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My dear Fitzgerald,

I am delighted  
to learn that Joly's nomination was  
unanimous & write to congratulate  
him.

all's well that ends well. I  
expect my letter to the Provost  
amused you.

If Joly would take the  
Engineering mans. of my hands



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I should feel vastly obliged to him  
just at present I am in the  
agonies of preparing an "In-  
augural Lecture" which is a  
very serious affair. The Vice-  
Chancellor comes to criticisms  
& brings the Proctors with him, so  
I dar'n't put in a joke that  
isn't dressed in full canonicals!  
This Lecture is on the <sup>19<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~21<sup>st</sup>~~ next  
Tuesday, & on the <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~22<sup>nd</sup>~~ I have  
to lecture before the ~~the~~ Natural  
History Society, so whatever

my other work my hands are  
overfull.

I didn't go to Russia! There  
was so much to do here it would  
have been madness to attempt it.  
I am glad you had such a grand  
excursion, but I won't call  
you a semi-civilised Canadian!  
though I do wonder why you  
didn't go on to Klondyke. So  
near yet so far.

Sincerely yours

W. J. Sollas.

Yes! I am chortling over Tues-  
day!