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Hon. Seth Low, I quite understand that the intelligent citizens of this country and abroad will see what we have to contend against, and I thank our Heavenly Father that we have such friends, and that they are with you.

No one man in these United States would or could be placed in your position to serve us better at this time as yourself and we thank God for the Mother that gave you to us.

Mrs. Allston and my boys, as well as myself, join in best wishes for your hasty recovery to your normal condition. Yours sincerely,

Philip J Allston

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<sup>1</sup> Philip J. Allston (b. 1860) was a manufacturing druggist in Boston who served as president of the Boston NNBL. He was also a director of the Suffolk Investment Association, and president of the Cosmopolitan Equal Rights Association.

<sup>2</sup> Actually Laura Page Alvarez.

## From Edgar Starr Barney<sup>1</sup>

New York March 21, 1911

Dear Dr. Washington, The Instructors of the Hebrew Technical Institute have read with indignation of the assault upon you and beg to extend to you their heartfelt sympathy.

We recall with pleasant memories your visit to our Institute and your inspiring address to the students, which together with the similarity to our own of the noble work in which you are engaged, makes our feeling doubly strong against the outrage upon a visitor to our city from a distant state.

Trusting that soon you may be restored to vigor and assuring you that you will stand all the higher in the minds of the right thinking people of this city; and hoping, too, that we may again entertain you at our school, believe us, Sincerely your friends

Edgar S. Barney

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