



My dear Sir,

The Natural History Society here, are desirous of having a course of lectures on Natural Science, and I have been requested by the Committee to address you on the subject.

The lectures would not be many, and it is desired that they should be given in the winter.

Not having a hall of  
their own it would be  
desirable that they should  
know sometime beforehand  
when a lecturer will be  
able to come, so that they  
may make the necessary  
arrangement for hall &c.

While the lectures will  
be few in number they  
wish to have good ones and  
have requested me to write  
to you to ascertain if you  
could make it convenient  
to give one lecture of the

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course on ~~the~~ such subject  
as you may choose, in  
Natural History Botany  
Or Geology; and to ask  
you what the expense\* of  
such a lecture would be.

I am dear Sir

yours very truly

J. Matthews

\*viz: your fee and travelling expenses

Matthew

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