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been used for the teacher's food, or toward the support of the school. With money given by visitors at Tuskegee Institute who occasionally drive down to see this plantation, the teacher has been able to buy a cow, and now the boys learn to care for the cow, the girls learn how to make butter, and the teacher's table is just so much better supplied.

SHE IS "COMPLETELY ONE" WITH HER HUSBAND IN THEIR WORK

Not the least of the duties which fall to Mrs. Washington is that of caring for the distinguished people who visit the Tuskegee Institute. The Tuskegee rule that everything must be in readiness for the inspection of visitors, as much so in the kitchen as in any other department of the school, prevails in her home also.

An interesting part of this home life is the Sunday morning breakfast. The teachers have slept later than usual, and, when Mr. Washington is at home, they are invited in groups of three and four to share their morning meal. In this way he keeps in personal touch with each of his teachers; he knows what they are doing; he hears their complaints, if they have any; he counsels with them; they "get together."

Mrs. Washington's labors for the good of her people are not confined to the school. She is President of the Southern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and editor of the official organ of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, of which she is also an officer.

Mr. Washington's estimate of his wife's helpfulness to him may be gathered from his tribute in his autobiography, "Up from Slavery": "She is completely one with me in the work directly connected with the school, relieving me of many burdens and perplexities."

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¹ Scott corrected the galley proof to capitalize the word *Negro*. (Proof in Con. 17, BTW Papers, DLC.)