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DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON.

May 15th, 1899.

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President William R. Harper, LL.D.
etc., etc.,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:-

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of May 10th, in which you do me the honor to express the wish that I might, upon some occasion, address the faculty and students of the University of Chicago, for which I most cordially thank you. I have adopted the principle of making as few public addresses as possible and have declined all invitations of this character for the present. It is possible that if you were disposed

to extend to me the honor of speaking on
the first of January, as suggested in
your letter, some time next fall, I might
be able to see my way clear to accepting
the invitation, which I assure you I should
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With congratulations upon the large measure of success in the prosecution of your great work, I am,

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I trust you will pardon my delay in replying to your letter of May 22d, in which you kindly invite me to give the Convocation Address before the University on Monday evening, January 1st, 1900. I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the invitation and it gives me pleasure to accept it. So far as my plans are concerned at present I see no reason why I shall not be able to be in Chicago upon the date mentioned. I will communicate to you the subject of my address in ample time for publication.

Very truly yours,

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June 30th, 1899.

President William R. Harper, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Harper:

I find that I have made a dreadful mistake in accepting the invitation to speak at your University Convocation on the first of January, 1900, without a previous family cabinet meeting. I discover, much to my chagrin, that my prime minister, Mrs. Hill, has made other arrangements for me during that week. I am, of course, disposed to carry out my agreement with you and yet I should be very glad if you could set me three months forward, say to your next Con-

vocation, and thus liberate me from my subarrassant.

Hoping that this arrangement may not cost you any inconvenience, I ma, Very sincerely yours,

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June 20th, 1899.

President William R. Harpor, University of Chiengo, Chiengo, Illinois,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Washington, July 11, 1899.

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Provident V. R. Harper, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON.

February 3, 1900.



My dear President Harper: -

I have just received your letter of February 1st, in which you suggest changing the time of my address before the University Convocation to the afternoon of Tuesday, I regret very much to say March 20th. that it will be with serious difficulty if at all that I can come to Chicago at that I am ready, however, to make way for time. any one else who is more conveniently circumstances, and while I appreciate very much the honor of the invitation to address the Convocation, I should really be very glad if some one whose circumstances permit

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With personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours.

President W. R. Harper,
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February 21, 1900.

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Dear Mr. President:

Your telegram urging me to endeavor to come to Chicago on March 20th, came in my absence and after my return I tried to make arrangements to comply with your request, but have been obliged to telegraph you to the effect that I could not come on March 20th, which I very much regret. recall your courtesy in changing the date from January 1st to April 1st and recognize my collateral obligation to change the date in turn if possible to do so without inconvenience to others. I need not say how sorry I am that I am not able to make the change you have suggested. Will you kindly

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON.

February 26, 1900.

President Wm. R. Harper, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear President Harper: -

I have received your telegram,

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Looking forward with great pleasure to my coming wisit to Chicago and to your home, I am, with very sincere regard,

Faithfully yours,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WASHINGTON.

March 27, 1900.

My dear President Harper: -

I write to thank you for your letter of March 22d, and to say that I expect to leave Washington on Saturday at 10:50 and to arrive in Chicago on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock when, in accordance with your directions, I shall come directly to your house. As I shall probably be rather tired. I hope I may be allowed to rest Sunday afternoon and evening in order to have full strength for my address on Monday. I shall then be at your disposition for any arrangements you may have to make and shall be very happy to stay over on Monday evening and attend the dinner of which you spoke.

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Sept. 27,1900.

President W.R. Harper, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

My dear President Harper:

Replying to your letter of September 20th I feel compelled to say that I think under the present circumstances of strained relations between the United States and China Mr. Wu would hardly be willing and if he were, it would hardly be appropriate for him to be your Convocation orator at your Fall Convocation. He is a bright and interesting man and I hope sometime you may have a chance to hear him, but I think he will keep until our relations with China are better than they are just at present, and at that time, if it ever comes, there would, perhaps, be an added satisfaction in

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I have followed you with interest in your travels abroad, but judging from the sumptuous manner in which I was entertained at your house I have discredited the newspaper gossip about the fifteen cent dinners.

With very pleasant recollections of my visit last Spring and very kind messages, I am

Sincerely yours

Land Hill

The Hon. David J. Hill.

Department of State, Washington, D.C. My Dear Dr Hill:

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Shall we say the convocation address by His Excellency Wu Ting-fang or The Hon. Wu Ting-fang or Mr Wu Tingfang ? If you will advise us in regard to this point in order that our official designation may be correct, I will esteem it a great favor.

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