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Dear and honored Professor,

It is a cause of great joy and respectfulness to gratulate you for having received the great honor of a doctor of divinity of Glasgow. It is an extra-ordinary thing that the theological world of England which was going in the last century in the footsteps of Schleiermacher and the nationalistic ideas of Hegel has heard the new message of Luther and Calvin you have called into the Church with new tongues. We, as a Mission, co-operating in all terms together with our English friends, try to say among this anglo-saxon missionary enterprise, what mission really means: the preaching of the word of God and the preparing of the way for the coming of the Lord. There are hard difficulties we experience among British missionaries for listening to this message. Therefore we take it as a sign of a new area ~~and~~ the mutual co-operation among the missions that the theological faculty of Glasgow has created you a doctor of divinity. We are very proud that one of ours is estimated so very highly from "the other side" and hope, that also we in mission work may find better understanding for the essential points of what mission means.

We have heard that you will have to go to England yourself to receive the honor you are dedicated with. It is our hope that in spite of the difficulties of the language you will be able to say in English in the strange milieu what you have to say. We shall think with intimate connection of you on your journey and send you our best wishes for succeeding on this occasion.

With respectful regards, dear Professor, we are remaining  
Thankfully Yours

*Karl Hartenstein.*