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Dear Prof. Prianke,

I have just made up a packet of

offprints Average Excess (2) The Croonian lecture, and a Presidential address I gave it about the same time to the Roy. Stat. Soc.

I am glad you should have asked for the first of these, as I believe it cleared up some points which in the Red-West were not well understood.

In the Genetical Theory I did advert occasionally to selection between ant-nests, and again to that between warring tribes such as the pre-Islamic Arabs. I think it is rather exceptional for intercommunal selection to be important. The big factor seems to be that communities are very few compared with individuals, and are much longer lived. So the turnover is comparatively trifling.

I think the ecological system provides in a most important way a selective milieu for its constituent, within which some have evolved rapidly.

In general it is important to remember that mathematical geneticists who may be quite good mathematicians, though not always, do write a terrific amount of rubbish. Sometimes vague has an ~~too~~ incredible way, and repetitions are inflated explosively.

Excuse my handwritings

Sincerely yours

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