In the frame
[? Early 1926]

Dear Fisher,

If a man who died of syphilis had not done so because he failed to meet that microbe, then I agree with all you say. But if he did not so die because that microbe had ceased to exist, then the death rate of such men for all other causes would be raised because that cause had ceased to exist. Don't answer, and let me have my Devonshire holiday with the belief that just this once I am right and you are wrong on such a point!!!

Yours sincerely,

L. Darwin
P.S. to my letter.

With animals fertility is such that an increase in the size of the family causes an equal increase in the juvenile death-rate. It is much the same with labourers.

When the labourer's son marries it comes like a drain on him.

With castes with acquired wealth only, the wealth will come to be divided at a fixed amount.

Then an increase in the size of the family causes an equal decrease in the number married; for numbers affect the death-rate little.

The parents here to make considerable sacrifices for each child married.

With this then make the optimum family when all wealth is acquired much smaller than the optimum family when as it is in wages?

I very like their all book — but I fear I shan't go on bothering you the way — book is gone to his pressers.