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the diversifying of crops, all kinds of garden seeds will be given without charge to all who attend the Conference and are not able to buy seeds.

The main object of these Conferences is to help and encourage the colored people in the buying of homes, the diversifying of crops, building school houses, lengthening school terms, and the improvement of their moral and religious condition.

Each community should organize a local Negro Conference. Mr. Thomas J. Jackson,¹ one of the teachers at Tuskegee, will be glad to help organize local Conferences if sent for. He will also be glad to supply reading matter telling how to organize local Conferences.

Reduced rates will be given on all the Railroads.

Further information about the Conference can be secured from . . .

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¹ Thomas J. Jackson taught mathematics at Tuskegee during the 1897-98 school year and then became Tuskegee Negro Conference agent from 1898 to 1901.

From Timothy Thomas Fortune

New York, Feb 1, 1899

Dear Mr. Washington: Your letter of the 29th ult., dated at DeKalb, Ill. was received, and I am very glad to hear from you, as I had begun to get a shade uneasy over your silence.

I agree with you that some good may result from our Boston campaign. From all I can hear from there a very healthy *counter* sentiment was created. Councilor Isaac Allen¹ was in here Monday and he took that view of it, and numbers of others. What they need most in Boston is somebody who will go ahead and do something.

I am glad to say my gastritis is much better, but it gave me a fearful razzle for six days. I can't imagine what brought it on.