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Dear Balmukand,

Many thanks for your letter of August 20, enclosing the data for two Punjab villages. What you say in your letter impresses me greatly as to the difficulties of obtaining even a rough measure of the relationship between fertility and affluence.

I have tried a very simple classification by enumerating for each class, Prosperous, Embarrassed and Poor:-

(i) the number of males of 20 and over

(ii) the number of children of both sexes, divided in four age groups 0 - 4, 5 - 9, 10 - 14, 15 - 19.

The idea being <sup>that</sup> the fertility might be measured by the ratio of children, or possibly of the younger groups, to prevent depletion by children leaving home, to the adult males.

Will you consider this in relation to your knowledge of the actual facts, and give me an opinion as to whether in your view this should prove a comparable measure of the activity of reproduction in the three classes.

If so the data you have already given me, may prove at least a nucleus for a larger collection.

I have included among the adult males, sons or grand-sons of 20 or over, and among the children those which appear among the heads of families. Also I have counted all adult heads of families as males. These points need scrutiny from your end.

I return the schedules, so that if you are able and good enough to give the time, see how the method actually applies to these two villages.

Yours sincerely,