

One belief at least remained throughout - my belief that the land is the basis of human life, and that as many people as possible should be in direct contact with it. The question to be solved was how to obtain that result, and the answer as I see it in application to England is contained in the little typescript enclosed, of which this is but a part. It appeared (I forget where) some years ago & led to my being offered the charge of this estate near Fontainebleau & the training of the owner's son along the lines indicated. Unfortunately the owner (Scottish-American) had all his investments in the U.S.A. and the world crisis has reached such a point that he is compelled to close down here, where years of experience with a French staff & French farming have given me great pleasure & a number of most practical 'tips' lacking in England. As therefore I shall need to find a new field of service (my own property not being large enough to occupy me), I should be glad if you happen to have amongst your friends or acquaintances some one who could make use of me. You will understand that my primary desire is a field for my experience, and that the question of payment is of secondary consideration.

While in the New Forest I made the acquaintance of your cousin at Beaulieu & narrowly missed you the once & twice, and it was Capt. Widnell who gave me your address.