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time I propose to investigate the character of his recommendations for appointment and satisfy myself whether he is honest or not. He has published a very intemperate attack upon me personally and threatens a libel suit, which shows bad judgement.

On your way from New York to Tuskegee I wish you would make it convenient to stop over here and let me talk with you, because there are several things in connection with the institution that I should like to ask you about.

With kind regards and great respect, I am, Your obedient servant,

William E. Curtis

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To Alfred Holt Stone

[Tuskegee, Ala.] April 6, 1905

*Personal*

My dear Sir: Your letter of April 5th has just been received. By this mail I am sending you a copy of the "Successful Training of the Negro." I am sorry that you did not receive the last copy.

Some days ago I received a copy of the paper read by you recently in Philadelphia, and have read it with interest. In the latter part of this paper you speak of the fact that I make no reference in my recent article to the shortcomings of the colored people. I think you are mistaken; if you will read the marked portion of the whole letter which I send you, you will agree with me, I think, that I did not omit reference to the matter. I did not dwell upon the colored people's shortcomings in the letter, however, as much as I would do in an address to the colored people for the reason that I was speaking mainly to the white people concerning what I considered to be their duties. In my addresses to my own race I never fail to dwell upon the very points that are brought out in your paper.

I wish very much that you might see an experiment that is being conducted within about five miles of this institution. I was talking with the man who has charge of it this morning, and he tells me that he has this year 65 or 67 families on the plantation. I asked him