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Dear Fisher,

Please for the Downing
Ration - which I shall read with
interest, that is as far as my
brains carry me.

On the problem in which
you wrote before, certainly
what you now wrote makes me
look at the matter somewhat-
differently. I began with a strong
instinctively feeling that much
too much attention was being
paid to men of genius and t
The feeble-minded of the
ultimate savage effect on the
race is the point to be considered.
The immediate consequences may
call for different treatment—
perhaps. It seemed to me that
if one had to act on a whole
class in a similar manner, and
different classes needed different
treatment, then the two classes to
which most attention should be
paid was those centred about the
two points of standard deviation. I
tried to illustrate this in my
American address. What you now
Write confirms and strengthens my view that it is not the extremes to which attention should be especially directed. By I now doubt whether it is not the class centered about the median which is closest from all points of view the most important. But I fail to think it all out clearly in my mind, and I should like to be able to point to some adequate discussion of the question. I cannot quite see what is involved by your assumption that the rate of flow past any one point of different particles is the same - that if I think what neglecting long jumps comes for. Does not this also present some points of theoretical interest from the natural selection point
of view? If the chances of death, for example, are proportional to the distance from the heart, and — then will not such the same laws apply? This is no doubt an erroneous assumption; just as you point out that the assumption about fertility is erroneous. But we often must begin with general assumptions. But I won't bore you more.

Yours sincerely,

J. Darwin