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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher.

I have really nothing
whatever to say, except to wish
you, M^{rs}. Fisher, and all the
family every good luck in the
coming year. It seemed to me
to be an excellent family
photo which we received, and I
am not surprised that it
arouses some pride in the
parents.

I have heard little of
Eugene lately, and what little
I have heard is not very
encouraging. Judging by the title,
M. Keynes's Galton lecture with

have no bearing on Eugenics
proper. I remember rather
vaguely the story about an official
at the Church in Cambridge
where they had Good Church
sermons at intervals. I can
paraphrase it by saying that I
have heard or read every Galtton
lecture, but I thank heaven I am
still a Eugenisist. The American
Society seems to me to be
going off the rails also, by, if
I understand it, making social
progress a part of their programme.
I see that Holmes has written
another book. I think he really
is a Eugenisist! I fancy that he
might be available for the
Galtton lecture in 1938 - if he

has not already done it. Sometime
- when you feel disposed - you
must tell me what you feel
about Cottell's work. I am
inclined to think it gives
an opening for a new and
useful propaganda, in favour of
families from 4 to 6, but no
bigger. I rather doubt if you
will agree. I have found
parents of families of two
distinctly hostile, I think under
the influence of personal
considerations. I unfortunately can
have no prejudices on the
subject, one way or the other.

I never thanked you for a
pile of papers. I liked what you
said at the R.S. discussion on
retinal selection, whilst the

remarks of the other speakers
left me dull where I was
before. I begin to feel some pity
for MacBride, fighting his
rather solitary fight.

My life goes on here in
a very uneventful uniform
stream, giving rise to no comment.
I read a certain amount in
a casual way, and all such
Eugenic literature as comes in
my way - if I can understand
it! I wish your mathematics
was not a closed book to me!
The moral is that a man should
take up Eugenic before he is
60 years of age! Do not
answer this, till you really
feel inclined to do so. I know
how busy you are

Yours sincerely,
Leonard Darwin