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Dear Dean Atkinson,

I understand that a group of Harvard alumni in Los Angeles has recommended Professor Geddes MacGregor for the next Ingersoll Lectureship. I am pleased to join this excellent initiative with the present letter of recommendation. I would have written to you earlier had I not spent the last five weeks in Argentina and Uruguay for a series of University Lectures.

For a number of years Professor MacGregor was a colleague of mine in the Department of Philosophy of Bryn Mawr College as a holder of the Rufus Jones chair. He was highly esteemed by all his colleagues for his extensive scholarship and remarkable teaching ability. We all very much deplored his decision to move to the University of Southern California; this was definitively a USC gain and a BMC loss. Fortunately, I have been able to follow his academic career as the author of a number of books, particularly those concerning the history and philosophy of religion(s). There is no doubt that he has become an authority in this vast field.

Professor MacGregor admirably combines solid scholarship with a subtle sense of humor in the best Anglo-Saxon academic tradition. He has for a long time been interested in interfaith questions, and has worked on ecumenical views which are far from being alien to the Ingersoll tradition.

I can think of no one today as apt as Professor MacGregor to continue the series of distinguished Ingersoll lecturers.

Cordially,



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