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Dear Pearson:

My recent note to the Proceedings was simply a criticism of Jeffrey's recent lapse of a month or two ago. I will let you have a copy as soon as I have one. On the constructive side it was little more than a further explanation of what I mean by fiducial probability. By the way do you think this word will do? I always ^{feel} find a lot of hesitation about introducing a new word. Its point of course is simply to distinguish it from a previously known value to which fortunately an epithet had already been applied; so I was much more concerned to find one which sounded different, than one which meant anything descriptively. It would be quite too late to introduce a change, only nothing better has been suggested to me.

I appreciate your position with respect to Biometrika. Many original men are for that reason unreceptive, and this is a fault which age does nothing to cure. This attitude

has been highly inimical to the reception or even the fair consideration of my own work, and I need not say that I feel the injury. Its harm has been too lasting for that to be otherwise, but I can quite see that no one should attempt to prevent the Editor from expressing his own personal views.

Yours sincerely,