

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

To Julia Strudwick Tutwiler

[Tuskegee, Ala.] 12-27-1893

Dear Madam: I hope you will pardon the delay in replying to your kind letter of December 11th. At the time it came I was absent and have now been home but a few hours.

I am very much interested in what you say regarding the two girls,¹ and on your recommendation shall be willing to allow them to come here, and give them the chance that you outline. I presume, from what you say, that it is their wish to come this session. In case they wish to do so it will be well for them to come as early as possible in January as we are likely to be unusually crowded very soon.

We have an excellent man,² a graduate of the New England Conservatory of music, in charge of our instrumental music department. I am very sure that the younger girl would receive excellent training under him in music.

I thank you very much for what you were kind enough to say of my address in Chicago. I wish very much that you could have heard or read the whole address. Newspaper reports, at best, I find, are very unsatisfactory. Enclosed I send you a marked copy of the *Congregationalist* containing an article by me on the [subject] of "The South and Lynch-Law," which I thought you might like to read, tho I do not know whether you will agree with all the conclusions.

In regard to the establishment of a Colored Theological Institute for the training of Presbyterian ministers under the Southern Presbyterian Church, near this institution, I would say that I am quite sure that such a plan will meet with no objection on the part of any one connected with this institution; and on the other hand I am sure that it would be welcomed and encouraged in every way possible. I have long thought that one of the weak points in connection with the work being done at Tuskegee, is that few of the men there receive any literary training. Here these men could receive literary training without additional cost to them, and can, of course, go ahead with their Theological Training in about the same way they do at Tuskegee. I know something of the institution established in Nashville by the Episcopal Church in connection with Fisk University, and I am