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Dear Prof. Myres,

Many thanks for finding the Polybius text. It is splendid to have the whole citation. His opinion is less neutral than I had thought. I suppose the decay in population was the recent feature. It reminds me of Dr Stevenson writing of the 1911 Census speaking of a "New and formidable fact" (the differential birth rate), whereas Marshall Saxe was concerned at the effect of luxury (?) on the supply of children. The term "grew upon as rapidly" is an excellent parallel to the general population effect in England and Scotland.

Westermarck refers to the Theban law, but I did not realise the existence of a public machinery for sale and adoption. The whole thing helps me a great deal.

Yours sincerely,