

February 20th, 1928.

Dr. Hiram N. Vineberg,
55 East 86th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Vineberg:-

Let me acknowledge and thank
you for your letter of February 18th.

I was very sorry I couldnot
be with you last Thursday night, but some time
before receiving notice of your meeting I had
promised to speak at a function in Montreal that
evening. It was a University function and I could
not very well get release from my engagement. I
am glad that you enjoyed Dean Mackay's address. I
saw him last Saturday morning, when he spoke very
highly of the manner in which he was received. He
was altogether pleased with the function. He
mentioned briefly the tenor of the criticism of
Mr. Saxe. The matter of granting honorary degrees
is always one which gives us much concern. Very
often we receive suggestions from Graduate Societies.
After all the chief claim for recognition is that a
man has been fortunate enough to live a long life.
Nevertheless, I am personally in favour of granting
our honorary degree from time to time to old and
distinguished graduates. I do not think the
graduates living in New York have been treated
unfairly when compared with those living in other
places. I remember that in the last few years we
have granted honorary degrees to Mr. Matheson and
to Mr. Colpitts.

I must thank you very much for
all that you have done in the provision of scholar-
ships and also for your promise to give further aid