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

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MY DEAR DEWAR,

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

First, I am desirous to take the present opportunity of publicly thanking you and the other members of the Governing Body of Peterhouse, for electing me an Honorary Fellow of that most ancient Society. The distinction is one of which, in any circumstances, I must be deeply sensible. It is enhanced by the lustre which your European, your world-wide renown sheds upon our College.

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

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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.

ATHENÆUM CLUB,
May 24, 1895.

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These Lectures, delivered from a few brief notes, are now printed from the shorthand-writer's report. But the Author has corrected such faults, whether of expression or conception, as he has detected, and has developed some trains of thought which it was not possible for him to follow out so fully as he could have wished when speaking at the Royal Institution.