

My dear Sir

Come vedrà dalla traduzione il Sig. Lindsay, chiede il di lei parere sulla me pubblicazione. Nella stampiglia annessa vi sono le dichiarazioni di Balfour, Thomson, Trevelyan e Greville e queste sono tutte concordi nell'attestare l'alta opinione di questi signori riguardo al Sig. Lindsay ed accennano agli studi da lui compiuti cogliendo i primi principi nei varj rami della Storia Naturale, ed ottenendo vari onori Accademici.

Ricordando le sue pubblicazioni ed il modo energico con cui trattò ogni argomento che fece capo alle sue indagini e lo quali fissano come distinto scrittore e naturalista e particolarmente atto all'insegnamento di qualsiasi ramo della Storia Naturale. Eucoli il merito di questi pareri, se però ella desidera una traduzione della stampiglia, me la rimandi che mi farò un pregio di servirlo, fattanto mi creda sempre

seu riconoscente ed affezionato  
Adelphi.





Handwritten: *Lettera*

Gilgal Perth, Scozia

29. Giugno 1868.

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GILGAL, PERTH, Scotland

29 June 1868.

Dear Sir,

It is possible I  
may become a candidate for  
a Professorship of Botany now  
vacant in one of our Scottish  
Universities.

With a view to that  
candidate, I should greatly  
esteem any expression of  
your opinion in my Botan-  
-ical Publications

Y<sup>rs</sup>



The Pamphlets, which I  
have recently & formerly had the  
pleasure of sending, may be  
helpful to you to form a  
judgment

I may mention that  
I have had the honor of receiving  
certificates - testimonials from  
your distinguished countrymen  
Professors de Materis, Parlatore,  
Aretani & Casalonga.

With much esteem.

Yours faithfully,  
W. L. Lindsay



## EXTRACTS FROM TESTIMONIALS.

I.—From J. H. BALFOUR, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.S.E., F.L.S.,  
Professor of Medicine and Botany in the University, and Regius  
Keeper of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh.

27th May, 1854.

I have, on more than one occasion, publicly stated my high opinion of Dr Lauder Lindsay's qualifications as a *Naturalist*. He has distinguished himself in all departments of Natural History; in Botany, Mineralogy, Geology, and Zoology. I know no one of the same standing who has cultivated so successfully all departments of Natural Science. The papers which he has read to the Botanical and other Scientific Societies in Edinburgh, the communications he has contributed to periodicals, and the preparations which he has presented to the Museum of Economic Botany here, all evince a thorough knowledge of Science, a capability of imparting information in a clear and effective manner, a power of conducting original experimental researches, and a facility of illustration rarely equalled.

He has attained eminence in every subject to which he has directed his special attention. Combined with great talents, he has immense zeal and perseverance, so that he has been enabled to surmount many obstacles in the prosecution of his studies.

He has entered, in a *practical* manner, into the pursuit of Natural History; and has undertaken many excursions, both in this country and on the Continent, with the view of advancing it. I consider him particularly well qualified to investigate the Natural History of a new country.

Whether I regard Dr Lindsay as an observer of Nature, as a writer, as a lecturer, as a practical naturalist, or a manipulator, I consider him eminently qualified for the Professorship of Natural Science in the University of Melbourne.

24th November, 1852.

In 1848, he gained the *first* prize in the junior division of the Botanical Class for the competition examinations, and the *first* prize (silver medal) for dissections illustrating Natural Orders. In 1849, he gained the *gold medal* for a Herbarium collected in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh, and the *silver medal* for dissections and preparations of Grasses. These dissections are now hung up in the Museum of Economic Botany at the Gardens, and some of them were shewn at the Great Exhibition in 1851. They have called forth the encomiums of Dr Greville, Dr Hooker, and others. In 1849, he also got certificates of merit for his appearance in various competition examinations.

Dr Lauder Lindsay has devoted much time to the examination of vegetable tissues by the *microscope*, and he is well acquainted with the use of that instrument. In 1851, he spent a portion of his time at the Garden making microscopical examinations of tissues, and putting up preparations. Dr Lindsay sent in an excellent Thesis on Lichens, in



which he gave a full account of all that had been done in regard to that difficult order of plants. He also made a beautiful series of *drawings* and *preparations* to illustrate the structure and properties of Lichens.

Dr Lindsay has a good knowledge of the modern languages, and has travelled extensively on the Continent. He has had the opportunity of seeing the museums of London, Paris, Bonn, Leyden, the Hague, Frankfort, &c. \* \* \*

II.—From W. T. C. THOMSON, LL.D., F.R.P., and F.B.S.S.E.,  
Professor of Natural History, Queen's University, Cork; author  
of various Zoological Contributions to the "Annals of Natural  
History," &c.

27th November, 1852.

Having had the pleasure of your acquaintance for some years, I have had many opportunities of estimating the extent of your acquirements in the Natural Sciences, especially in those of *Botany* and *Geology*.

The term of your studies in Edinburgh has been marked with peculiar success, several Academic honours having rewarded your diligence and perseverance.

A master of several modern languages, your knowledge of Scientific Literature is extensive and accurate. You have extended your researches in your favourite Sciences in some of the less investigated quarters of the north of Europe, and have furnished some interesting results.

~~You are a proficient in the preparation of objects of Natural History~~  
and of Pathology; and, from your previous education, your habits are peculiarly orderly and business-like. \* \* \*

III.—From Sir W. C. TREVELYAN, Bart. of Nettlecombe Court  
and Wallington, Northumberland, M.A., F.R.S.E., F.G.S.;  
Contributor of numerous Scientific Papers to the Botanical Society,  
&c., Edinburgh.

26th May, 1854.

I believe that Dr W. L. Lindsay is eminently qualified as a most successful cultivator, theoretically and practically, of *Natural History*, for the situation of a Lecturer on various branches of that Science.

His attainments in that, as in other departments of Science, are well known in Edinburgh; and also are testified to by his contributions to various scientific journals, by his collections and preparations of objects of Natural History, and by his success during his Academical career in gaining many of the medals offered by the Professors of the University of Edinburgh to their most deserving pupils.

IV.—From R. K. GREVILLE, LL.D., F.R.S.E., F.L.S., author  
of the "Scottish Cryptogamic Flora," "Icones Filicum," *Algae*  
*Britannicæ*, "Flora Edinensis," &c.

8th December, 1852.

I can vouch for your industry and perseverance in Scientific pursuits, for your remarkable dexterity and neatness as a dissector and preserver