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Dear Balmukand:

Thanks for sending the schedule. I think it is very good and as you say exhaustive. On the fertility side it will I suppose be difficult to obtain reliable data as to children dead at the time of the enquiry, and the enquirer would be wise not to irritate the subject by too pertinacious enquiries on this head. It is really more important to obtain accurate statements of the number living especially in cases in which one or more of the children is not living with his or her parents.

There is perhaps an analogous danger about some of the economic enquiries. E.g. it will be difficult for many to say what they earn by small earnings or sales under the heading of (5), and they may fear that such earnings are or will become liable to taxation. However you will certainly have considered these points with more real knowledge than I shall ever possess on the subject.

I can only congratulate you on carrying the enterprise  
so far.

Yours sincerely,