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Dear Thomson,

I approve most heartily of your memorandum. The four lines of progress for our School are **Pharmacology**, Hygiene, the History of Medicine, and a clinic-pathological laboratory in connection with the Infirmary. Of them, the first is a pressing need. Every where, I am sorry to say except in this country the science of Pharmacology is making rapid strides, and the subject is universally recognized as of the first importance in University work. Moreover, it is one of the hopeful progressive departments of medicine, with great possibilities for public service. I can testify in the strongest possible way to the work of Prof. Abel and his department in connexion with the Johns Hopkins Medical School. There are no classes more popular and the researches that have been carried on have been very valuable.

We should ask for a full professorship — if done, let us do it thoroughly — endowment. Lord Strathcona ~~a~~ promised a bequest for the purpose but when the financial crisis came withdrew. Since then he has given a large bequest to the Medical School at Montreal and I have hesitated to go to him again. I will do so however, within the next few weeks, with success I hope.

Yours,

W. O.