

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

seldom see a woman in town now who has not on a neat calico dress and sailor hat. In the creation of these Mothers' Meetings, we hope to improve not only the town of Tuskegee and the women who live in it, but also the vicinity about us.

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¹ Dina Pace, an 1883 graduate of Atlanta University, founded Reed Home, an orphanage and school, in 1884.

² Moses Charles Franklin Purifoy of Brewton, Ala., graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1895 and then taught in Conecuh and Escambia counties.

³ Caroline (Carrie) C. Smith taught basketry and broom-making at Tuskegee Institute.

⁴ Edna Amelia Spears (Landers after 1908) taught history and geography at Tuskegee Institute from 1903 until after BTW's death. An 1898 graduate of Tuskegee, she studied at Teachers College, Columbia, in 1901-2.

⁵ Dora Mayo Lawrence, a 1903 Tuskegee graduate, was a stenographer and then filing clerk in the administration department at Tuskegee Institute.

⁶ Susie E. Edwards Palmer taught English at Tuskegee Institute. In 1905 she married the school's registrar, John H. Palmer.

⁷ Minnie L. Matthews was a matron in the housekeeping division of Tuskegee Institute.

⁸ Anna R. Vanderzee was a matron in the housekeeping division at Tuskegee Institute.

From Thomas Seymour Barbour

Boston, Mass. January 3, 1906

My dear Mr. Washington: I am almost ashamed to bring to you a suggestion involving any cost in time and strength, as I know your burdens are multitudinous. But I write of a need whose urgent and pitiful claim I know you recognize and the service required is one which no other can render as you can. You know well the situation in the movement for Congo relief. I send you a copy of a letter which within a few days will be in the hands of 25,000 pastors. We are hoping for a great outbreaking of interest and active effort over the entire country. Among other plans Mr. and Mrs. Harris,¹ English missionaries from Baringa, Africa, who have been