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1855.

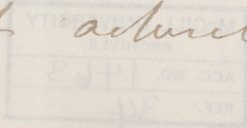
My dear Sir;

Your message  
by telegraph arrived duly  
and your letter reached  
Boston in time for me  
to receive a summary  
of its contents by  
telegraph this evening.

I am glad to learn  
that my proposals  
are satisfactory to you  
and shall now

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enjoy if you think advisable a  
renewal —



devote myself to the  
work of preparation  
for the duties of  
the position, that  
nothing may be wanting  
on my part fully  
to justify your selection  
and to make my  
connection with your  
institution as beneficial  
to it as possible.

I have left all

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my affairs in Peter  
in such a state that  
nothing of importance  
will be required from  
there, and as I leave  
in the steamer of to-night  
I shall probably reach  
Liverpool two days  
before the meeting of  
the Brit. Association. On its  
close I hope to spend  
a few days in Edin-  
burgh and London in

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enquiries bearing on my  
future position not for-  
getting your <sup>suggestion</sup> proposal in  
reference to a degree  
which I had thought  
of before receipt of  
your letter though I  
cannot speak competently  
as to its being obtained  
If not I shall endeavor  
to obtain some additional  
scruples for purposes of expediency  
importance.

Though you do not require  
any definite argument about  
lectures I could a shield of a  
cause when you feel in the way