

University of Aberdeen
17th January 1888

Dear & Honoured Sir

I had the pleasure of yesterday forwarding to you a reprint of a brochure of the *Pungi* of this part of Scotland; & I hope in a day or two to be able to send you the greater part of a "Revision of Scotch Sphaeropsidæ" which has for some time been appearing in the "Scottish Naturalist".

list". It will give me much
pleasure to forward to you reprints
of my papers on Fungi as they
are published, should such be
agreeable to you.

Your works are very familiar to
me, alike those relating to the
Mycology of Italy, "Michelia",
& that magnum opus the "Sylloge
Fungorum", of which an interleaved
copy stands always beside my
work-table. It renders the

progress of the Mycology of
the world possible to an extent
that could not have been hoped for
a few years ago.

I hardly venture to beg what
would be a real favour if
you can comply with it.

If my mycological work seems
to you to be of real value an
expression of your opinion to
however brief,
that effect, [^] would be of much
value to me, as I am at present

a candidate for the Chair of
Botany in the University of
Edinburgh; & it would assist
me to show to the electors that
my work in Mycology is regarded
by you as of value.

Pray excuse my request if too bold

& receive the assurances of
the high respect & esteem of

yours very faithfully

James W. H. Trail

Prof. Saccardo.