

My Dear Sir:—

I shall first reply to *your* letter, and then in the same communication, to several others which have remained too long unanswered.

DR. DARWIN.

You ask me whether the statement I made in connection with Dr. Darwin was a condensation or gave the exact language; and from which of his works it was taken? I gave the exact language, which is found in his "Descent of Man"—an inexpensive edition of which is published by Merrill & Baker. The clause to which you immediately refer is:—

"The early progenitors of man must have been once covered with hair, both sexes having beards; their ears were probably pointed and capable of movement; and their bodies were provided with a tail having the proper muscles" ! ! !

Again, "in a series of forms graduating insensibly from some ape-like creature to man as he now exists, it would be impossible to fix on any definite point when the term 'man' ought to be used."

THE APE-MAN MANUFACTORY.

I presume that you are asking me the questions you suggest in good faith. They appear to me rather comical, and, if it were not for the fact that there is nothing more irrational than the conclusions of experts, I should have thought it impossible for any sane man to have seriously presented the theories of this father of evolution. You say:—

(a) "Is this ape manufactory going on at present in