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CRIPPS'S CORNER,  
FOREST ROW,  
SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

Here is Free will, to be returned at your leisure - you have brought it on yourself! I never found anything harder to write, and I do not like it now it is written. It is just suited for an audience of one, or perhaps two.

I am sorry you found your audience in the state of mind of 1858; but am not surprised. I cannot conceive how any moderately wise man can believe that a high mortality at any stage stops selection. But if the said S. does believe it, he no doubt regards you

as one of the little dogs yapping  
at a safe distance!

I heard Baker on the wireless  
on Tuesday night, I think it was.  
He is quite excellent ~~from~~ <sup>in</sup> the way  
in which he attracts attention -  
I know this from my servants'  
comments. He is also a keen  
Eugenist, and must be upheld  
on that account. But if I heard  
him rightly - my machine was not  
on its best behaviour - he made  
out a very good case for the  
poor being racially inferior to the  
rich, and then went on to conclude  
that it really did not matter much  
what social class produced most  
of the coming generations! I hope

he is reported in the distance\*, because  
then I shall see if I remember pre-  
tense. I guess he has not the slightest  
notion of the numbers who cross  
the median line separating richer  
from poorer annually - which you  
worked out for me once. I think  
he is the man I met at Oxford -  
head of the Eugenics Soc - whom  
I liked very much personally. I  
guess he is a socialist, and  
allows his political opinions to  
influence his scientific creeds.  
I wish he could be brought round  
by tender treatment - if I am  
right about him -

Yours sincerely

Demond Drake

\* I believe he is not.