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Somerset.

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My dear Ron,

How very kind of you to have looked at those figures of the variation of the Reader Brown. I don't know what you feel about the value of a further examination of them. As you said, it will be well worth while to produce the results establishing a lower survival rate in the little colony compared with the two larger ones. That fits in perfectly with what we have thought about these very small colonies and, in view of what Wright maintains, ought to be stressed: nor has such

evidence been available before. As to this matter of variation; it rather seems to me that it should be mentioned that the point was looked for, and that there is a clear difference between the variation of the two sexes, but that there is not much basis for a more detailed analysis, nor would such relate to the important point of the difference in survival-rate.

However, your point about the smaller proportion of σ 's in the little colony does seem remarkable. I think it is probably true that the σ is more active than the f and so, as you suggest, it may

will be that - ♂'s are getting
lost from the small colony
more often than ♀'s, and more
often than they are from the
larger ones.

Shall I see you on
Monday for the Genetical Society
at Oxford? I am really in
Somerset at present and am
just sorry to Oxford for the
meeting: getting there on Sunday
and returning here on Tuesday
morning. But I do hope I
shall see you, and that you
will lunch with me.

I greatly wish I could
have put you up for the night
in my house, but am "camping"
there for the one day that I am

in Oxford without staff. I
have let my housekeeper go home
for the fortnight I am away,
to help nurse a sister: it seemed
a little unreasonable to fetch her
back in the middle of her holiday
for the day I am in Oxford, when
she has to come from Warwickshire.
I do hope you can spare me a
week and a little later on.

Yours truly,
Henry