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aside for white education, I mean that it is much easier to drift in the direction of least resistance. Of course Negro education means to those who are engaged in it a certain amount of trial, difficulty and ostracism that does not obtain in white education and for this reason the average man would yield to the temptation to go in the direction where there is the least hardship to be endured. The recent outbreak in the South regarding my dining with the President convinces me more than ever of the importance of broad liberal education for all the people regardless of race.

In regard to Mr. Murphy; he is in a very peculiar position and has got to make some decision for his future work within the next two or three weeks and I do hope something will be done that will give him definite information in regard to what he may expect. More and more I feel that we need a man like Mr. Murphy who is from the real heart of the South.

I have watched him pretty carefully during severe trials lately and I have more and more faith in him.

By this mail I send you a marked copy of the Atlanta Constitution which contains an interesting editorial. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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From William Henry Baldwin, Jr.

[New York City] November 1st, 1901

Dear Washington: I have your letter of 29th ult. I am delighted to know that there was no local feeling at Tuskegee on account of the Washington incident. I have no doubt that wherever your influence has really been felt directly that the public will be more generous and sensible, than at points where you are less known.

We must see to it now that good comes from this incident. It can be made of advantage. It will be helpful in the North, and will also help many people in the South to see more clearly the narrow prejudice which they possess in their misinterpretation of the act itself. I noticed that the Rev. Mr. Broughton,¹ of Atlanta, interpreted