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CRIPPS'S CORNER,

FOREST ROW,

SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher.

Without having very clear ideas on the subject, I expect that you are perfectly right in thinking that long work on animals would first be needed. I gather you think it would be hopeless to interest the Medical Research Council or the Ditcher Institute on these lines. One never knows when one strikes out. They bite, & lieque, down with us unmercifully.

As to Twitchell money, when selling, as we are forced to, capital and interest get mixed. I fear we shall lose what may be described as between £7,000 and £12,000 of the capital value of the sheep run as compared with nominal value, which we were at first confident

of realizing — possibly more. It all depends on the value of wool, which has gone down a lot, 50% I believe.

This is a little problem I have had in my head. Suppose 8 per 1000 are 4 inches in height — about the average. Can you say what percentage of the children of persons 4 inches above the average will themselves be 4 inches above the average? If so, does this give some theoretical indication as to the percentage of mental defectives who would themselves be mental defectives? Don't answer if this is a useless idea, which it probably is !!

Yours sincerely

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I suppose the answer depends largely on the amount — or a similar meaning.