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My dear Ron.

How very kind of you to have gone to so much trouble to hunt out the relevant passages in Prichard's book, and to have them copied out for me. I am really most grateful. As I think you know, I have had in mind some day to attempt a short-history of Genetics, and points like these would be of extreme use to me. I should greatly like to borrow the book at some time.

Really these passages are remarkable:

The statement on heredity (attributed to M^r: Gausson) is an extraordinary performance at that date. His dissection of the problem into its essential parts is admirable.

As you say, the later paragraphs certainly do indicate an appreciation of Natural Selection - in the sense of selection or rejection - which ought to be made known more widely. Indeed all the passages you quote illustrate what a long way it was possible to advance even at an early date by clear reasoning.

I am so much obliged for this highly interesting information: I hope I may be able to use it some day!

Ever yours,

Henry