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and take charge of it. It seems to me that if we can get the machinery that the mill will prove a great saving. An outfit to answer the purpose will probably cost \$1000. Have thought of writing to Mr. Corliss³ about an engine.

Our quarters are running over with students. All well. Yours
Sincerely

Booker T. Washington

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¹ Alfred Haynes Porter, an important early contributor to Tuskegee, was a Wall Street broker who lived in Brooklyn, N.Y.

² Probably Charles Seymour Robinson (1829-99), who was pastor of the Presbyterian Memorial Church in New York City from 1871 to 1887 and a director of Union Theological Seminary. A prolific writer, Robinson compiled numerous collections of hymns and spirituals as well as several volumes of his own sermons and biblical studies. He was also, with Lyman Abbott, an editor of *The Illustrated Christian Weekly*, published by the American Tract Society from 1871 to 1887.

³ George Henry Corliss.

To the Editor of the *Southern Workman*

Tuskegee Alabama, February 10th, '85

Editor Southern Workman: I know that you will be glad to know what a practical friend Dr. C. N. Dorsett,¹ of Montgomery, is to the Tuskegee Normal School. Last Christmas he surprised the students with a large quantity of oysters for their Christmas dinner, and last week came another surprise from him in the shape of a large school bell, a long needed article. Dr. Dorsett deserves the wonderful success that he is having in Montgomery.

B. T. Washington

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¹ Cornelius Nathaniel Dorsette.