

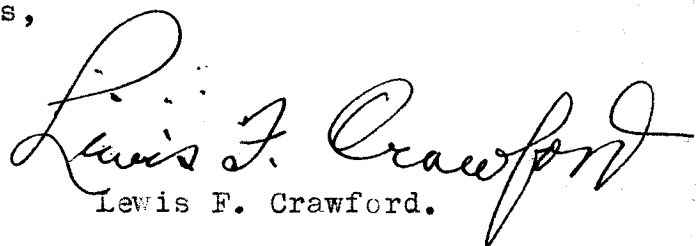
I have been in bed for a few days and feel wobbly to-day, so  
pardon the lack of coherence and the physical make-up of this letter.

My son Kenneth is here with me. Economy has given way to parsimony  
and it looks as if parsimony is about to be supplanted by abject  
poverty unless a turn comes in the book field. Every one says that  
times are getting better, but the small business men do not confirm  
this optimism. Years ago Hoover said "prosperity is just around  
the corner". The corner seemsto recede as we approach it.

With kind regards,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Lewis F. Crawford.