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Thank you for your note of the 23rd, written from the "Duchess of Atholl". Laird is coming in this afternoon and I shall hand to him a copy of Dr. Rothney's criticism, together with your comments upon it.

There was a matter which I intended to take up with you before you left, and that is, to invite your co-operation towards securing a Lecturer for next year under the terms of the lectureship made available by the Graduates' Society. I may have told you something about this. They have a fund amounting to \$3,000 per annum which they are willing to give to a first-class man to come to McGill for a month and deliver a series of lectures, after the pattern of the Gifford lectures in the Scottish Universities. Bishop Barnes, of Birmingham, whom I had hoped to get, has finally turned us down. Dr. Martin is looking about for someone, while Lee of Oxford suggested Adams of that University.

I attach a great deal of importance to the first lecturer, because it was after considerable pleading that I induced the Graduates' Society to vote the sum for this purpose. I believe it would be a wonderful stimulus to the students, to the professors, and to the intellectual community of Montreal generally, if we had someone unusually gifted living