My dear Fisher,

I think I see the point you meant in your letter. You urge that we must—(A) look to the relative effect between classes, and (B) to effects within each class; and you incline to consider (B) most important.

As to (A) which I have had mostly in mind, I agree that we must consider what volume of persons will be affected. It is only a first step in the process of thought—to concentrate on the Seattile class. As to income tax reform, it might be easier to induce
Parliament to give allowance which would produce some effect to that class than to a richer class. No doubt income tax reform would affect the whole class of income tax reformers. He I am urging is that, rather than concentrate attention on the exempt, we should, if we concentrate at all, do so on the restless rank. I think we really agree.

As to (B) I have thought of the problem much less. You speak of the 'weaker' in this connection. But if I understand you rightly, since we are dividing classes by wealth, it would be better to speak of those rising in
wealth and time getting us wealth, in any wealth man. If the N.S.W. plan is, as I believe, to make contributions depend on income and receipts in the size of family, I should myself suspect the evil effect of (A) to outweigh any benefit from (B). On this whole point my ideas are rather half-baked. If you cover all the cost of all the children in the state, I think the result would be highly unjust, but it would be so by reintroducing all the cruelty of natural selection. We want the results of selection without all this cruelty, or extinction by death. You want those who are able to be as certain to rise out of a wealth class if they have many children as if they have few. I agree; but I think we that we can go back to unrestricted multiplication
in order to secure this result.
Moreover if large families are to be of no hindrance to parents, I
think we must go further than one of their cost. Early marriage and in
many ways of life hinder a man in his career. This is all very true, I
perhaps sometimes. But I wanted
this to show that your letter has

made me think

I am struggling on with my book, very
slowly as it is. Very happily. I begin to
think 72 is too old for the job.

I am not certain about the
Galtine scheme. I believe my salary
is £200 a year. He may pay
someone out of his own pocket. I

I doubt it.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]