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Supreme Court of the United States

Washington. May 18th, 1894.

PRESD'T. W. R. HARPER, PH.D.,  
c/o Chicago University, Chicago, Ill.,

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