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Sir J. William Dawson,
Dear Sir

The enclosed note from Dr Cochran
will I hope serve as an introduction. The Lecture
Committee to which he refers is appointed by the
Trustees Directors of the Brooklyn Institute from their
own number. The provisions of the will of the
late Augustus Graham provide for "the giving of
Lectures from time to time during the winter months
on the Power Wisdom and Goodness of God, as manifest-
ed in His works," said lectures to be delivered on Sunday evenings

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The first course of lectures on this foundation were
delivered by Dr. Storrs. He was followed the next
winter by Rev. (now Bishop) Huntington; and, ^{the late} Prof Agas-
siz and others have lectured in succeeding years.

For nearly eighteen years these lectures have
not been given owing the fact that the Institute
was in debt. By careful management of the funds
the debt has been almost entirely paid off and the
lectures are to be resumed. The means which can
be used for this purpose however are rather limited
and the lecture committee have for this winter

only five hundred and forty dollars at their disposal to cover cost of lectures advertising printing &c. The Hall of the Institute will be furnished lighted &c. free of expense to the Lecture fund.

Now the most we can expect to do with so small a sum will be to secure if possible a lecturer to deliver say three lectures at one hundred and fifty dollars each; or four lectures at one hundred and twenty five dollars each.

Dr. Storms and Dr. Cochran both say they think you are the very best man we can get to give these lectures. Dr. Storms - who is my honored pastor - fears that the compensation is too small, but we hope that the opportunity for usefulness may somewhat avail in inducing you consider this matter.

Should you favorably entertain our proposition the writer will be glad to correspond farther with you and reply to any questions you may wish answered. By the terms of the will these lectures must be free and Dr. Storms I will mention expressed his desire and intention so to arrange as to be able to attend, in case you decide to deliver them. The time thought most favorable for their delivery was thought by the committee to be the second Sunday eve in Jan and following Sunday evenings.

With much respect I remain

Yours Respectfully
C. L. Woodbridge