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Direct Frank Crawford Cannon, City. Colo in care of William
Smith

do not let none of the famlie know this please

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¹ Charles E. Davidson, Olivia Davidson Washington's younger brother, listed in the 1870 census as a nine-year-old mulatto in the household of Eliza Davidson. The internal evidence of this letter and Mary A. Elliott's reference to "Charley" indicate that Frank E. Crawford was his alias. (See Elliott to BTW, Aug. 24, 1891, below.) He addressed his letter to Olivia, unaware that she had died two years earlier.

² Mrs. Charles E. Davidson.

To George J. Davis

[Tuskegee, Ala.] April 27th [189]1

Dear Mr. Davis: Enclosed I send you a New York draft for \$146.20, and this plus \$25. — Mr. McAdoo's¹ contribution — which Mr. Banks² will hand you makes \$171.20 which (minus the expenses) the Hampton graduates have sent me to be used by the resident graduates in purchasing a suitable testimonial for Miss Mary F. Mackie, to be presented to her at the close of the present school year, as a token of the love and esteem in which the Hampton graduates hold her for her twenty years of faithful service to our beloved Alma Mater and the race. The total sum collected was \$195.65, and the endorsed itemized account will show that the expenses were \$24.45.

I wish to assure you that the work of collecting this money has been one of most loving service. What Miss Mackie has been to me personally it would be impossible for me to express in words.

I have sent by express to the address of Mr. Banks the name and amount contributed by each graduate as well as each letter received in answer to the appeal. When Miss Mackie has time I believe that it will be a most pleasing task for her to read this large number of letters — some two hundred and fifteen in all. In them she will get an idea how much the graduates love her. I join my prayer to hun-