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P.S. Zeller was formerly cou[n]sel for the Brewers As's'n and since he has been on the bench, has never held a bartender or a proprietor of a hotel or restaurant or saloon for refusing to serve colored people. These were the cases I brought to the attention of the Bar Association.

TLS Con. 64 BTW Papers DLC. Postscript in Anderson's hand.

¹ William Dameron Guthrie (1859-1935) was a Wall Street lawyer and Ruggles professor of constitutional law at Columbia University from 1909 to 1922.

² Warren William Foster (1859-1943) was judge of the Court of General Sessions of New York County from 1899 to 1914.

³ Charles Cooper Nott, Jr. (1869-1957), a graduate of Williams College and Harvard Law School, was judge of the Court of General Sessions of New York County from 1914 to 1939.

⁴ Near the end of the campaign to defeat Judge Zeller, Anderson wrote to Scott: "From the time I rise in the morning, which is quite early, until I retire at night, which is quite late, I am busy on Zeller." Anderson told Scott that when the election results were in "be sure and take a drink on the result, and be assured when you do it that there will be an answering hiccough from New York." (Oct. 29, 1913, Con. 470, BTW Papers, DLC.)

To Sartell Prentice¹

[Tuskegee, Ala.] October 25th, 1913

Dear Mr. Prentice: I SHALL BE VERY MUCH DISAPPOINTED IN THE COLORED PEOPLE OF NYACK IF THEY DO NOT PLACE THEMSELVES UNRESERVEDLY ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER AND TEMPERANCE. WE HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN BY LENDING OUR INFLUENCE TO THOSE WHO WILL DEGRADE AND IMPOVERISH OUR RACE BY TAKING FROM THEM THEIR HARD EARNED MONEY FOR DRINK. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT OUR MINISTERS AND OTHER LEADERS WILL COOPERATE WITH THE LEADING WHITE PEOPLE AND CAST THEIR VOTES IN FAVOR OF THE CLOSING OF THE SALOONS.

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¹ Sartell Prentice (1867-1937) was minister of the First Reformed Church of Nyack, N.Y., from 1905 to 1923.