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last \$10,000.00 toward the sum needed. The trustees have been hard at work for about two years in an effort to secure the \$300,000.00. I think I am safe in saying that they have now exhausted practically all of their resources. They have now secured, as you will see by the enclosed list, practically \$240,000.00, leaving out Mr. Carnegie's \$10,000.00.

When I saw you a few days ago I did not understand that the \$10,000.00 from Mr. Carnegie was included in the total sum, but I now find that it was.

The trustees have asked me through you to appeal to Mr. Carnegie to increase the size of his gift in view of the circumstances by which they find themselves surrounded. I know practically all the institutions in the South that work for the education of our race, but in the matter of first class college work Fisk University stands at the head. The South is full of strong, useful, level-headed men and women who have been educated at Fisk, and it would indeed prove a calamity for this institution not to secure the sum that it so much needs.

I might add that Mr. Paul D. Cravath, as you will see by the list, has been most generous in his personal gifts. This institution, as you perhaps know, was founded by Mr. Cravath's father.<sup>1</sup>

Anything that can be done in the direction of helping at this critical moment will be greatly appreciated. Yours very truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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<sup>1</sup> Erastus Milo Cravath.

## An Address at the Fourth American Peace Conference

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### EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE

The schools and colleges have a great opportunity to make themselves felt in creating a public sentiment against war between nations. World peace will come largely through a gradual process of education of right public sentiment.