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Data affecting the descendants, if any, of

When any individual in the pedigree ~~is~~ below, has given evidence that may be quoted in proof of his possessing more than mediocre ability, ^{of mind} please state the facts and references in their appropriate place in the Schedule. They should be recorded in the following order. —

- (1) Prizes at school, university, or subsequent competitions
- (2) Honorable offices, paid or unpaid.
- (3) Acts of public utility
- (4) Publications
- (5) Titles and Degrees

A complete list of the above is not required. When those of greater importance are inserted the lesser ones may be omitted, except so far as they testify to energy & persistency.
For further explanation see pages 6 & 7.

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Signature and address of the writer of the entries.

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F. 9v

Object of the Inquiry, by Francis Galton

The constants of Heredity have lately been redetermined by Prof: Karl Pearson F.R.S. of University College, from a large amount of new material. They have led to results that greatly encourage those who believe in the possibility of improving the human race. One of his conclusions is as follows. (Biometrika, pp 396-7, Vol II, Part IV, Nov 1903)

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loose slip.
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whole order of the paging & their
contents must be changed



Children

R.101

(3)

(If any of them are married and have children
Schedules will be supplied ^{to them} in application.)



4)

FATHER

R.10v

Paternal Grand Parents
FATHER'S FATHER

File (5)

FATHER'S MOTHER

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EXPLANATION.

THIS CIRCULAR is worded on the supposition that the person from whom kinships are reckoned is a Male. If a Female, the following alterations should be made in ink. In the second and third compartments, write *her* for *his*. In the fifth compartment from bottom, write *name of husband* in place of *maiden name of wife*. In the lowest two compartments, write *his* for *her*, and *Hu* for *Wi*.

Specific terms of kinship are necessary to avoid the ambiguities of the general terms in common use. Thus, *first cousin* is equally applicable to any one of eight different kinds of kinsfolk, four male and four female, without taking double first cousins into separate account. The abbreviations used to express specific kinships are easily intelligible. The syllables, *fa, me, bro, si, son, da, Hu, Wi*, stand respectively for *father, mother, brothers, sister, son, daughter, Husband, and Wife*. Each such syllable is supposed to have the possessive *'s* added to it when it is followed by another syllable, or by the word *is* when it is not. Example—let the person from whom the kinships are reckoned be called for brevity, P, and let Q and R be two of P's kinsfolk, described respectively as *fa bro, Q*, and *me si son, R*. This means that P's father's brother is Q, and that P's mother's sister's son is R.

An entry of the total number of kinsfolk in each specific degree is asked for. The shaded compartments are not to be written on, but elsewhere some entry should always be made. Either the exact number of kinsfolk if it be known; the approximate number with a *quere* (!) if doubtful; a *quere* if unknown, or an *O* if there are certainly none. In no case should a *dash* (—) be used, because its meaning is ambiguous. Kinsfolk who died in childhood need not be taken into account.

It should be mentioned that each person has, on the average of many cases, *about* one kinsman and one kinswoman in each and every degree of specific kinship. I have discussed this problem in *Nature*, Oct. 27, 1904, and subsequently.

The "persons described" should be those who, in the judgment of the sender, deserve description, paying regard to the character of his returns, which may be either A, B, or C.

In A cognisance is taken only of notable achievements, such as would deserve record in a serious biographical memoir, and only to the best or most characteristic of these, and again only to such

of them as have already been noticed in some published form, to which reference is to be made. The publication may be only official or local. One exception may be made to this general rule, namely, when the sender writes to some such effect as this:—
"In the judgment of the family, X, who achieved no conspicuous success, was not inferior in natural ability to his brother Y who did so." Such a statement is sufficiently definite, and is of value according to the circumstances of the case. A small pamphlet by myself entitled "Index to the achievements of the kinsfolk of some Fellows of the Royal Society" is sent with this circular. It will give a better idea than long explanations of what is deemed to constitute noteworthiness in the sense A.

In B a lower standard is taken. It chiefly deals with a high general level of family ability, not attended by conspicuous successes, but recognised by friends and others. The unsupported judgment of the sender is open to the suspicion of partiality; it is therefore important to illustrate whatever may be said by brief and appropriate anecdotes.

