

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

Miss Davidson's services are inestimable. She wishes to be remembered to you.

I hope that Hampton may have a prosperous year.

I have just received an invitation to lecture before an audience in Montgomery. Faithfully yours

B. T. Washington

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<sup>1</sup> The president of the Smith Organ Company was Samuel D. Smith, one of the vice-presidents of the American Missionary Association.

<sup>2</sup> Mary Tileston Hemenway (1793-1894) was the daughter of Thomas Tileston of Boston, who had made a fortune in Latin-American shipping. Married to another prominent shipper, Augustus Hemenway, she became a prominent philanthropist, supporting archaeological and ethnological research, maintenance of the Old South Meeting House of Boston, preservation of Pueblo Indian culture, and many educational enterprises. She founded Tileston Normal School, Wilmington, N.C., for the education of poor whites, as well as the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics and the Boston Normal School of Cookery. Her contributions to Hampton totaled over \$35,000.

<sup>3</sup> Henry Pitt Warren (1846-1919), born in Windham, Me., attended Phillips Academy, Amherst, and Yale University. In 1879, after serving as principal and teacher at lower grades, he became principal of the New Hampshire State Normal School at Plymouth. During the summer of 1881 he conducted a three-week teacher's institute at Hampton Institute.

## To James Fowle Baldwin Marshall

Tuskegee, Ala., [Nov.?] 3 1881<sup>1</sup>

Dear Genl: Yours is rec'd. It is very encouraging to us to know that you are so deeply interested in our work.

In regard to reading matter, we have been pretty well supplied with papers since you have been sending the "Ledger"<sup>2</sup> and "Christian at Work,"<sup>3</sup> but I rec'd a card today from the publishers stating that the subscription to the "Chris. at Work" had expired. We have no monthlies at all and such magazines would be of great value to us.

We have a photographer and he says that he thinks he can do the work next week, though he is somewhat on the Larrabee style.<sup>4</sup> We thank you very much for your kindness in the matter.

As you say there is a great work before us, but by hard work and a trust in God we b[e]lieve we can accomplish some of it. One can not