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sensible Southern white people. The only element that will be disposed to object will be the professional politicians in the South who for thirty years have used the Negro question and the cry of "social equality" to frighten and deceive the ignorant white people and keep themselves in office. This class of Southern white people of course do not want to be converted nor satisfied; their stock in trade would be gone from the moment the Negro question disappears.

I thank you sincerely for letting me see this address, and I hope that you will use it on Lincoln's Birthday as I think it is a fitting word to say on that occasion. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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From Henry Hugh Proctor

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My dear Mr. Washington, Mr. H. A. Rucker, Prof. W. H. Crogman and myself went over the address<sup>1</sup> carefully to-night. We regard the matter taken up an exceedingly delicate one for him. On the whole we think it a strong statement. We unanimously agreed on the following suggestions:

1. On the top of page "E," we would insert the words "moral" and "intellectual" after the word "social," making the sentence to read: "But the prime requisite is social, moral, intellectual and industrial uplifting." We think that would make a completer statement and avoid ambiguity raised by the word social in view of its double meaning.

2. In the sentence following the one just referred to on the same page we would omit these words: "Arrogance and insolence, laziness and shiftlessness these and above all vice of every kind." We would substitute the following so that the whole sentence would read: "Internal vice is capable of more harm to the black race than all acts of oppression of white men put together." To make the