successful in her able review of the voluminous material; and the pedigree plates, reproduced from drawings by Miss Jones, are as nearly perfect as possible. The Prefatory note has been written by Prof. Karl Pearson, whose stimulating influence is discernible throughout the work, particularly perhaps in the quotations from St. John, Hippocrates, and Francis Galton.

This memorial volume is fittingly prefaced by a portrait of Nettleship, and a memoir by Mr. Lawford. Of the latter our readers can judge for themselves, since, owing to the courtesy of Prof. Pearson, we are privileged to reproduce it in full in the present number of this journal.

CORRESPONDENCE

(TRANSLATION.)

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

DEAR SIR,—I read the article on "German Ophthalmological Literature since 1914" in your Journal (p. 516). I note your great interest in German Ophthalmological Literature, and am indebted to you for this manifestation of it. I shall be obliged if you will allow me to elucidate the question of the price of the "Jahresbericht über die gesamte Ophthalmologie." I base my figures for the foreign prices on the pre-war prices, i.e., on a gold standard, von Nagel—Michel’s "Jahresbericht" cost 50 gold marks for vol. 43 (1913), and 40 gold marks for vol. 44 (1915), whilst the price fixed by me for vol. 47 is £1 12s. The present price is therefore actually less than the price of the pre-war volumes, which were certainly more exhaustive. Allowing for the increased cost of production which obtains in all countries the price fixed by me must be regarded as quite reasonable. For example, not only has the pecuniary value of the paper risen, it has reached considerably more than double the price in gold currency. I would also ask you to remember that I have to subscribe to more than 1,000 foreign journals at greatly enhanced prices for the medical abstracts, the organization of which is incorporated with that of the "Jahresbericht." Hence you will agree that the price, £1 12s., which I do not vary is not too high. The price for sale in Germany, on the other hand, has to be raised repeatedly owing to the progressive change in the currency. If English booksellers, to whom I allow a discount of 33\% per cent. on the above mentioned price, charge a higher price, it is altogether unjustified, and I should be obliged for any information which would enable me to take steps against these firms.

Yours faithfully,

BERLIN, NOV. 18, 1922.

JULIUS SPRINGER.