

Dr Dawson
Dear Sir

Many thanks
for your attention and courteous
letter. What misled me was
the fact that I was present
at the conferring of degrees
^{upon} Messrs Wilks, Gardner,
Macvicar and Douglass.

Now, Rev Mr Douglass was
a Methodist Minister of very
ordinary Scholarship, and
since degrees were conferred
on such men, I thought
the University had the power to
confer ~~degrees~~ honorary degrees
on whomsoever they pleased.
But it seems not. At least
that is what I infer from
your letter.

Thanking you for your Cour-
-tesy in replying to my letter,

I remain
Yours truly,

A. C. Gillies

Dunedin, N. J.
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