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Dear O'Brien,

I have always had a high opinion of Popenoe and Johnson's book on "Applied Eugenics", and at your suggestion I have looked at the revised edition, 1933. As the authors say, the change in general outlook has not been great. Their comments on recent work seems to me, on the whole, very fair and sensible, though occasionally they confuse the issue, e.g., they often speak as though the general fall in the birthrates of modern populations presented the same problem as the differential birthrate between different classes, and discuss arguments relating to one as though they referred to the other.

Yours sincerely,