

LETTER TO THE EDITORS OF THE *Southern Workman* · 1895

my condition was; in his hearty way he said if I was worth anything he would give me a chance to remain at Hampton and work out my board at some one of the industries. I shall never forget the impression that General Armstrong made upon me the first time I saw him. I always regarded him as having something that was superhuman about him. I have never known any man, and I think I shall never know any one, in whom I had such implicit faith.

When I was quite a child I had quite a longing to become a lawyer and I kept this in view for some time, but it had not been long after I had come to know and love General Armstrong before my mind in this respect changed. I had the feeling that most graduates had of General Armstrong — he wanted me to give my life in a different direction and I felt that it would be disobedience of the highest type to do anything that General Armstrong did not wish, and so very soon after I had been at Hampton I made up my mind to give my life as far as possible to spreading the doctrines that the General lived and died for. Yours hastily,

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