April 7th 1924.

Cripps's Corner,
Forest Row,
Sussex.

Dear Fisher,

I send you herewith a memo about Goddard's bed signs, which please make any use you like of. Some of it might be cut out or put in a footnote. When completed please send it to the office. I have a fair copy made. I will then send it to H. F. to see if she will publish it. I send you your draft with untaken 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

[Signature]
Goddard in his Feeblemindedness deals with the family histories of 327 feeble-minded persons. Reporting 2 of these as 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 be 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 insane. In 14.9% of the cases 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. Is 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 feebleminded include a number of high-grade defectives who could not be certified in England.
Dr. Ettie 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/162).