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CRIPPS CORNER,

FOREST ROW,

SUSSEX.

Dear Fisher.

Thanks for yours in which you say you will come on June 17, by the 5.50 7-11 train to Forest Row, when we shall be very glad to see you. Do not bother about Evening clothes, as we shall be only a family party. As to what you say about refusing to bind yourself in certain respects, I do not yet understand whether you have definitely got the job. If not, is it not of immense importance to your children that you should get it? Suppose you missed it by making certain

Stipulations, might not you regret
it bitterly? There may be some-
thing very foolish in what they
ask, but it is not morally wrong,
and it cannot be morally wrong
for you to agree. You might always
hope to reverse any decision. My
point that it is of great importance
to your family, to you, and I think
to England that you should be
selected, and that you will do
wrong to throw any difficulties in
the way. It will be over-conscientiousness
on your part, which is an error
I can condemn you making. Please
forgive me for speaking frankly.

Yours sincerely

Demond Dawson

CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
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P.S. To save time when we meet I want to put one unimportant matter in writing. You seemed to think that I should differ from you in regard to your programme or work for the professorship. Possibly you were thinking of my views with regard to the functions of the Eugenic Society. I hold that it should confine itself to propaganda for the following reasons. (1) It was originally the Eugenic Education Society, which indicates the basis on which members were first asked to join. (2) Twitche, who helped us so much, wanted his money to go in widespread propaganda, believing that we know quite enough to justify practical action.

And (3) research is so much more interesting and advantageous to the individual that it would drive out all propaganda, because of its cost. On the other hand, though I have not Galton's will before me as I write, I am certain that his aim was research together with advanced instruction. Hence I think these are the lines on which his money should be spent. How these ends can best be obtained it is for the Galton ~~the~~ professor to decide, and I see no reason whatever to think that you will come to reasonable conclusions.

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