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white planters in Lowndes County with whom I am personally acquainted and who take interest in our work at Tuskegee. It might be well to reach the superintendent through some of these men.

I shall be glad to hear from you after you have seen Mr. Caldwell.¹ What you say concerning your interview with Superintendent Harris² is very satisfactory and interesting.

At the Lake George meeting I think that something strong ought to be said in favor of Negro education in the South. As a matter of fact, much of the advance in the way of white education in recent years has been made at the expense of Negro education, that is, money has been actually taken from the Negro schools to advance the education of the white people. I do not want to see the education of the white people slip back a single inch, but I do think it possible for the education of both races to go forward at the same time. Yours very truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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¹ B. C. Caldwell, originally from Illinois, took a leading part in the Louisiana educational campaigns of the 1890s, as a faculty member of the Louisiana Chautauqua, a summer training institute for teachers, and as president of the Louisiana State Normal School at Natchitoches from 1896 to 1908. A close co-worker with J. H. Dillard, he became about 1910 a field agent of the Slater and Jeanes funds, serving until his retirement in 1931.

² Thomas H. Harris (1869-1942), after about ten years of teaching experience, became Louisiana state superintendent of schools in 1908 by appointment of the governor, and served until 1940. His annual reports frequently urged improvement of black schools, including more and better-trained teachers.

From Charles William Anderson

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Dear Doctor: Governor,¹ who is here, tells me that he wrote you some days ago advising you that the white papers of the country had treated him handsomely, and that it was left to one or two little colored papers to oppose him. I told him that I had heard that the Southern papers had "roasted" him. He is boasting about his treatment by the white papers, and seems to think that he could have been confirmed by the Senate for a cabinet position. When