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CRIPPS'S CORNER,

FOREST ROW,

SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

If Goddard sends you any advice, kindly let me know, so that I can send him a word of thanks.

When writing to Blocker a few days ago in reply to a letter on another subject I said to him, what I have said to you, that I do not want to get involved in a debate on family allowances because my old head is now not equal to seizing all the details. I also said to him that I regard you as by far the best authority on all the theoretical aspects of this subject. Now will you forgive me for saying to you that I think you want a

Cobden to play to your part of
Adam Smith, so to speak. I know
you are not a free trader; but
the analogy holds good at the same
No student of pure economics did
or does read Cobden, and yet it
was he who was largely influential
in getting free trade adopted.
As to Blacker, I do not say he is
a Cobden, but I do believe that he
has sound views as to how to
push a question, and that if you
don't utilize this available help,
it will be a serious loss to the
cause. And this I believe you will
only do on two conditions. (1) That
you have several friendly talks
with him, and (2) that you realize
that persuasion, compromise and
perseverance are all three absolutely
essential to success in any public

and practical campaigns. Science only tells us what is true, and the scientific mind is often a definite hindrance in ordinary affairs. My motto has been - "a man must row with such oars as he has", to which I give the meaning that we should always make the best of the imperfect human material available, whilst fully realizing its faults. I had as President to put ^{up} with friction of various kinds for 17 years, and if you stick to the ship - as you must - you will have to face the same sort of troubles with a smile as long as on board. Now do forgive this senile sermon, and don't answer, except - about - Goddard.

My wife much appreciates Mr Fisher's letter.

Yours sincerely,

Demond Darwin