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the girls are made properly acquainted with the fire escapes and the methods of escaping in case of fire.

B. T. Washington

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To John Henry Washington

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Jan. 5th, 1894

Mr. J. H. Washington: Please let me know as soon as possible where we can get some tisonite seed.¹

I wish you would see that the tin or sheet iron under the stoves where coal is used is put far enough out in front of the stoves so that in case the coals should fall out of the stove it will not catch on fire with the floor.

I also wish you would let me know how much it will cost to put watchman's clocks in Ala. Hall so that the building can be more carefully looked after at night.

I call your attention to the importance of seeing that the repairs on the place that have been begun are finished as early as possible. I have in mind now the new palings that were put on the fence surrounding Cassidy Hall sometime ago. You will notice that these palings have never been painted, and do not present a very good appearance. This is the kind of thing that Dr. Curry found fault with when he was here.

I think that the rooms in Mr. Young's house can be cut down from their present size. The hall might remain the same.

If you will make out a schedule of the way in which you wish the teachers to go to Auburn I will see that they go accordingly.

I have spoken to all of the heads of Departments whom you reported to me that your orders are to be strictly followed. If there is no immediate improvement I mean to see that your orders are strictly carried out by the Heads of Departments. There is no other way to do business but to see that this is done.

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¹ Teosinte, an annual grass similar to maize, used primarily as a forage crop.