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to do their work in order and promptly. They are made to build good roads and to keep them in good condition. They are encouraged to have farms, and markets are formed in the little town on certain days that they may sell their produce. New enterprizes are encouraged to come among the natives for the improvement of the colony.

We have located our farm and have 150 laborers clearing it off. In our next letter we will speak of our plantation.

Regards to Mrs Washington & children. Young men send regards.

J N Calloway

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From Alice Mary Robertson<sup>1</sup>

Muskogee, Ind. Ter., February 6, 1901

Dear Mr. Washington: I have under my supervision in addition to fifty Indian schools, twenty-five schools — three boarding and twenty-two day schools — for the Creek freedmen, these schools being supported from the Creek Indian funds. There is so much room for improvement in these schools that I am very anxious to obtain all the practical knowledge possible to be used in efforts toward bettering present conditions. It has occurred to me that nothing could be more helpful than to attend your approaching Conference. I have applied to the authorities at Washington for permission to leave my post of duty here long enough to go to the Conference. I write now to ask you whether in the event of my being granted permission to go I can find a boarding place and also whether there are any special rates on railroads. While I have a generous salary I came into my present position with a burden of debt which makes me desirous of economizing wherever it is practicable. I really can not afford the trip but I am just going to make it any way if the Department grants me leave to go.

One thing I am very anxious to do is to find out the probability