

W. G. Linnæus Place  
Edinburgh 18<sup>th</sup> June 1868

My dear Sir

I duly received your  
letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> May with ac-  
companying papers - copies of  
Testimonials, but have not had  
it in my power to use them  
with ~~any~~ effect. I have  
heard from various sources  
that the favourite Candidate  
is Sir Sam. Simpson, while as far  
as the Students of the University  
are concerned, they would rather

was written down by your clerk I was over all the family.

that Professor Christison  
should be chosen, but of course  
it does not affect the election  
tho' is that opinion, as it is  
the Curators alone who have  
the power. I have not  
been able up to this time to  
get at the real state of  
the case, but shall keep  
this letter open till the  
afternoon, when I hope  
to learn the result -  
There is only one of the

Carvay, whom I can see  
any freedom with, and he  
told me frankly that while  
he considered you, as to your  
fitness, second to none of  
the candidates, he could not  
get past Sir James Simpson.

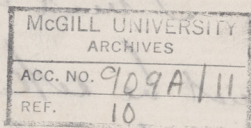
Had he not been in the field  
you would have been preferred  
to the others, as far as he was  
concerned.

I met Mr Vane a few days ago  
and he asked me if you was  
coming over to the meeting of  
the British Association this year.

Hold time I had no information  
on the subject. Mr. V. said  
further, that people were looking to  
you or his - Logan to be, brother,  
placed at the head of the Geological  
Survey, as the gentlemen who had  
held that appointment were becoming  
aged,

Very truly yours  
R. S. Bell

P.S.



Miss J. P. Dana - Milwaukee