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CRIPPS'S CORNER,  
FOREST ROW,  
SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher,

I send you herewith a memo about Goddard's pedigree, which please make any use you like of. Some of it might be cut out or put in a foot note. When completed, please send it to the office to have a fair copy made. I will then send it to Miss Fox to see if she will publish it. I send you your draft with certain corrections you have put in

and also a suggestion I made  
when I was talking to you about it,  
just to remind you of what I  
then said. I think however  
that the criticism I then made  
had little justification in it

yours sincerely

L. Dawson  
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Goddard in his Feeblemindedness deals with ~~the~~ the family histories of 327 feeble-minded persons. Rejecting 2 of these ~~are~~ because the details are insufficient, the 650 parents of the remaining 325 cases may be analysed as follows:— 41.0 percent were reported to be normal (several were stated to be alcoholic, sexually immoral, tuberculous, migrainous, or neurotic; moreover this percentage would <sup>have</sup> been reduced by 2% if those marked N? had been omitted) 14.6% of those not reported as normal were stated to be either alcoholic, criminalistic, epileptic, insane, migrainous, neurotic, paralytic, tuberculous, or cramps. In 14.9% of the ~~cases~~ <sup>parents</sup> the facts were unknown. The remaining 29.5% were reported as feebleminded. Then again 43.6% of the 325 cases had either one or two feeble minded parents. ~~It~~ If the facts had been known, does it not seem probable that half the cases would have been found to have a mentally defective parent? In America, it must be noted, the feeble-minded include a number of high grade defectives who could not be certified in England.

Dr Ethie Sayer, quoted by Dr. Tredgold,  
states that the parents were mentally  
defective in 34 cases out of 100 mentally  
defective children examined. (See  
Eugenics Review, Vol V p 162).