

13 December 1932.

Major L. Darwin, Sc.D.,
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Dear Major Darwin:

Thanks for the suggestion of a eulogy on Pearson. On consideration, and I have considered it seriously, I have decided that I am not the man for the job. I feel rather too strongly the many cases in which he has sacrificed the advancement of science to his own vanity, and in which he has shown less than justice, let alone sympathy, for other workers. If anyone could do it honestly and well I think it would be Gosset, and I have passed on your suggestion to him, on the chance that he might be attracted.

I have recently taken the liberty of making some suggestions to your niece Mrs. Barlow, on the Lythrum problem, as I think it is possible, in the light of previous experiments, to set up a programme of tests which should be decisive on the most promising points. I do not know, however, how she is placed as to the time she can give, or the land, labour and money which can be made available for her

at Cambridge. I believe the Government Grants Committee of the Royal could be interested sufficiently to give some help, and more should be available from the Botanic Garden or elsewhere at Cambridge. I do not know whether she will consult you or whether, in any case, you will want to see the detailed suggestions, but if you should do so I should be glad to send you a copy.

Yours sincerely,