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## To Francis Jackson Garrison

Tuskegee, Ala., Oct. 14, 1902

My dear Mr. Garrison: We shall be very glad indeed to use the copies of the "Hymns of Faith" referred to [by] you in your letter of October 9th, and can put them in proper shape in our printing office. You can send them by Adams Express or by freight. I do not know how large a package it will be. In case it is not very large I think it will be best to send the package by express.

A most interesting and unexpected thing has taken place in North Carolina and in this state. The registering of voters has been going on for sometime under the restrictions of the new constitution. Notwithstanding the registration boards were composed in every case of white Democrats over 3,000 colored people have so far been successful in securing life certificates entitling them to vote without further trouble for all time. In the face of the fact that the Democrats had passed upon these colored voters, the Republican convention which met a few weeks ago kept these registered colored voters from being represented in the state convention. You will be interested to know that when the matter was put before the President he sat down on the whole movement in a way which I think will stamp out any such drawing of the color line in the future. This proceeding on the part of these Republicans shows that when the majority of the colored people were ignorant and in many cases vicious, and could be controlled by the politicians, they were willing to associate with them in conventions, but as soon as those attending the Republican conventions were an educated, property holding class who could not be bought these pretended Republicans did not want to associate with them. Of course what I have said does not apply to all the white Republicans in the state by a good deal; there are many who are manly and have stood by the colored people in a courageous way.

I see by the morning papers that the senior class at Emory College has just unanimously adopted resolutions expressing faith in Prof. Sledd and regretting his departure from the college. I presume this must make the trustees feel a little ashamed of their cowardice. Yours very truly,

Booker T. Washington

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