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My dear Sir Arthur:-

This afternoon Porteous' reply came, to the effect that he will be glad to come on December 13th, to stay with me, and to give a talk before our Philosophical Society. I send this message by letter because I cannot be in to see you on Monday, ^{owing to} ~~because~~ of a Lyceum Lecture scheduled for me at the Women's University Club in Ottawa, where I have been slated to speak on the title: The Philosopher Looks At Life.

I do wish to see you, however, before we conclude our arrangements with regard to the meeting of the Philosophical Society at your residence on the evening of Friday the 13th. The Society has met three times in the Council Room of the Arts Building, and on those occasions the attendance has completely filled the room, all the chairs there, and more brought in from the outside. Our subject has been the Philosophy of Physical Science today, and it has centered about a stirring book by Eddington. Our speakers have been from the Science Departments, notably Dr. Eve who helped us enormously to get hold of the ideas of the book the students are reading. Next week another discussion is to be held on the new concepts of Gravitation in Einstein; and after that another, led by another scientist, on the Quantum Theory. Our Society has thus interested a diversity of students and faculty, men from physics, chemistry, mathematics, some few from medicine, some even from law. Our attendance is thus very varied and numerous. And not all of those present contribute to the gathering in any way. There is a group of those who stand in the outer atmosphere of our world of discourse and catch occasional light from the interplay of arguments. These outlying people swell the audience to a size which tends to make the more