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My dear Fisher,

Thank you so much for your letter. How kind of you to take our paper for the *Annals* now that the Royal will not print it. I am very pleased indeed to think that it will appear there.

You kindly ask which I would prefer to come out first, that or the Galton Lecture. Actually, I think it would be well to get the Scilly Isles paper out fairly quickly. A number of people are working on population problems in insects, and it would be rather a pity if, by any chance, it were fore-stalled by some attempt at the same thing (though in one sense this would not matter). — It will be between a year and a half and two years since the work was done when the paper appears: and indeed I have mentioned it to a number of people. So, if you are yourself in agreement with this, would you put in the Scilly Isles paper first? (Of course you may feel that there is some advantage in having the account of the Galton Lecture published not too long after the lecture itself; if so I should, of course, fully understand).

I hope to let you have the paper for the

Galton Lecture next week (by the end of the month, as promised). However, would it matter if it were a few days later? As a matter of fact, I had not quite realized how little time I should have once the term had begun. In any event, I should not be more than a few days behindhand with it.

With my grateful thanks, and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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