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Dear Sir James,

Thanks for your letter and subsequent P.S. As to the figures on p.260-1 of my book, they are a brief summary from Kuczynsky's summary of births and deaths published, I think, in 1929 which used figures as late as 1927. Naturally Kuczynsky can no more make bricks without straw than can others, but his estimates appear to me thoroughly sound and reasonable. I cannot think they were far wrong for the period discussed. The further fall since then leaves us standing at 70 to 75% of replacement.

I think your comment on past inactivity entirely fair.

Yours sincerely,