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in his speech, I thought I saw that most persons present took his words "with a grain of salt," smiles went around, and an air of easy toleration seemed to be general. I have not presented all the letters of introduction which you gave me. Courtney is a very charming, sensible man.

The editor of the "Citizen"¹ has just written, asking me to have a talk with him. His paper is not as good as the Guardian. I wonder if it could be developed, and thus crowd the Guardian out, or make it more sensible.

My best wishes to you, my dear friend, for your work in the New Year. Yours

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¹ Charles Alexander, editor of the *Boston Colored Citizen*.

To Charles William Eliot

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. March 7, 1906

My dear President Eliot: Yours of recent date relating to the subjects to be covered by your address at Tuskegee has been received.¹ I think that the idea of your advocating the subsidizing of one at least of such institutions as Tuskegee and Hampton in each of the Southern states is a good one and will bear good fruit. Also that of placing emphasis upon the fact that there is a difference between social intermingling and political intermingling will prove helpful.

Now as to the other point, I confess I always have a fear of anything that one who may not live in the South says in regard to separating the races, mainly for the reason that it is almost impossible for a stranger to understand the line of separation or to appreciate the occasions upon which separation is supposed to take place. For example, in some of the Southern cities it is perfectly proper for members of the two races to sit side by side in the same street car; a few miles away it is considered practicing social equality for them to ride in the same manner. In Montgomery, Alabama, the two races go into the same waiting room at the same depot and buy railroad tickets from the same agents, that is considered right and proper; in Atlanta the two races