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With my best wishes for health and prosperity in the good work  
you are doing believe me. Sincerely Yours

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From Albert G. Davis<sup>1</sup>

Laudadale. Coosa Co. Ala Nov. 1st 1889

Dear Prof., You must excuse me for delaying in writing to you about the school I am going to teach. I am laboring under a great many difficulties; the patrons of my school seem to be pleased with me as a teacher, but they are so obstinate, about supplementing the school. The government only appropriates \$50.00 to run the school three months. That only allows me \$16.66 $\frac{2}{3}$  per months for my services. The patrons have promised to make my salary \$25.00 per month, and that will not pay me for my work, as I am told that I will have at least eighty students when the people get through picking their cotton. After the government money expires, I will have to rely wholly upon the people for my salary. The people are not united. They are given to petty quarrels; one whats the school located in this place near his house, and because he cant get it where he wants it, he declares that he will not pay the teacher for his services.

I am sorry to say that both the County and Township Supts. are given to bribing teachers out of their salaries. The Township Supt. want me to pay him to contract with him. I told him, that I would not pay him a cent to save his life, so he hasn't opened his mouth to me about pay since.

When I see you again I can tell you how the affairs are here better than I can write. I intend to write to you regularly. I also intend to do my duty here among the people, and let my pay take care of itself.  
Yours truly,

Albert Davis

P.S. Please dont publish any of my letters.

A. G. Davis

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