

Sussex

Cripps's Corner. Forest Row. Dec. 16. 26

My dear Fisher

It is very good of you to draft a letter to Dupton. I am making slight alterations, and will then sign it. If you were going to sign, I should have left it alone. But as he wrote to me it may be more polite for me to reply. I can't say I have a guess how many of our members dislike compulsory education. I guess I approve of it more than you do. The tone and morals of the hop pickers coming to Kent from East London has improved to an extraordinary degree in the last fifty years, and the best witnesses I have asked put it down mainly to education. I don't mean the knowledge acquired but contact with decent people, which slum birds have in no other way. To give it up would be a ~~reapse~~ ^{reapse} to the old barbarism, I fear, when, as an old East London doctor told me in his youth, there were places where he could by no possibility visit at night "even for a charity malady case". That is mainly why I support the system.

Yr To

I think I should have time before Jan 12
to draft an Indiana Tax letter, if you
are pressed. But I believe you would
do it better than me.

I have drafted a Sterilization
Bill, which I am inclined to
enlarge and call a "Preservation of
the Race & Sterilization Bill"; putting
in, for example, the case against
marriage of the feebleminded unless
sterilized & sterilized.

Yours sincerely

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