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them think it is to them instead of Tuskegee. It is certainly a legitimate part of *your* work! Tuskegee has started them all going. If the Montgomery Conference is well handled, it will certainly help the whole cause very considerably.

I want to get hold of some good friends somewhere to help out on the house matter. I think it will be well for you to say (and have others also) that the Trustees insisted on having a suitable house for the many Northern friends who visit Tuskegee! Nothing is too good for you — but it might seem too good for the cause, and those 2 x 4 Trustees who criticise should be encouraged!

I hope Mrs Washington is well, and that all goes prosperously at the School.

Mrs Baldwin sends her regards to you and your family. Faithfully yours

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¹ Possibly Catherine M. Tuttle of Columbus, Ohio, who donated \$15,000 to Tuskegee in 1907. (See Tuttle to BTW, Mar. 29, 1907, Con. 728, BTW Papers, DLC.)

To Francis Jackson Garrison

Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 3, 1900

My dear Mr. Garrison: I do not know whether you have seen anything in regard to a movement mentioned in the enclosed pamphlet, if not I am sure that this little pamphlet will interest you. This movement was started by three ministers, the Episcopalian,¹ Presbyterian² and Baptist³ ministers, in Montgomery. I sat up till near midnight last night in Montgomery with these three gentlemen. They are thoroughly in earnest and mean to do something to better the condition of our race. They are not only in earnest but they have the courage of their convictions, but they are going to be prudent. They are very anxious to get hold of the element in the South that has always opposed everything tending towards the elevation of the Negro. If the first conference is not managed on very conservative lines they will not get hold of the very element that now gives the greatest trouble. To have this movement start