

These letters to do  
with the Biography  
of Sw. Am. Logan

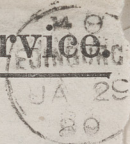
mostly thanking B. J. H. for  
sending a biography -

Beethoven's  
letters —  
friends  
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Relatives

I give you below  
published in New  
York 1844

On Her Majesty's Service.

From Prof. Geikie. 1880.



Professor B. J. Harrington

In G. U. College

Montreal



Geological Survey.

Canada



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The packet you refer to as having been  
sent with your letter has not reached  
me yet. Many thanks for your  
kindness.

Edinburgh January 29, 1880

My dear Sir

You enclosed three papers

comprise all the facts about

Sir William Doxan's education

and after some search I have  
been able to discover and

I fear nothing of more use

now be gleaned here from

any of the public sources.

You will see that I

have woven the foregoing

facts into a narrative

and may perhaps give



the greatest of us to a living  
but with your letter in our  
hands for you  
kindly

them more general interest.  
I hope it may be

that you desired.  
I have been making

enquiries for you as to  
Sir William's later life.

as yet without much  
success. You should get

hold of his early journals.

They used to be in  
possession of his brother

Edmund who lived here

and who has shown them



to me. But he was a  
bachelor and I don't  
know what has become  
of his effects.

If my inquiries end  
in bringing up anything  
likely to be of service  
you may count on  
hearing from me again

Give my kind remembrances  
to all the friends I made  
my brief stay in Montreal  
so pleasant - Dr. Dawson,  
Mr. Whiteaves, Dr. Hoffman,  
Dr. Henry Hunt &c. &c.  
Yours very truly  
Arch Geikie



Sir William Lofan received his education at the High School and University of Edinburgh. When he began his career the High School was in the zenith of its reputation. There were no great public schools in Scotland answering to the English type of Eton, Harrow, Rugby and the rest; but the Edinburgh Seminary ~~seemed~~ <sup>stood</sup> as the leading school forth above all the other schools of the country with a kind of national character. Many of the most distinguished Scotsmen of the day had been educated within its walls — Scott, Sir Walter Scott, Lord Brougham, Lord Jeffrey, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Dugald Stewart, Francis Horner and many more. One of its distinguishing features was the wide social range from which its pupils were drawn. Side by side on the same forms sat the sons of noblemen <sup>and</sup> and of Edinburgh tradesmen, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>many</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~whom~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>of</sup> destined to rise to the highest legal offices in the country, soldiers whose names are now household words among us, clergymen who have since become leaders of thought among their fellow men were on terms of the closest intimacy & friendship with men whose ~~after~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> fate had reserved no more ambitious career than that of humble ship-keepers. The position of the school in the heart of the Old Town ~~while~~ <sup>likewise</sup> favoured a close friendly intercourse with the boys of the



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was one of the most advanced teachers of his time, a man of elegant literary taste, full of enthusiasm in the cause of education, and gifted with a power of kindly and glowing oral fire in the breasts of his pupils. What ~~part~~ position Logan took at the High School I have not been able to discover; ~~but~~ <sup>his</sup> younger brother Edward ~~James~~ was out of the school in 1819. Among his class-fellows during the six years of his attendance was Scott's elder son, Walter.

From the High School he passed with ~~not many~~ of his class-fellows to the University where he entered in the Nov: 1816. It is of interest to note in connection with Logan's future devotion to geology, that among the professors in the university at that time were John Playfair the friend and illustrator of Hutton, and Robert Jameson who as the exponent of Werner's views in Britain did so much to excite an interest in geological speculation. Logan appears to have attended the classes of logic and chemistry. But of his standing there no record remains have not been able to receive any record. His name does not appear in the album for any subsequent year, so that he probably attended only one session viz 1816-17.