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of profound interest to talk over — and you always renew my hope, and faith as Gen'l Armstrong did as all such souls do. Even in touch with the unseen mighty Power — working “both to will, and to do.”

The night you addressed the crowd of eager listeners in Boston, my people went in to hear also. It is my penalty to years, and shattered health, that such satisfactions are no longer mine; but the enthusiastic report stirred my heart like a trumpet.

Martha (the cook, col'd) said she would have *walked* ten miles, rather than have missed it. “Such eloquence, they never heard.”

It seems to have stirred the hearts and pocket to a remarkable degree.

Just in the moment of triumph your Barn was in flames, and those precious cows, (I love cows) going down in an awful baptism of fire!

I felt this loss for you all most keenly. Am glad there was “*some* insurance.” But the cows! the cows!

I have been thinking of a Permanent Scholarship in memory of Olivia as a tribute from me. What do you say to it?

I want to see the dear children very much. Some little Christmas gifts were waiting your coming; as also for Portia. Had I known her address I would have sent hers. Now that you have given it, I shall send for her, when the weather is suitable for the trip.

My love to Mrs. W. I will try to get the pictures she desires; if she will wait a bit. Christmas was too much for me. I broke down from over-work, and *that* is the reason you did not hear from me. Writing was too much for me. Last Tuesday, I was 75. Love to the dear Boys.  
Ever faithfully yours,

Mary E. Stearns

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## From James Nathan Calloway

Washington, D.C., Jan 25, 1896

Dear Mr Washington— Inclosed find a copy of letters from Gov & Supt of Education of Ala. Also a copy of the House bill. I have not succeeded in getting to see Senator Morgan<sup>1</sup> but I have an appointment with him for 8 this evening. Mr Morse<sup>2</sup> has promised his support and says if we get the democrats to champion the cause it will go