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from Mr. Chisholm Young. Phil. Soc.

La Ronette de la Forêt

Savoie

Geneva.

May 29th 1909.



Dear Sir Francis Galton.

Some little time ago I saw in
nature an account of an address of yours
in connection with the Eugenic Society
(I think that is the name) & was very much
interested in it, as it is evident that
the aims you advocate are precisely
those which my husband (Dr. W. D. Young
the mathematician) & I have at heart &
which we have been both practically
& theoretically working to advance.

Under these circumstances I venture
to write to you with two objects in view.

The first thing is to ask you at your convenience to ask the Secretary of the Society in question to send me all the information necessary, as I think I should wish to join it.

The second has to do with our family history. Many years ago, I think about 1885, you were collecting family statistics, & offered certain prizes for the most complete answers to a set of printed questions you published in a book ^{on Family Faculties}. My mother (Mrs Chisholm, wife of R. W. Chisholm Warden of the Standards) was one of your prize winners. Would it be of any use to you to have the record of the new generation of this family? It is rather an interesting record, & there are people who regard our six children as a test case for many

questions in heredity, both for mental
 & physical peculiarities. I myself
 who at the time of your enquiries was
 a young girl, have had a certain
 career in the University world, & have
 managed to be one of the few women who
 do so without sacrificing health. This
 was the more important as my husband
 is far from robust, generations of London
 city life having certainly told on the
 constitutions of the family. So far our
 children show a distinct improvement
 physically, & unusual ability mentally,
 with a very strong persistence of the
 mathematical & musical talent which
 figures for some time back in our family
 history.



If by chance you should still have my mother's book & not want it, would you some time let me have it, I should very much like to have it.

Please excuse this long letter, it was difficult to write more shortly, & perhaps as a stranger, I ought not to have troubled you at all. I have asked my husband, when he is at the Royal Society, which is not very often, to find out if you are there, & if so to introduce himself. I should so much like him to meet you, as he is full of ideas, which he puts into practice too, on subjects which you have I understand, specially at heart, & in which your special researches bear.

I am,

Yours truly

Grace Chisholm Young



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General Register Office

Somerset House

London

19th Aug: 1884

Filial Deviation

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that I
^{this afternoon} have sent by Parcel Post a parcel containing
3 books, relating to Filial Deviation,
which I hope is done as you wish.

You will observe that I have brought
the results into one table in No. 2 book.

When I sent the last parcel to
you I regarded, as I now do, the white
covered sheet as a separate book.

I remember the book you refer to
which you state appears to be missing.
it was a drab cover with some Fraternal
deviation results. I returned it to you

before you left Town. I hope you will
be able to find it

I have started a new Book (see no 2)
for continuing Filial Deviation as it would
have been rather awkward to ^{calculate & at same time} insert these
results in same book. -

I am.

Sir

Your obed^t servant

J. Henry Young

Francis Galton Esq. F.R.S.

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56 St. James' Court
Buckingham Palace

March 28th 07.

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Dear Mr. Galton

I do not know if my
second par. is wrong, but it
was intentional. It seems to me
that the ordinary way of voting on
financial grants will always tend
to give a less amount than the
median, only reaching the median
as a limit. The vote is generally
is generally started by the suggestion
of a definite sum by the Treasurer
& Finance Committee say:
Recommended: that a grant of £50

to give to X.

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If more than half the members of the Committee think that more than £50 might be given, but not sufficiently strongly to move an amendment, the £50 will be carried, the majority being the greater the more that some lies below the median.

If someone feels strongly that more should be given, he will move a part of, say, £75. Again if this lies below the median it will be carried, and the amount brought nearer, but still below, the median value. If the median lies between £50 - £75 the amendment will be rejected and the original motion carried.

I do not know if this is clear, but it is what I had in mind

also writing to pass up that¹³
you struck in error.

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I not Woke's nature

correct - that the estimated weights at
each decile are invariably below the
weights which might be anticipated
from the normal law of error, "correct?"

I think he intended it simply for
a description of your curves on p. 450.

Yes; it is the joy of
statisticians that they give so many
pretty problems on quite every-
day matters.

Yrs very truly

J. Edwin Gale

