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Temple University

Trigg, Ernest T.

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Mr. Ernest T. Trigg,
John Lucas & Company, Inc.,
382 Race Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Trigg:

I have received your letter of December 17th confirming the kind invitation which you extended me the other day to speak at the occasion of the opening of your local campaign on behalf of Temple University.

I should greatly like to oblige you in this matter but my commitments here in connection with the short session of Congress, which as you know closes the first days of March, simply makes it impossible for me to give the necessary time to the preparation of an address or to make any further speaking engagements until well along in the spring. I have already been compelled to cancel several engagements of long standing on account of the pressure of work here and in justice to the work at the Capitol and many other obligations of a similar nature I do not feel that I should undertake the effort that you suggest.

I trust that you will explain my difficulties to your people in Philadelphia and convey to them my best wishes for the utmost success in the campaign which they are contemplating.

Yours faithfully,