C applies to any specified characteristic, mental, æsthetic, moral, or physical.

The second page of the schedule affords, in the large majority of cases, as much space as is really needed for entering the information asked for. Otherwise a supplementary sheet of note-paper may be used, opening it out to form a quarto page.

Two copies of the circular are forwarded; one only need be returned. The back of the one should be consulted while entries are made on the face of the other.

Write at first in pencil, faintly, and in a clear small hand; correct at leisure after discussion with members of your family; finally, ink in.

Whatever may be sent will be treated as available for publication, either in whole, in part, or in abstract, according to the judgment of the editor, unless special directions be given to the contrary. In all cases of intended publication, a proof will be forwarded to the sender for corrections, at least a clear fortnight before going to press.

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Father	5. <i>fa</i>					
Mother	6. <i>me</i>					
Uncles	7. <i>fa bro</i>			9. <i>me bro</i>		
Aunts	8. <i>fa si</i>			10. <i>me si</i>		
Brothers	11. <i>bro</i>					
Sisters	12. <i>si</i>					
Half-brothers . .	13. <i>fa son</i>			15. <i>me son</i>		
Half-sisters . . .	14. <i>fa da</i>			16. <i>me da</i>		
Nephews	17. <i>bro son</i>			19. <i>si son</i>		
Nieces	18. <i>bro da</i>			20. <i>si da</i>		
First cousins . .	21. <i>fa bro son</i>			23. <i>me bro son</i>		
Male	22. <i>fa si son</i>			24. <i>me si son</i>		
First cousins . .	25. <i>fa bro da</i>			27. <i>me bro da</i>		
Female	26. <i>fa si da</i>			28. <i>me si da</i>		
Noteworthy kinship in more remote degrees						
30. Maiden name of first <i>Wife</i>		Year of marriage		30b. Maiden name of 2nd <i>Wife</i>		Year of mar.
General kinships	Specific kinships	No.	Initials pers. descr.	Specific kinships	No.	Initials pers. descr.
Her brothers . .	31. <i>Wf bro</i>			31b. <i>Wf (2) bro</i>		
Her sisters . . .	32. <i>Wf si</i>			32b. <i>Wf (2) si</i>		
Her and your sons	33. <i>son</i>			33b. <i>Wf (2) son</i>		
" " " daus.	34. <i>da</i>			34b. <i>Wf (2) da</i>		

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Maiden name of his mother					
General kinships	Specific kinships	Number	Initials of the persons described	Specific kinships	Number
Grandfather . .	1. <i>fa fa</i>			3. <i>me fa</i>	
Grandmother . .	2. <i>fa me</i>			4. <i>me me</i>	
Father	5. <i>fa</i>				
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Half-brothers . .	13. <i>fa bro son</i>			15. <i>me son</i>	
Half-sisters . . .	14. <i>fa da</i>			16. <i>me da</i>	
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Noteworthy kindred in more remote degrees					
30. Maiden name of first Wife		Year of marriage		30b. Maiden name of 2nd Wife	
				Year of mar.	
General kinships	Specific kinships	No.	Initials pers. descr.	Specific kinships	No.
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Her sisters . . .	32. <i>Wf si</i>			32b. <i>Wf (2) si</i>	
Her and your sons	33. <i>son</i>			33b. <i>Wf (2) son</i>	
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Mother	6. <i>me</i>				
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Aunts	8. <i>fa si</i>			10. <i>me si</i>	
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Sisters	12. <i>si</i>				
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Year of marriage					
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Year of mar.					
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Her and your sons	33. <i>son</i>			33b. <i>Wi (2) son</i>	
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Full name of his Father											
Full maiden name of his Mother											
General kinship	Specific kinship	Number	Partials of the persons described	Specific kinship	Number	Partials of the persons described					
Grand father	1. fa fa			3. ma fa							
Grand mother	2. fa ma			4. ma ma							
Father	5. fa										
Mother	6. ma										
Uncles	7. fa bro			9. ma bro							
Aunts	8. fa sis			10. ma sis							
Brothers	11. bro										
Sisters	12. sis										
Half-brothers	13. fa son			15. ma son							
Half-sisters	14. fa da			16. ma da							
Nephews	17. bro son			19. sis son							
Nieces	18. bro da			20. sis da							
First Cousins male	21. fa bro son			23. ma bro son							
	22. fa sis son			24. ma sis son							
First Cousins female	25. fa bro da			27. ma bro da							
	26. fa sis da			28. ma sis da							
Note worthy kinship folk in more remote degrees						Wooden by 3/8					
30. Maiden name / Wife						30 b. W(2)					
Year of marriage						Year of marriage					
her brother	31. Wi bro			31 b. W(2) bro							
her sister	32. Wi sis			32 b. W(2) sis							
her & your son	33. son			33 b. W(2) son							
her & your dau	34. da			34 b. W(2) da							

