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University of The City of New York  
30 June 1858

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte,

Dear Sir:

I am happy to say that the Degree of Doctor in Divinity has been this day conferred on you by this institution. I trust your earnest efforts in the cause of Education, especially a Christian Education, may be crowned with entire success. Your perseverance in a good enterprise has the admiration of those who know you -

I am Yours truly  
In Christian ties,  
Isaac Ferris  
Chancellor &

University of the  
City of New York  
Rev. A. E. Van Raalte 30 June '58

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I am Yours Truly

In X<sup>ts</sup>

Isaac Ferris

Chancellor

I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the June  
30<sup>th</sup> communicating that the University have con-  
ferred on me the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

I know the reality of my weakness and my plucki-  
ness and unworthiness and am accordingly  
puffed the less: and I <sup>and do</sup> thank you  
with thankfulness the kindness of my Christian  
friends: truly they are a precious gift of our gracious  
God and I value it highly and it is only by the  
grace of our <sup>that</sup> Lord; the stains of our people  
could not <sup>to them</sup> ~~be~~ a stumbling block ~~and~~  
obstacles of souls. may that grace keep us  
make us more faithful here and in  
our duty; an example of ~~good~~ <sup>good</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~our~~  
life.

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[ This document was written in English by The Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, and is an exact copy of The Rev. Van Raalte's text. - L. Sweetman ]

I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of june 30th communicating that the University have conferred on me the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

I know the reality of my weakness, unprofitableness, and unworthiness, and write as accordingly prefer the shade. And yet I ought to and do acknowledge thankfully the kindness of my christian friends. Truly they are a precious gift of our gracious God. I value it highly and it is only by grace that I enjoy the esteem of God's people and not am to them a stumbling block and a destroyer of souls. My that grace keep us, make us more faithful here and in eternity as examples of god's illuming love.