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students receive practical lessons in teaching we have 125 pupils. The school property is estimated to be worth \$60,000.

The cost of running the school including salaries, repairs, insurance &c. is \$15,000 (about) a year.

By this mail I send you our last year's catalogue which will give you some more information.

It is my intention to be in the vicinity of Athens within a few days and I shall call to see you and speak about some other matters not mentioned in this letter. Very Sincerely & Gratefully yours

B. T. Washington

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From John W. Stakely¹

Inverness, Ala., Jan. 3, 1887

Dear Principal: I cannot hear anything from you. What can be the matter? I wrote you, as I thought, a very important letter, desiring to hear from you, but cannot hear a thing from you. I am getting along very nicely with my work, considering the very hard times and scarcity of money. Think I have succeeded in getting the Public to run my school 5 months. I have beaten two white men out, who have been robbing the township for at least six years, claiming to have had so many transfers when they did not. You ought to have seen how I had them trembling. Prof. I mean to have what I work for. The eyes of the colored teachers of Bullock County have been open by the operation. I can ruin the Trustees and County Superintendent If I would. Think I shall do it. The colored teachers of the State shall always be chiseled if there is not a stop put to just such actions. Miss Mary Hendor has almost been cheated out of \$60. Prof. owing to so much sickness in our family, I cannot possibly settle Elnora's² board bill. My little brother has been under Medical treatment for at least 3 months; and I am responsible for its payment. Though I shall settle for half of it next month; and the remainder at the expiration of this quarter. The people all seem to be very much pleased at the progress of their children and the manner which I conduct the school. Shall feel very grateful to you