

DECEMBER · 1882

11	"	"	B. T. Washington, Principal, as per voucher	300.00
15	"	"	for lumber	31.85
Aug. 30	"	"	"Macon Mail," for indentures	3.50
			Balance on hand	226.71
				<u>\$2,000.00</u>

*Report of H. Clay Armstrong, Superintendent of Education of the State of Alabama, for the Scholastic Year Ending September 30, 1882 (Montgomery, 1883), 23-25.*

<sup>1</sup> Ramon [Raymond?] Thweatt, a black carpenter living in Tuskegee, was reported as forty-six years old in the census of 1880. He helped construct the first buildings at Tuskegee Institute. Thweatt's two older sons, Hiram and Raymond, were Tuskegee Institute students.

<sup>2</sup> J. C. McLaren, born in Vermont about 1841, operated a sawmill in Tuskegee.

Olivia A. Davidson  
to James Fowle Baldwin Marshall

Tuskegee, Ala. Dec. 8, 1882

Dear friend: I fear you have felt that I have not been as prompt in the payment of my debt<sup>1</sup> to you as I might, or should have been, but we have only just received the payment of our first quarter's salary — or rather, it is the second quarter's, but you know I did not come till the first quarter was almost ended.

I am very, very grateful to you for lending me the money and waiting so patiently for its repayment.

Our school is getting on nicely. As I look back upon what has been accomplished since I came to you to know about the school, it all seems like a story, and not a transaction in real life with which I have been intimately connected.

We are all very busy (we Hamptonians I mean), and have already begun to look forward with pleasant anticipations to the rest and pleasant meetings with friends which the summer will bring us. I look forward to meeting with few with more pleasure than I do with the good friends of H.

Within the last few weeks we have received quite a number of boxes and barrels from friends at the North which contained books and