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CRIPPS'S CORNER,

FOREST ROW,

SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher,

I have had a lot of letters to write, and therefore this one may be short - and ill suppressed.

You must not make too much of Blacker's "vacillation", for I guess it is a good deal ^{or all} my fault. I thought the 17% was based on Goddard, and I threw cold water on it when writing to Blacker. It was my blunder. I have been enquiring privately as to what is thought of here at Guys, and I hear nothing but praise. One must take as far as possible an all round view of

a man.

As to the effects of sterilization,
I am not sure if you quite see
what I want to get at. I
want to be able to say something
as follows. "Take 1000 f.m. women
now with child. If you had
taken steps to prevent parenthood
in their cases, you would have
kept out of the world ~~some~~
~~thousands of~~ ~~the~~ ~~would~~ a centrifugal
febleminded, b, high grade f.m.,
c backward children, d insane
e juvenile criminals f sickly
infants - if all lived. They would
have out an average IQ of -.
Moreover ~~except~~ ^{all} the normal
children ~~there~~ would probably be
carriers of feblemindedness".
To be able to say something like

their authoritative would, I believe,
be the most effective weapon.
I have experienced it badly, and
should say that out of a 1000
children who lived to be 15,
there would be 50 many of each
class. ~~But~~ ^{at} ~~all~~ the normal children
~~would be~~ ~~born~~ ~~and~~ ~~would~~
be carriers, would they not?

It I have set you thinking on
this problem, it is all I want.

The MacBride business is
all very painful. It comes largely
from his looking at every
problem almost solely from the
way he himself will be affected.
When I was going to Cambridge
to undergo that serious operation,
he wrote to complain that I
had not put off my departure
to attend his lecture! almost
hinting that I had made an excuse

of the operation. I am sorry
for the row, but I am inclined
to think that it was bound
to come, and I don't ^{now} see how
to avoid it. He does not see
himself to threaten to resign or to
ask people to vote on a question,
not as it affects the Society, but
as it affects him. He writes me
a brief but nice letter, which
makes me feel very
uncomfortable.

Yours sincerely

Lemuel Dawson

I have ^{again} read my memo on
family allowances, and I
dislike it more on second
reading than on first !!

I suppose I ought to say that
out of 1000 children of f-x parents, 50
may die before 15 years of age - if
that was the selected date etc.
and give comparative figures for average
probabilities