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CRIPPS'S CORNER,
FOREST ROW,
SUSSEX.

My dear Fisher,

I want to put the following suggestion for your consideration but do not expect any reply. You know that some German authorities have awarded some honour & recognition to Pearson, it having been presented by Fischer a leading ^{see Nature} eugenic authority in Germany. You know that he is signing his

Professorship next June.
Now it seems to me highly
appropriate that the occasion
should be taken to recall
what he has done for
Eugenics in an article
in our Review and no
one can do it better than
you. But I feel very strongly
indeed that it is a case
of *nil nisi bonum*.
I know that you hold that
his early work is of great
value to Eugenics as
well as to Science gen-
erally, and I feel sure

that this fact is not realised
by more than one in a
hundred of the members
of the Eugenics Society.

Your remarks about his
papers have generally been
critical & I do not re-
-member that you have
ever shown that you have
a high opinion of his
fundamental work.

Some of his early lectures
on eugenics were excellent.
Galton had a great feeling
of friendship for him
& his admiration for Galton
is unbounded. His life of
Galton is a monumental
work. Heron's work done

under his auspices was a lot of
work which greatly altered my
whole outlook on Eugenics.

An honest article with much
praise could be written,
and there should be no
'buts' or 'ifs' in it. It
might no doubt be said that
you are fishing for the profes-
-ship, there will be some built-
in that so let it be said.
If written it should go in in the
January issue so should
be done at once.

Think over it, decide yourself,
but don't trouble to answer

Yours sincerely
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