

*The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers*

CHORUS—He loves a coon, coon, coon, now do you think it's fair,  
Coon, coon, coon, sitting in Teddy's chair;  
From a coon, coon, coon, such things we must bear,  
Just because this Rough Rider loves a coon, coon, coon.

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<sup>1</sup> Keith and Christian, composers of comic songs in Petersburg, Va., sent this song to BTW on Dec. 17, 1901, with a cover letter that stated this was their "latest success in Coon Songs." They asked for fifty cents for the copy but said BTW could have it gratis. (Con. 978, BTW Papers, DLC.)

To the Editor of the Boston *Transcript*

Crawford House [Boston, ca. Dec. 2, 1901]

THE LATE MRS. GEORGE L. STEARNS

To the Editor of the Transcript: In the death of Mrs. George L. Stearns of Medford, Mass., my race loses one of the truest and wisest friends it has ever had. It has been my privilege to know Mrs. Stearns intimately for a number of years, and I never knew a sweeter or more generous soul. Her interest in the Tuskegee Institute began in 1882, when the institution was practically unknown. She had faith in the effort from the beginning, and never failed to manifest that faith until the time of her death. She lived day by day in the work that her noble husband did for freedom and the Union.

Even in the most trying period of the Negro's life as a freedman she never for a moment lost faith in the ultimate triumph of the right. I think no good cause that had for its object the helping of the South was ever turned from her door unhelped. Often when her departing physical strength could hardly permit it, she would make almost any sacrifice to hear about the progress of the work in the South. I have been often surprised at her intimate knowledge of institutions at the South, and equally surprised at the large number of these schools that she helped.

A few days ago a colored man, Mr. Robert H. Terrell, a graduate of Harvard, was appointed in Washington to a responsible judicial position. Soon after this appointment was made, I was surprised to learn that it had been largely through Mrs. Stearns's generosity