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## Degree for Mrs Thatcher

*From the Master of University  
College, Oxford*

Sir, Everyone must have his own viewpoint, but I should be grateful if I might express my own that it would be entirely wrong to regard the question of an honorary degree for the Prime Minister as one involving any political implications.

The reason for the award should be that an Oxford graduate has, through the exercise of the democratic process, achieved the highest position in the land – and for the first time ever that position has gone to a woman.

It would seem to me that this consideration and this consideration alone renders the award entirely appropriate and proper and nullifies the arguments to the contrary so far advanced. May I again say that this is a view that I express on my own behalf. Each and every one of my colleagues at the university will express their own opinion.

It will I think be reasonably well known that I am not and have never been a supporter of the Conservative Party. I seek the courtesy of your columns only because lameness prevents me from participating in the debate.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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Oxford.

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