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Miss Thompson said she did *not intend to try* to improve as she considered herself one of [the] quietest women on the place. She showed very great disrespect for my position, leaving personal indignity out of it entirely. I wished my talk with her to be private. As my mother and one of the students were in my sitting room, I took her to my bed room; but persons in the sitting room heard every word she said — and people in the hall, if there were any there, *could* have heard her. Mrs. Kaine complains also of Miss T., the opposition evinced toward suggestions.

I need your support in this matter. I wish the teachers to understand that the authority incumbent upon my position must be respected. I do not care as to personal feeling.

I wish you would write to Miss Thompson. You cannot censure her too sharply. I feel she has insulted my position. Very truly

Leonora L. Chapman

P.S. Mrs. Bond talks loudly in the halls *very* frequently.

L. L. C.

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<sup>1</sup> Irene Bond was an instructor of dressmaking and sewing at Tuskegee from 1892 to 1898.

<sup>2</sup> Either Beulah Thompson Davis or Ida Belle Thompson McCall.

## To Nathan B. Young

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Dec. 4, 1895

Mr. N. B. Young: Please send into my office by the 16th of Dec. a report showing what progress has been made in dovetailing the academic work into the industrial in the manner that I suggested to you and Mr. J. H. Washington sometime ago.<sup>1</sup>

Booker T. Washington

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<sup>1</sup> See BTW to Young, Nov. 1, 1895, above.