

7 Grove Park,
Westmount.

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My dear Sir Arthur,

I am much interested in the proposals for the erection of a Museum, which have come up; and an idea has occurred to me, which is adapted to the site, which may perhaps be worth considering.

For a museum, the primary consideration is light; and on the corner proposed the building could be made to face southward, with wings wide apart to obtain all the light possible on the north side; as shown in the sketch enclosed. This would be much better than a U-shaped building, or a quadrangle. — The windows also to be carried above the ceiling level, to carry the light well in; as shown in the section. These arrangements would make the museum practically available, for fully an hour longer in the afternoon, throughout the winter.

The style could be simple and chaste, in pilasters and panels, without any pilasters or expensive ornamentation. This would be similar to the present Arts building, and it could be very effective in its lines. It should no doubt be thoroughly fireproof, with the furnace rooms in detached buildings for extra security; as noted on the sketch. This would also meet more fully