

January 16<sup>th</sup> 1931.

Dear Fisher,

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Here is a short note on our  
butterflies. It is really written in the hope that  
the attention of other people may ~~be drawn to~~ be  
drawn to the phenomenon should a colony of  
this species be increasing rapidly in their district.  
This is possible, for violent fluctuations in numbers  
have been noticed in other colonies than ours.  
If only we had realized that was going forward  
earlier we might have done some interesting work,  
which now perhaps someone else can do.

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I am afraid that the technical  
difficulties of reproducing these complicated patterns and  
shades have been rather too much for the  
4-colour process, which is all that the Trans.  
Ent. Soc. can afford - even with Poulton's kindness  
in supplying a grant from his fund. But the  
difficulties are not really brought out. It should

Perhaps have been stressed that figs. 9-10 and 12-14 were rather badly deformed, but the folds and crumples in their wings were largely smoothed out in the process of "letting". No. 13, for example, could hardly fly.

These notes were written and sent in before your book appeared (There was considerable delay over the plate) otherwise they would have been different. I think we only got the first proofs about the time it was "read" - by the way I wonder why the Society keeps up that fiction.

I am just starting here which means I shall have no time for anything for the next 8 weeks.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
E. B. Ford