

E. W. Barnes

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Dear Dr Barnes,

I am venturing to send you a copy of my new book on "The Design of Experiments". I cannot flatter myself so far as to think that most of it, or, at least, the parts dealing in extenso with heavy numerical examples, will be of any interest to you, but I know you like to see people wrestling with points of principle, and you may think that parts of it were worth doing.

I have had to keep the more abstract mathematical ideas very much in the background, though they peep through in places, and on the general problem of estimation from experimental data you may think I have stopped short just when a further development and application of the ideas would have become really interesting. I have had to think all the time of the practical requirements of people engaged in research and of the actual puzzles which from time to time hold them up.

I do hope you will like parts of it, and if there are things you disagree with I hope you will let me know these too.

Materially, your Goddaughter has now reached 17 ins. Like her brothers and sisters, she has also been promoted to the rank of an experimental animal and has supplied several samples of blood for serological experiments at the Galton Laboratory. She seems to be young enough to be indifferent to shedding her blood in a good cause. Her sister Rose, at 2½ years, is the only one that objects.

Yours sincerely,

His Grace, the Bishop of Birmingham, F.R.S.
Bishop's Croft.