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with him. He has not been able to do any work for several months on his paper for the reason that he seems to have lost his mental balance, going off on a religious craze. I understand that Mr. Moore has paid him a good sum for his paper, and I presume for this reason he has some cash. It would be a great pity for him to squander this cash, especially as it is the only thing he will have to live on the rest of his life, in a fruitless effort to start another paper. In his present condition it is impossible for him to do this. The danger is some unscrupulous people will get hold of him and use him in a way to stir up trouble.

I have instructed Mr. Scott to write you that I have not only endorsed no one from Chicago, but no one has even mentioned a single individual living in Chicago for the place. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

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To Samuel Laing Williams

New York March 16, 1908

Personal

My dear Mr. Williams: I have your kind letter of recent date. If not causing too much trouble, I should like to look over the proposed plans before they are sent to Miss Emery.

Poor Barber. He seems to have the idea that I control the universe. What passed between him and Mr. Trice concerning the publication of our Conference matter I do not know. Mr. Trice, when I saw him in Chicago, suggested that whatever I wanted to get in the *Conservator* should be sent to him. I followed his advice. It is pitiful to find a man of Barber's education who seems to succeed so well in being a failure, but the number of such men I fear is increasing.

I shall hope to see you when I go to Chicago for the meeting in April. Yours truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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