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Dear Caradog Jones,

I should expect in any genealogical or biographical material that ~~is usually~~ usually looking about the black sheep and the rolling stones. Their existence, however, is not usually suppressed, so that the proportion of those attaining unquestioned distinction in any class of relatives is not affected. I had supposed, however, that you would be principally concerned with the occupational status of parents of persons of a chosen class. I think misstatement by euphemism would here not be uncommon, as when a village sweet shop and tobacco store may bear the sign "Hodgkin, General Merchant". In fact in working any book of reference it is obvious that the purpose of the book was not to make unbiased <sup>statements</sup> comparisons, as in a scientific experiment, but unbiased comparisons may often be possible on the basis of the material supplied, by using the principle of control in which bias is equalised, as between <sup>per</sup> two groups to be compared.

Yours sincerely,