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Sir George Smith,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
Aberdeen University,  
Aberdeen, Scotland.

Dear Sir George Smith:-

I have received a letter from Victoria, British Columbia, which tells me that there is a movement on foot to ask Aberdeen University to confer upon Mr. E. V. Paul, M.A. the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

From 1894 to 1914 I lived in Victoria, B.C., and Mr. Paul was one of the first men I met. He was at that time Principal of the Victoria High School. Later on he became Superintendent of the City Schools of Victoria and now holds the position of Principal of Victoria College. I knew Mr. Paul rather intimately, because for nearly six years after going to Victoria I was engaged in the teaching profession, and after leaving that work I saw a great deal of him.

Since Mr. Paul came to Victoria he has been engaged altogether in educational work and I consider that it can be held that he has made a positive contribution to the cause of education in British Columbia. I know that he is a graduate of Aberdeen, and, if it is not impertinent for me to say it, I would like to express the opinion that he is one well-worthy of the suggested honour from his Alma Mater.