

DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY

From Mr. L. G. Wickham Legg

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Dear Professor,

I have had a letter during the last few days which made me look up yours of the 26 April accepting the offer to write the life of Karl Pearson for the D.N.B., & I observe that you wrote that you "did not always get on very well with the subject of the notice" (to which I paid little attention at the time), but the letter has made me wonder whether the phrase covered a reluctance on your part to write the life in view of the controversy which (as I understand) you had with Karl Pearson during his lifetime; or I therefore write to say that, if there is any such feeling on your part, I hope you will not consider yourself bound to undertake what may be to you an irksome duty. But my idea maybe mistaken; if so, please forgive my intrusion.

Yours sincerely

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