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My dear Fisher.

I think you very kindly said you would read my Galton address, and I therefore send it to you. It is long, and my idea is to print it all, and leave out in reading the parts with a curly pencil line in the margin. I have not quite settled what to omit.

I should like to hear any criticism on any part of it. The two parts I especially want your opinion on are those where your name is mentioned and the deductions from Stereum's paper on my pages 22 & 23. I send you in proof of Stereum's paper, which I do not want back. See his slip 3. The differences between natality and mortality in the five classes are as follows: - -11, -20, +6, +15, +1. He told me the numbers in his classes, but I have lost his letter! If the rate of multiplication increases more rapidly as one approaches the bottom, and decreases more rapidly as one approaches the top, we should get a curve of this type: -



Whatever may be the sizes of the groups, I cannot see that these facts can be made to fit in with such a curve. If the change in the rate of multiplication is most rapid amongst the central groups the curve will be of this kind.



And this seems to fit the facts better. Is not this an important point? But I know how easily I get muddled on these questions.

I hope now to tackle your chapter in *Emerald*. I have only seen so far as to announce the title - it will be a very important book, well worth labouring over.

No hurry about my lecture, which I shall put aside, I suspect, like mid January. I got it partly ready for October. Being too long I can easily cut out some.

Yours sincerely

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