

## Letter to Emma Haldane, 17 June 1857

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If the proposal is quite inconvenient  
I would try & come up to you in the evening

Hadley Green

17<sup>th</sup> June

1857

My Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Haldane

I am informed  
this morning by  
Prof. Daubeny of  
Oxford that it is  
intended to confer  
an Honorary degree  
upon me on

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the 24<sup>th</sup> the day  
which you had  
appointed us to  
come to your  
house and it  
would scarcely do  
to ask the University  
to put off its annual  
meeting for conferring  
degrees I am obliged  
to trust to your

[0003]

good nature to  
make your  
invitation for  
the 25<sup>th</sup>. I am  
to go down to  
Oxford on the  
23<sup>d</sup> I hope this  
will not put you  
to any inconvenience  
The degree is only  
a mark of approbation  
conferred for

[0004]  
distinguished services  
or attainments and  
though I would  
rather continue at  
my book my friends  
think I should  
accept it and  
I imagine you  
will not object  
to postponing the  
invitation

Excuse my  
troubling you thus  
& believe me yours

David Livingstone