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Letter from Isaac Ferris to A. C. Van Raalte

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June 30, 1858, the University of the City of New York

A letter of Isaac Ferris, Chancellor, [and RCA minister] to ACVR who has been conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the university for ACVR's efforts in the "cause of Education & especially a Christian Education..." ACVR humbly acknowledged the recognition and appreciates the esteem he receives from God's people.

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Box 8, fldr 122
I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the June
30th communicating that the University have con-
ferred on me the degree of Doctor of Divinity.
I thank the Faculty of my alma mater for the
honor conferred on me and for the interest
they have taken in my progress.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Calum C. Arch

June 30, 1858

University of the
City of New York
Rev. A. C. Van Rensselaer 30 June 58

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 X^{tu}is
Isaac Ferris
Chancellor

acknowledgment of
Honorary degree 2
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I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the June
30th communicating that the University have con-
ferred on me the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

I know the reality of my weakness, unprofitabi-
ness and unworthiness and wish accordingly
prefer the ³mode: And yet I ought to acknow-
ledge thankfully 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 ^{that} I can enjoy the esteem of Gods people
and not ^{and} ^{to them} a stumbling block ~~and~~ a
distemper of souls. may that grace keep us
make us more faithful here and in
eternity ~~an~~ ^{an} example of ^{Gods} ⁱⁿ ^{eternity}
love. [?] ^{everlasting?}