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during the past ten years by the men of one race, and that race the race to which we belong, — by the men of one race who have met together in bands and crowds, and deliberately slain their fellowmen, setting aside all the forms of law, and making of themselves murderers as clearly as he who lies in ambush and sends a bullet through the heart of his foe?"

Within the last ten days it has been my privilege to be in Greenville, Mississippi, and meet Mr. Ewing, and it was most interesting to note the strong influence of this Christian gentleman upon that whole section of Mississippi. I was informed by the colored people that the influence of this sermon, as well as other words often spoken by Mr. Ewing in the same direction, have proved most beneficial in keeping kindly relations existing between the races, and in educating the public sentiment to the point where every man felt that, if he were charged with crime, he would receive a fair, patient, and legal trial.

Of course, mere condemnation of this kind will not constitute the whole remedy. We must go deeper. Crime will not disappear in any large degree from the section where it is most prevalent until all the people are more generally educated. In this respect there is an opportunity for the rich of our country to use their money in a way that will make every section of the United States their debtor.

*The Sunday School Times*, 43 (Nov. 2, 1901), 713-14.

To Samuel McCune Lindsay

[Tuskegee, Ala.] May 20, 1902

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor asking for detailed information regarding the fifteen Porto Rican students sent to this institution under the provisions of an act of the Porto Rican Legislature. I am glad that the Legislature has decided to continue the appropriation. Having consulted the different teachers who come in immediate contact with these students in the class room, the work shop and other places, I give you the benefit of the opinions expressed by them, as well as my own individual opinion.