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CRIPPS'S CORNER,

FOREST ROW,

SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher

The Editor of Nature has sent me the enclosed, with the extract from my letter to you. I have written back to say that at my advanced age I am not prepared to take the responsibility for what might amount to starting a correspondence on psychological research, a subject I have not especially studied. The matter will, therefore, probably be dropped. I have been a little out of sorts these last few days, and this may make me more cowardly! Ah I am sorry for the trouble given to Mr Fisher

(This does vex me.)

and yourself, I do not regret
have called your attention to
this side of the subject.

If I had written I should
have had to make it clear that
I see that the same selection which
tends to make the advocates of
psychical phenomena by nature
above the average in proneness to
believe also makes those, like me,
who are interested in the subject
but who do not investigate it or
have ceased to do so, above the
average in proneness to disbelieve.

Yours sincerely,

Demarcus Dawson