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“reactionists” who wanted the racial problem left in their hands so they could reduce blacks to a state of serfdom. He called on the “many enlightened and high-minded men and women” of the South to organize to fight against race prejudice by a campaign of education. He believed the racial problem would only be solved by a fair observance of the law and the elimination of lawlessness and ignorance of both blacks and whites.

To Edward Henry Clement

[Tuskegee, Ala.] December 30, 1903

My dear Mr. Clement: Enclosed I send you marked clippings which present a very interesting case. It is that of a colored man who was lynched or murdered at Pineapple, Ala. The lynchers murdered or burned the colored man, and then to hide their crime set fire to the prison, but the flames extended from the prison to the business portion of the town and as a result nearly the whole of the business section of the town was burned. The white people are now in quite a state of indignation and are making every effort possible to have the lynchers brought to justice. It is a very interesting case as it shows the final results of mob violence. Of course one wonders if the same indignation would have been shown if the property of the white people had not been burned. Yours truly,

[Booker T. Washington]

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To William Henry Baldwin, Jr.

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Dec 30 1903

If needed can you let me have one thousand dollars to use in connection with New York conference expenses until February. Answer.

Booker T. Washington

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