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Dear Riddell,

I am sorry to learn that Julia Bell is upset about anything in your notice of Usher. It seemed to me exceedingly well balanced, though a bit short. In considering any modifications that she may urge upon you, I do hope you will use your own judgement and stick to it when you think fit. The immediate object of an obituary is to do honour to the deceased by setting out a permanent record of some of the salient facts of his life and character. It is not, it seems to me, primarily concerned with doing honour to anyone else, who may, indeed, have taken more credit than ~~he~~^{his} was due during the deceased's lifetime. So far as Pearson was concerned, it is quite clear to me that associates like Gosset and Sheppard and - the biography notwithstanding - Galton himself, have received much less credit for their share in researches in which Pearson took any sort of hand.

Yours sincerely,