

12, EGERTON PLACE,

LONDON, S.W.,

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R. A. Fisher Esq,
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My dear Fisher,

I am sorry I bothered you with that question about classes of equal merit, because I think I have found a sufficient answer.

I now propose to write as follows with regard to University men :-

" and if these men represent a selected class of the community, it must not be forgotten that as we ascend in the height of merit the numbers fall off very rapidly; for example, assuming the distribution to be normal, if the fighting men of the country were divided into seven classes differing equally from each other in merit, then only about 2,000 of them would be found in the highest of these classes ".

Then I should add a note " Hereditary Genius"
Galton
Gordon, page 30. Of his 16 classes I have neglected the very small top and bottom classes."

I think this will be all right, so if you

have not done anything already, do not trouble about it.

Yours sincerely,

L. Dawson