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Now it is fortunately all over. Yesterday p.m. at 2:00 the symposium came off and it was really a big success for me. The applause and the congratulations were really sincerely meant, one is aware of that. They do make certain nuances, although they congratulate everybody. I have the feeling that this debut before an illustrious audience has provided me with a firm ground under my feet. Press-voices: Harrison: "Splendid!", Parker: "I am telling you it was the best of the 4 speeches", Coe, an old gentleman from Yale: "The best symposium I ever heard", etc. The secret of the success was of course that the talk was well organized and the pictures first rate. Direct success in "hard cash" of course I cannot expect as yet. The matter must bring about an effect gradually. But I have the reassuring feeling that I have done everything that I can do on my part, and that we are assuredly beyond the stage, that we would one day sit on the street. Something will certainly happen in October. I do not shed a tear for Swarthmore which went to Kille, my room neighbor in Chicago. After all, Lillie knew what he was doing, when he advised strongly against it...  

Yesterday evening at the smoker I talked to many people: (Curt) Stern, Willier, Witschi, Landauer, Butler (Princeton), (W.) Young, Waterman, Cheney's, both very glad to have your card, etc.