

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

17th June

1857

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

[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