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My dear Fisher,

When I was living in Harpenden, I used to make fairly full and careful counts of all colonies within a map area of 6 square miles, including the Urban District of Harpenden. This I did for 10 or 12 years, but got rather diverted later to the more difficult job of tracing the course of flocks and their winter affluents on the way to their roost in winter. I imagine the book of my results is still at home and not among those sent to be here yet. I remember the total number was surprisingly constant in view of the considerable changes involving the origination and extinction of the colonies.

I am sure I could dig it out and let you judge if there is anything of value, if discreetly judged from time to time.

I think the observation of ~~greatest~~ weight was that on one occasion a course in the winter flight at some place which had certainly not contained a rookery for many years was followed in the following year by nest-building in the same place. I wish I had been in touch with some other rook fan at the time.

Yours sincerely,