

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

I think I know the physician who wrote you and I shall explain the matter to him.

I go South next week, but Mrs. Washington will have to remain here till Oct. She asks to be remembered to you. Yours Sincerely

Booker T. Washington

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### A Statement to the Christian Endeavor Society

[Tuskegee, Ala., Sept. 3, 1896]

I hope every member of the Christian Endeavor Society will be brave this year — be full of Christian courage. In many parts of our country it requires much courage for a Christian to take a poor black boy by the hand and lead him to the Sunday school or Christian Endeavor society. Often the one who does this will be laughed at or scorned by others. But no person was too black or forsaken to make Christ ashamed to take him by the hand. All over this country there are promising boys and girls with black skins who sink into the mire simply because no one has the Christian courage to take them by the hand and lift them up. Let us all this year throughout the world show that we are one in Christ by heroic deeds as well as by words.

How often as a poor black boy have I passed the doors of churches and Sunday schools and heard the grand old song, "Come to Jesus," welling up from hundreds of throats, and at the same time if I, a poor black boy, had obeyed the command, and entered that church or Sunday school, I should have been put out by force, if necessary.

It is often easier to send a few pennies to help the poor black boy in Africa than it is to show the Christlike spirit to the little black boy just around the corner of the street.

*Golden Rule*, Sept. 3, 1896, 3.