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(from mother for 4)

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My dear Fisher,

Your letter was waiting for me on my return to Oxford. It is awfully nice to feel that I can go somewhat beyond the substance of the Galton Lecture in the written account of it. Be sure I value highly the opportunity of doing so. As I write, I shall of course be guided by the suggestions of your letter.

When would you like the typescript? I don't want to produce a hastily written paper: Would the end of January be too late for you? By then also I shall be able to make the necessary arrangements for the ~~xxx~~ coloured plate which you so generously offer.

What limit of words would you like me to observe? Now that I have the chance of spreading myself rather more than I had expected, I have not yet got the thing into the new scale in my mind, so I could write to rather varied lengths. Would 7000 or 8000 words fit in with the issue - or might I go up to 10,000 ?

In regard to the paper for the Royal Society.

I remember the criticisms in the letter you showed to me. They seemed devoid of substance, and devised (one might almost say) to cause unnecessary difficulty and delay. I see you have asked the Committee to look into the matter in detail: it is very good of you. I am so sorry you have been put to this trouble and annoyance over the matter. If the Royal Society does not seem prepared to take the paper, would you be prepared to publish this also? - If you feel it is suited, that is. I should like that very much. And I feel that, as much work is being done on populations at present, it would be a great thing to get it out as soon as can be now.

Yours sincerely,

E. B. Ford