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In solchen Sachen nur dem eignen Licht,
Nicht fremdem folgen.

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There are two reasons why I have asked your kind permission to dedicate this volume to you.

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Again, I feel special satisfaction in writing your name here, as it was, I believe, at your suggestion that the Managers of the Royal Institution did me the honour of inviting me to deliver

these Lectures. I could well wish that they were worthier of being thus associated with you. But you were so kind as to say that you listened to them with pleasure. And I may be permitted to say that—

“ I feel a free,
A leafy luxury, seeing I could please
With these poor offerings, a man like thee.”

I am, my dear Dewar,
Most sincerely yours,
W. S. LILLY.

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