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important part of the industrial department. A dozen or more boys work at the trade each year, we have more than a hundred different patterns which we cast, and the work has increased to such an extent that we have recently bought and set up a larger cupola.

In the course of his work, the director of industries has sometimes found it necessary to make great exertions in order to push a building to completion against the time it was needed, especially when, at times, unavoidable delays have occurred. I remember this was the case when the new chapel was to be dedicated. He worked all night to direct the work, and I have heard him say that when the line was forming on the grounds to march to the chapel on the day of dedication, he and some of the men were just sweeping out the last of the litter of construction from the building, and that they went out the back door as the head of the procession entered at the front. Hard as it has sometimes been to do it, I believe he has never disappointed the school in having a building ready at the appointed time. I speak of this to show how completely and unselfishly he has thrown himself into the work at Tuskegee. For the last few years his position has been that of superintendent of mechanical industries. With the present year the scope of his work was broadened, and he was made general superintendent of industries.

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## To Theodore Roosevelt

Tuskegee, Alabama. February 3d, 1903

### *Personal and Confidential*

My dear Mr. President: I write according to promise bearing upon my interview with the editors of *The Churchman* and *The Outlook*. I had a long talk with Dr. McBee<sup>1</sup> of *The Churchman*! I found that Dr. McBee did not disagree with you in what you had done except perhaps in the case of the Indianola matter, but he did disagree as to the method and time of making the Crum appointment and the Lewis appointment especially. I tried to express as best I could how these matters came about, but the main thing that I tried