

731 Sutter Street  
San Francisco  
March 17th, 1887

Dear Bush,

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I thank you for the honorary degree conferred upon me, at your instance; and, when I am favored with official notice of it, I trust that a sense of gratitude will be manifest in the spirit of my acknowledgment.

Always and truly your Friend,

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