Specific kinship	Names of the persons involved. Reasons for describing them. References to published notices.
	Wooden by 3/8
Dominant family characteristics; mental, moral, or physical.	
Wooden by 3/8	
Signature and address of the sender	Wooden by 3/8





ABILITY IN FAMILIES.

By FRANCIS GALTON, D.C.L., Sc.D., F.R.S.

THE object of the inquiry is to ascertain the frequency with which Ability, as indicated by High Success, is distributed among the members of a family; how far it is sporadic and how far it seems to be hereditary or else traditional. The replies will add to our knowledge of some of the main causes of evolution: one of these is the coefficient of mental heredity, another the inclination or otherwise of persons to mate with their like or unlike, another the fertility of the mentally exceptional in various degrees, including their tendency to be celibate, or to marry early or late.

The information asked for is wholly honourable to the person addressed and to his family. It is limited to facts that have already appeared in print, though often only in newspapers. Though well known to the person addressed or to members of his family, they could not be found by a stranger without laborious search.

Nomenclature of Kinship.—Kinships in the first degree are expressed, as explained at the head of the schedule, by single syllables easy to pronounce, consisting chiefly of a consonant and a vowel. By this means such vague terms, as first cousin, are replaced by brief titles with precise meanings. The syllable *me* is used for mother, as *mo* runs too closely with *bro* and *so*, and *ma* with *fa* and *da*. The French and the Greek words for mother justify the *e*. The alternative forms of *so* and *son* enable the latter to be employed at the end of a phrase, where it is more euphonious. Some of the combinations may have a somewhat childish ring, but none are vulgar or grotesque. The value of this brief and exact method of description becomes greater as the kinship becomes more remote.

Noteworthiness.—"Noteworthy" successes are those in any vocation whatever, that in the opinion of the compiler are of a rank not inferior to that which the Fellowship of the Royal Society holds among men of science. The weight ultimately to be assigned to each recorded success must be entrusted to those who will statistically discuss the replies. Minor achievements of persons who are still too young to have achieved any "noteworthy" success deserve record.

As women can rarely display their full abilities, it is necessary to take into account the hereditary significance of the successes of the brothers (and sisters) of all female ancestors. Inquiry is therefore made as to "noteworthiness" in these. To secure equality in statistical treatment, the same course is adopted in respect to the male ancestors also.

For want of space, the forms for the four kinds of great uncle are omitted, namely, *fa fa bro*, *fa me bro*, *me fa bro*, *me me bro*. Similarly as to the great aunts. If any of these should be noteworthy their names may be entered in the third column, preceded by their proper titles. So may grandchildren. Eminent kinsfolk in still more distant degrees can be added in the like way, if thought desirable by the compiler.

The noteworthy names should be written successively in the third column in any convenient order. There will be ample space to hold them all.

The number of kinsfolk in each degree who survived childhood is wanted as a clue to the intensity with which ability (as indicated by success) characterises each family.

