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I find myself in a little uncertainty about what is expected of me at Chicago on the 22nd of February. You spoke of a banquet and also, I think, of a meeting in the afternoon, and my impression is that it was at that meeting you asked me to speak. Am I right in this? If so, please tell me something about the meeting. Are there to be other speakers? How long and how formal a speech is expected?

If, however, it is at the banquet that I am to speak, how many speakers are there to be on that occasion and how long are the speeches expected to be?

I have a letter from Judge Emory Speer saying that he is to be one of the speakers at the banquet and wishing to know whether it would be appropriate for him to make "The President" or the "Presidential Office" the topic of his speech. A little more familiarity than I have with the character of the occasion and of the kind of speeches that have been made in the past is required to answer his question. Do you mind telling me what you think about it, so that I can tell the Judge?

Faithfully yours.

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Doctor William R. Harper.

President, Chicago University,

Chicago, Illinois.

Feb. 10, 1904.

Hor. Elihu Root,

Washington, D. C.

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Secretary of War.

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Dr. Wm. R. Harper, Chicago University, Chicago, Ill.

Hon. Elihu Root,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Root:

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