

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

To Henry Lee Higginson

Lakeland, Fla. March 5th, 1912

My dear Major Higginson: I have sent you some papers this week giving some account of an educational campaign which I have been making through the state of Florida. I have been reaching large numbers of both white and colored people and arousing them on the subject of education and speaking against lynching and other crimes, and trying to bring about better relations between black people and white people, and I am glad to say that the trip is a great success.

I have been spending considerable time trying to increase our endowment fund and have had some success, but in the meantime we have run considerably behind in our current expenses.

I shall hope to see you when I am again in Boston. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

TLS Henry Lee Higginson Collection MH.

A Press Release on Washington's Tour of Florida

Jacksonville, Fla., March 8. [1912]

Dr. Booker T. Washington concluded his tour of Florida here last night, speaking before an audience of about 2,500 white and colored persons in Duval Theatre. In order to make the engagement in Jacksonville, it was necessary for the party to come to Jacksonville by special train from Daytona, the preceding stop, and reached the city about 5 p.m. An elaborate program had been arranged by the Jacksonville Negro Business League, including a drive about the city, a banquet in Odd Fellows Hall, and a drive the next day to the various colored schools of the city, and seeing the various points of interest. Dr. Washington left the city Friday night for Chicago, where he has important engagements connected with his Tuskegee interests.

At Jacksonville, an original song was sung by a chorus from the Clinton Graded School, and he was introduced by Hon. G. C. Bedell,¹ member of the School Board.

Throughout the state, from Pensacola to the Southern points and up