

Thursby,  
Carlisle,  
Cumberland

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My dear Fisher,

Here is the paper on  
Papilio dardanus. I should be  
immensely grateful if you could find  
the time to look through it - and  
criticise it. With the data before you,  
it is possible that genetic points and  
interpretations may occur to you which  
have entirely escaped me. So that, apart  
from any corrections in what I have written,  
you might feel it valuable to give your  
own views: These could of course be  
added in the form of an Appendix  
under your own name, should you wish  
to bring out any of your own concepts as a

connected note; and that would be immensely valuable.

I may say that, as I write on, the paper attained its character from the relatively small account I had planned and, as you will see, has indeed a considerable size (16,000 words or so). I had no idea at first how much material exists which, in my estimation, is worth publishing. I shall be exceedingly interested to hear if it is worth it also in your eyes.

Its value is still largely potential, but there is far more ground to go on than I had supposed. The evidence which has made it possible to delineate the relative frequencies of the female forms does seem to me attractive. The existence also of vast random collections (such as

rare thing!) of models and models  
seemed to misstate the discussion you will  
find in Section 4, which is not, I think,  
too much off the point.

I shall also <sup>be</sup> anxious to  
know if you agree with me that the  
species provides such exceptionally interesting  
material genetically, that it is worth  
pointing out to the breeders that to look out  
for - and what not to do!

Dear Poulton, with his  
ready kindness and help, has all the  
time been pressing me to include more  
and more - till I should have ended  
in monographing dardanes as a whole!  
This I have resisted (not entirely  
successfully), not wishing to stray far  
from the subject.

I am afraid you will find  
my statistical treatment very elementary!

With my best wishes to Mrs. Fisher  
and yourself for Christmas and the  
New Year.

Yours sincerely,  
E. B. Soper

(Poulton has given me 4 beautiful  
coloured plates for this paper, 3  
printed by Tassart and 1 by  
Harry Eltringham).