

26th September, 1952.

Dear Dr. George,

I think I mentioned that I had broken the back of the Presidential address I was to get written, but before finishing it I really need to know more than I do factually about the increase in recent years of the Society's numbers and activities.

Dates of formation and current numbers of our different sections, frequencies of meetings held by these sections in recent years, numbers attending, approximate or average, dates of formation of series additional to our main publication of the Journal with approximate numbers of these subscribed for if they are subscribed for independently of the ^{original} journal.

As we have a war every twenty-five years, (this is a generalisation about as valid as the Bruchner cycle,) a twenty-five year comparison would be worth making, perhaps a fifty year, and certainly a five year comparison with the present time.

Please do not put yourself to any particular personal trouble to secure these data, but as the bulk of my paper will be concerned with the very wide and extensive contacts of Statistical Science during the last hundred years, I should like to say something of the way the Society has reacted to the considerable opportunities with which it has been faced.

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I wonder if you could get this information fished out
and sent to me.

Sincerely yours,