

5 Great George Street,
Westminster, S.W.
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My dear Professor Fitzgerald,

Unless you wish to get me into trouble, you are bound to give a Friday Evening Discourse at the Royal Institution, in the forthcoming Session.

I think it is extremely probable you will remember why I say so, but, in case you may have forgotten, let me remind you that our friend, Oliver Lodge, in his Discourse on the "Discharge of a Leyden Jar", in March last, said :--

" In this work of repetition and verification Prof. Fitzgerald has, as related in a recent number of Nature (February 21, p. 391,) probably gone further ; and if I may venture a suggestion to your Honorary Secretary, I feel sure that a discourse on Hertz's researches from Prof. Fitzgerald next year would be not only acceptable to you, but would be highly conducive to the progress of science."

Now, if you do not redeem the call thus made upon you, the Members of the Royal Institution are sure to lay the blame on

the Secretary,-wherefore I say,--Unless you wish to get me into trouble, you must say "Yes" to the invitation which, on behalf of the Managers and Officers of that Institution, I now make to you.

Believe me to be,

Yours very truly,

Fredrick Bramwell

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Hon. Sed.

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