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to the committee

The following is ~~probably~~ the note to Greenfield to which he refers in Schäfer's letter of Mar. 4. It was scribbled on a pad and much corrected and is here given with corrections and all.

Personal.

Dear G

I was very sorry to hear of Grainger Stew(art's) death. Poor fellow, he deserved an extension of time. ^{so}

It was is very kind of you to write ~~nicely-ab~~ about the Chair of-Medicine- Befere f committing-myself ~~to~~-I-should like-te knew-the feelings-of-the-Faculty I should esteem it a great honour ? to have the position to be elected but before I could allow my name to be presented as a candidate I should-wish-te must know 1st, the sentiments of the members of the Faculty - with a majority unfavourable I would not think of it - were-the-majority-unfavourable.
2ndly. The arrangements-fer-teaching One or two points about the teaching - the prespects for a clinical-Laberatory etc., assistants-etc.- I hold rather heretical notions about didactic lectures in med. and to carry out a complete scheme of practical instruction with clinical microscopy, & ward and out-patient classes would require in a large scheel- a very large staff and a good sized clinical Laboratory. I really am very comfortable here and have work very much to my desire. X Spending a great deal of time in Hospital work and teaching, I have limited my practice strictly to the best- special consultations and in this way I have had more leisure than falls to most teachers for their literary work. One great advantage of my present billet is that I get three months off ~~heli~~ vacation - but I tell you frankly I would rather hold a Chair in Edinburgh than in any School in the English speaking world.