Dear Fisher,

On another subject, I am reading over my manuscript of my book, and come across this sentence—"**--- conclusively proved that the difference between brothers are transmitted by natural inheritance to their descendants to a very large extent**". Then I wrote before MacBride's strange utterances. If he challenges me to bring forward my proof, what can I say? I don't know that the problem has been directly and separately studied. You have proved the small influence of environment; which really establishes the point, to those who are influenced by statistics. If MacBride's views were correct, the correlation between brothers and double first cousins would be identical; but I don't suppose that anyone has proved that they are not. If brother only differ in acquired properties, it knobs on his head or my Mendelian but all about the reverse is to the mean also. But can, granted the general fact of reversion to the mean, prove in any simple way that brothers must differ in respect to inborn qualities? I don't see how. Don't bother to answer unless the spirit moves you.

How go all the family?

Your truly,

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