

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers
From Alonzo Homer Kenniebrew

Washington, 6-1 1897

My dear Prof. I have spent one very profitable month in Freedman's Hospital and beginning a new one. I have had under my care one hundred and twenty six patients of different diseases; and all of my time in the day & part of the night is spent in my ward studying the effects of drugs & courses of diseases and with such an able guide as Dr D H Williams, the greatest Negro Surgeon living, I have been successful in acquiring a reasonable degree of practice skill in managing ailments of the most dangerous nature. And I have given two hrs. a day to examination of urine, milk & foodstuffs. I get to witness & assist in all operations performed, which are many. Please suffer me to say for the first time in medical history was an abdominal section performed on a colored woman for Ovarian Cystoma, last Sabbath morn. Dr. D. H. Williams was the operator & I was allow to assist. Many distinguished Operators were present to witness this so called phenomena as it will go down in history. I hope to be able to perform the same operation alone when I leave here.

I was pleased to read an account of the T.N.I.I. commencement in the "Washington Post" a few da[y]s, since. The "Post" is the leading daily in the District.

I will write again next month. Yours for success,

A. H. Kenniebrew

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From Emmett Jay Scott

Houston. June 3, 1897

My Dear Mr. Washington: For fear of not being able to converse with you for any length of time I desire to hand you this note.

I have worked our lecture up so that all our citizens are expectant and waiting for you; and I hope that you will find yourself in good form. I hope that the long trip from Tuskegee and the work at Prairie View will not have you feeling worn and tired. I also hope that you