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effect of my examining with some greater care the arrangements on several other railroads with which I am connected; and I thank you for sending me your article."

WILL BE GLAD TO READ IT

Mr. C. H. Hix, President of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, says: "This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 14th, with enclosure, which I will be glad to read."

POLICY IS TO IMPROVE

Mr. W. W. Finley, President of the Southern Railway Company, states: "I have noted what you say as to the treatment of Negro travelers on railways in the South. The matter of accommodations for Negroes is one which has been having the attention of the management of this Company and it is our policy to improve those accommodations so far as it is practicable for us to do so."

I am sure your readers will be interested in the above extracts and in those which are to follow next week.

(Signed) BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

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Ralph Waldo Tyler to Emmett Jay Scott

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My dear Emmett: Yours apprising me of the possibility of the Doctor writing me, regarding Charley's threatened resignation as member of the League, came to hand, and since then I have received the advised of letter, to which I have replied. Charley's letter and his complaint was a most childish thing to do. I seldom defend myself, I employ my efforts at defending and boosting friends, and bear silently, as a rule, the open or intimated criticism of presumed friends. I am, when made an enemy, however, just as uncompromising a foe as I am a friend.

When I came to Washington I came an acknowledged follower of the Doctor. Knowing this to be true, and I never deserted my colors even when surrounded by odds, I was the target for the anti-crowd. I