

On the stability of anthropometric constants for Bengal caste data.—*By* PRASANTA CHANDRA MAHALANOBIS.

In discussing the significant or non-significant character of the variation in type for the different castes, it is usually assumed that the caste

constants are stable within a range indicated by the probable errors of these constants.

Statistical constants were calculated for the data published by Risley and Chanda, and these were compared with the constants obtained for an altogether fresh series of unpublished data. Many of these constants are here calculated for the first time. On the results of these calculations, the assumption of stability (for the cases investigated) is criticised from the statistical point of view.