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Foster Peabody, Gibson established the Primary Industrial School, which used few textbooks, had no grades or fixed course of studies, and had a term of twelve months. The school substituted tools and benches for textbooks, and some twenty lines of handicraft were taught. Other factory towns followed Gibson's example, notably Augusta under the leadership of Lawton B. Evans.

In 1909 George Eastman called Gibson to the presidency of the Mechanics Institute at Rochester, N.Y. His services as a Red Cross worker in Germany and Poland early in World War I undermined his health. Returning to the South after the war, he became principal of the Savannah public schools.

From William Watson Thompson

Tuskegee, Ala, Mch 31 1898

My Dear Sir: The Gov requests me to express to you his thanks for your offer of cooperation in case of necessity. Respect Yours

Wm W Thompson
Mayor

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To Warren Logan

[Aboard Congressional Limited, Pennsylvania Railroad] April 1 1898

Dear Mr. Logan: I have it direct from a Cabinet officer that war is sure.

Reduce every expense to *lowest point*.

B. T. W.

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From Mary Elizabeth Preston Stearns

Tufts College P.O. Massts April 2d 1898

Dear Friend, Ever since yours of the 28. ult. came to hand I have wanted to thank you for the "Open Letter," as well as your kind one