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things!" So you see your story has already helped one small boy.

My heart throbbed and my eyes filled as I read your tribute to General Armstrong. It was my great privilege to meet him more than once and I'm so glad I realized at the time that it *was* a wonderful privilege.

Mr. Gannett & I went to Fort Monroe on our Wedding Journey & spent most of the three days there at that blessed Hampton.

Blessed is Hampton and so is Tuskegee & so are their children and those who are making them what they are.

Pray do not let this letter (which was meant to be a short note) lay on you the burden of acknowledging it. I know too well what that means to a busy man. With high regard & honor I am sincerely yours

Mary Thorn Lewis Gannett

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¹ Mary Thorn Lewis Gannett of Philadelphia married the prominent Unitarian clergyman William Channing Gannett in 1887. In 1889 the Gannetts moved to Rochester, N.Y., where Rev. Gannett was pastor of the Unitarian church, a position he held until 1908.

² Gimlets.

From Timothy Thomas Fortune

New York, Dec. 4, 1900

Dear Mr. Washington: I have been as blue as indigo all day. The supreme court has affirmed the right of a State to enact and enforce Separate Car legislation.¹ We have got to find a way out of this thing. We must get an amendment to the Inter State Commerce law that will cover the case. We must do something. The Supreme Court cannot be left to have things its own way. Yours truly,

T Thomas Fortune

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¹ In *Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. v. State of Kentucky*, 179 U.S. 388-95, the Supreme Court upheld the Kentucky law that provided for separate coaches for blacks. The railroad had argued that the requirement of separate cars was an im-