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My dear Jordan:

I have gone over the whole matter carefully, considering the pros & cons, & have finally concluded

1. That out of simple justice to you this matter must be settled &
2. That I must be considered no longer in the light of a possibility.

This conclusion I have reached in looking over my appliances here for work & my prospects. The teaching side of the subject cuts but little figure, as that shall hereafter be more & more an incidental part of my work. Hence I rather shun large classes than small ones. All this is of course with the

fullest appreciation of what ^{pleasure} the
Society of Scientific Workers at
Bloomington would bring me to
~~chiefly~~ of the success you have
made & are bound to continue to
make of your presidency.

As to the "Microbe" lecture, let
the time suit your own con-
venience entirely. I can come
next week or any following
week that you can find most
convenient -

As ever yours sincerely
John M. Coulter,