Dear Foster,

Revise proof hereunder.

It is astonishing but slips in copying manage to escape notice.

I have been meaning to ask you a question for some time. The wren
thrush has hitherto been, not exactly rare, but an uncommon bird. But for the
last two years it has been common here often the song thrush. Now what I don't
understand is why this isn't always happening. The pending birds generally
produce 10-15 offspring for year, the tits rather more. In their number
of survivors must balance the deaths of
adults. But these seem to depend on
wholly unrelated circumstances. I
could understand it, e.g., if each
species had a limited food supply edible by no other species, but this isn't so. A quite slight difference between the survivors for one year - between say 80%, 90% - could make the number double every year. It almost looks as if there was an agreement among the species to preserve the status quo, but that some occasionally 'violate it!'

Yours

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