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Hadley Green

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My Dear M^{rs} 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 24th 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

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

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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

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