January 20, 1937

Dear Dean Egan:

Thank you for your kindly words. I am honored by the invitation to speak at your Commencement Exercises on January twenty seventh.

Now as to your questions. You have listed me as journalist and Author. Author is a little general - people generally jump to the conclusion that it means novelist which I am not. I think you better make it - journalist, Historian and Biographer.

As to the cap and gown - I have them. I'll bring my hood along in case you want me to wear that.

I note that I am to be at 56th Street door - Carnegie Hall - shortly after ten o'clock. Mr. Chase has promised to see that I am on time.

If you wish to give a title to my address the theme is Growth. That word perhaps will be sufficient, but unless you prefer it I am not at all particular about a title.

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