

we were in Liverpool between
9 & 10 next morning.

sincerely yours

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Dear Professor Fitzgerald

At present I have only heard of Prof: W. G. Adams of Kings Coll: London, & Mr. Glazebrook, as candidates for the Cavendish Professorship. The stipend attached to the chair is £850 a year, so that I daresay it may draw a good many competitors; but I have not heard anyone of more mark than those above named mentioned as yet.

I am however one of the electors

so that I may not hear of the candidates until their names are actually sent in. The electors are a small body, Sir W. Thomson, Prof. Stokes, Stuart & Gifford, Sir W. Grove, Prof. G. Darwin, Mr. Niven of Greenwich Hospital, the Vicar-General & myself. I think I may say that we are all desirous of electing the best man for the post, and that if you are willing to come forward your claims will have fair consideration. As an elector I must not say anything which would in any way tie my

hands until I know who all the candidates are & have weighed their several qualifications.

I may say however that I think we ought to have a man who is an experimentalist, not one who is only a mathematical physicist however able.

It is of course difficult to prevent the names of candidates becoming known, but there is no receipt for the publication of them.

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The night after we parted at Queenstown was not so bad as it threatened to be, and