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Sir. J. Wm Dawson,

Dear Sir

The lecture committee have engaged the Brooklyn Academy of Music for the Graham Lectures to be deliv<sup>d</sup> by you on the evenings of Jan 2. & 9.

This is the largest and every way the best public hall in Brooklyn. It seats about 2500 people comfortably and for so large a place is an easy hall to speak in.

We shall have the large curtain lowered so as to cut off the greater part of the stage leaving room each side of the space left for the lecturer to seat about fifty or sixty gentlemen on the platform. Dr Storr preached in the Academy for a year while Pilgrim Church was undergoing alterations several years ago and consequently he feels quite at home there.

My special object however in writing you tonight is to know if you have made or are likely to make any change in the title of your lectures. Dr Storr and Dr Cochran seem to take it for granted that you will touch upon the Evolution question and so does Mr Elias Lewis - one of the greatest students of geology in Brooklyn.

Now if entirely convenient and agreeable I shall  
be very glad if you can give me some indication  
on this subject as to your probable theme or themes  
Mr Lewis is rather desirous to hear the other side  
from that advanced by the Darwinian school. Dr Storr  
spoke of the fact that Henry Ward Beecher had  
been preaching last winter on evolution and  
that there was a good deal of interest in  
the subject - which was to some good people a  
sort of bug bear.

I do not intend in any way  
to point out your theme, but - as I have  
written - wish only to know whatever you may  
wish to indicate, leaving all to your own  
decision

Yours Very Truly  
C. L. Woodbridge

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