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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher.

I always like getting yours, because they make me think. I guess investments have lowered the difficulty of production of both iron and wheat, though iron more than wheat. A man does ^{now} not get or want much more bread, but he gets a totality of other things than food much greater than before, and that means a rise in his standard. Then you mean that if there is now increasing over-population, it ought to show itself in a decrease in the standard. There would be that tendency; but if increasing knowledge is making a rise in the standard

a possibility, then the standard may
be rising, and yet the increase in
the population may be lowering the
possible but not the actual
standard; and it is the possible
that I am inclined to look to.
I believe with you that the
standard of living would rise
with the employment of the
unemployed. The difficulty is a
practical one of employing them,
about which I don't see my way
clearly in this imperfect world.
I think I am rather more
accepting human imperfection &
folly as a necessary ingredient,
which you are considered more

ideal pictures. A compulsory rise of
pay is a plan I have never thought
of, and now do not, probably, see
its full merits, though I see some.
But it seems too far outside
practical politics to me. But I
won't write more, because I am
wandering and must keep my
brains for my next job.

I did not make my meaning
clear at the Council. The hope
I wanted to express was that
you would clearly formulate
your schemes in regard to
registration when we find out
whether we win or are defeated
about the Census. For you then
to stir the mud would be
most valuable.

Yours sincerely,

Leonard Dawson