A separate paragraph *on fresh paper* should contain the noteworthy facts relating to each person whose name appears in the last column of the schedule. These paragraphs should be written consecutively, and the heading of each should consist of the Register number, the Title, and the full Name of the person to whom it refers, transcribed word for word from the last column of the schedule. Each paragraph should be as brief as may suffice to give a just idea both of the *quality* and of the *grade* of ability in the person referred to. Thus the mention of a high success in one branch will render those of minor ones in the same branch unnecessary, on the principle that the greater includes the less. But if the record of any minor achievements testifies to success in *different* pursuits and therefore to the possession of general ability, they should be included. Also such as may testify to precocity, to slow development, or else to persistence of effort.

The following imperfect list of successes may possibly be useful in suggesting what might otherwise have been overlooked.

Youth.—All high competitive successes at school, college, or elsewhere, such as the greater exhibitions, scholarships, fellowships, foremost places in University Class lists, or in examinations for appointments of any kind. Only two or three of the more important of these need be given. The captainship of a notable athletic team may deserve record.

Manhood.—High and honourable appointments in any profession, excluding those reached by mere seniority or through social position. Political distinctions. Commercial success in establishing or managing large businesses is usually a sign of exceptional ability.

Authorship of valuable memoirs, books, inventions, &c.

Awards of titles, medals, honorary degrees, &c.

Biographical Notices in standard publications.

By accepting the mere title of F.R.S. as a noteworthy distinction, a body of nearly 500 men is at once determined, to whom these circulars will be sent in the first instance. The Fellows of the Royal Society are, as a class, more likely to be interested in this inquiry than others, their answers are sure to be brief and appropriate, and they are eminently qualified to offer useful suggestions. Such suggestions would be warmly welcomed as the scope of the inquiry will probably be hereafter extended. Moreover, the Fellows of the Royal Society are linked by frequent co-operation and mutual acquaintanceship, which renders it comparatively easy to obtain supplementary information when wanted.

Please address the completed results thus, not omitting a large and very legible S in brackets, in the bottom left-hand corner:

FRANCIS GALTON,

42 RUTLAND GATE,

(S)

LONDON, S.W.

NOTEWORTHY KINSFOLK OF

(“WHO’S WHO” contains all that is wanted concerning yourself.)

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bro = brother; *da* = daughter; *fa* = father; *Hu* = husband; *me* = mother; *si* = sister; *so* or *son* = son; *Wi* = wife.

fa bro son means “MY father’s brother’s son IS”; *me da* means “MY mother’s daughter IS”; *so Wi bro* means “MY son’s wife’s brother IS”; &c.

Common terms of kinship.	Exact kinship briefly phrased.		No. who survived childhood.	Initials of the noteworthy.	Exact kinship briefly phrased.		No. who survived childhood.	Initials of the noteworthy.	Regr.	Title.	Full names of those whose initials appear in the preceding column.
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Grandmother . . .	2	<i>fa me</i>	—		4	<i>me me</i>	—				
Father	5	<i>fa</i>	—		—	—	—				
Mother	6	<i>me</i>	—		—	—	—				
Uncles	7	<i>fa bro</i>			9	<i>me bro</i>					
Aunts	8	<i>fa si</i>			10	<i>me si</i>					
Brothers	11	<i>bro</i>			—	—	—				
Sisters	12	<i>si</i>			—	—	—				
Half-brothers . .	13	<i>fa son</i>			15	<i>me son</i>					
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First cousins . .	25	<i>fa bro da</i>			27	<i>me bro da</i>					
Female	26	<i>fa si da</i>			28	<i>me si da</i>					

	Regr.	Title.	No. who survived childhood.	Initials of the noteworthy.	Maiden name of their mother, your wife.	Year of her marriage.	Wife’s brothers and sisters.	
							Titles.	Initials of the noteworthy.
1st marriage.	Sons	29	<i>so</i>				30 <i>Wi bro</i> 30 <i>Wi si</i> <i>da Hu bro</i> <i>da Hu si</i>	
	Daughters . .	30	<i>da</i>					
2nd marriage.	Sons	29(2)	<i>so(2)</i>				30(2) <i>Wi bro</i> 30(2) <i>Wi si</i> <i>da(2) Hu bro</i> <i>da(2) Hu si</i>	
	Daughters . .	30(2)	<i>da(2)</i>					

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