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So soon as a man, white or black, really learns to comprehend that fact, he will cease to whine and complain, and he will be content to do his best, humble though it be, to improve his own condition, and to help his less fortunate fellows.

Slowly but surely, and in ever larger numbers, the members of my race are learning that lesson; they are realizing that God has assigned to their race a man's part in the task of civilization; they are learning to understand their duty, and to face uncomplainingly and with confidence the destiny that awaits them.

Booker T. Washington

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To Emmett Jay Scott

[South Weymouth, Mass.] August 7, 1905

Dear Mr. Scott: I am quite sure it will interest you to know that Kelly Miller and Grimke have broken off completely from Du Bois and his crowd.

It seems that Du Bois has insulted both of them. Grimke had a long talk with me and went over many of the details covering the devilment of the whole gang. He seems more than anxious now to line up with us.

Kelly Miller feels the insult very keenly and resents it in very strong language, but he is mushy and cannot be depended upon for a straight out fight. Very truly yours,

Booker T. Washington

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Dear Mr. Scott: I am returning Cable's letter to you the one written to Thompson.