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My dear Fisher,

It is good of you to take so much trouble. I am I fear rather stupid at these mathematical ideas, and I do not myself readily draw broad conclusions from what you write. I gather from what you say that your conclusions do not negative the idea that the system of hereditary ^{or}correlative co-efficiencies which we find to exist may be accounted for by scattered geno-types with fluctuations of the individuals composing them, though it does not go far to confirm it. I was surprised at your results before you took the fluctuations into account, and I wonder if you are breaking quite new ground here. You seem to get far nearer to an explanation of the facts than I had expected, but it still seems to me that fluctuations must be added, and here I do not know if you agree. Anyhow all this seems to open up an interesting field for research for you Mathematicians.

I am only thinking of these questions in their broad and general aspects. I shall put down my ideas as clearly as I can on paper, and later we might have a talk to see if they seem to be leading in the direction of anything useful.

Did I tell you that I am a convert to your views on Sexual Selection?

Yours sincerely,

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