Cotton Plant, Ark.,

Dec. 20, 1907

Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois,

Dear Professor:

I have been away from home a good while. I am sorry I was not able to answer your many letters. Though the New and Mourning is gaining in Amskib, the Stronghold of Washingtonism & had planned to be at the meeting in Boston, but it was impossible.
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As I am to go to Portland, Me., on the 1st of January, I don't think I can stay at Cleveland. I shall be coming from there. If I am not there by the 1st of January, I shall be coming to Chicago. I am sorry for a visit during the winter of December, and I am hoping that, whether they be good or ill, the troubles that I am now going through are the result of the troubles that belong to the N.W. I shall be back next year, and I shall be happy to see you again.

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N. M., stands for too much to be profanely regarded by personal figures or social apates. I would counsel firmness and a godly spirit in all. I feel very keenly for you as it affects the whole movement rests on your shoulders. If a failure is had, attempts will be made to saddle it on you, if success is realized! "We kill the fear. Your high sense of honor and sense of justice and true devotion to the cause will make you a safe leader in this crew!"
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I am ready to do anything to make N.M. a suitable success.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Byrd