure you I am as intimate at it as I wish to
4. Both have made on many matters of fear 20 years
ago I do not have been half as candid & open to
certainty



Darwin, Charles. 1860. "Darwin, Charles Feb. 8, 1860." *Charles Darwin letters to Asa Gray*

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