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To J.J. Shephard ^{fr} ~~fr~~ fr ~~fr~~ fr

My dear Shepherd

I was so glad to get your note from Masburg. You did nicely to go to a small University town where English Students are scarce. One sees more of German life in that way & picks up the language in half the time. When do you go on to Wien? I shall call on your people this afternoon and find out where I am to address this letter. I am glad you saw Philpot in London: he is a first rate fellow & his introductions will be useful. The "Reidhof" Restaurant you will, no doubt patronize in Vienna. It is about the best and you are sure of meeting other English fellows there. When do you return? & are you going to settle in Montreal? There is a talk of the Dean resigning in the spring and of course there will be a vacancy in consequence. Or in any case there must be a vacancy before long and the Demonstratorship will be open. The question is: why should not you get it? Cameron of course will be in the field; but I am sure if a vacancy occurs in the spring & Chipman goes out of the Hospital, leaving Cameron full Surgeon, there will be opposition to his holding both appointments; and you would have backers for the Demonstratorship among the Faculty. Remember this comes solely from me. I have heard no other opinions on the subject. I think, however you would be wise in paying some attention to practical anatomy in Vienna and attend the lectures of ^{Hystk's} ~~Herty's~~ successor - whoever he is. The courses on operative surgery by Billroth's assistant are also splendid. I am working away at my Lectures & so far have got on fairly well. Do you return by way of Paris? if so I would like you to execute a little commission for me there; and I may also trouble you to bring a few little things from Germany I will send a list & place the dimes to your credit at - where? Bk. of Montreal here or London.

Yours very sincerely

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