

YALE UNIVERSITY

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

New Haven, Conn.,

June 6, 1914.

Dear Mr. Greene:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 4th regarding possible new lines of activity for the General Education Board. Two matters have occurred to me where I feel that there is a really broad opportunity for adding constructive work of importance:

First. The development of a really strong medical school for negro students. I am more and more impressed with the need of this, as it is almost impossible to-day for the negro doctor to get the very best training for his profession. At a recent meeting of the Board when I referred to this, President Eliot stated that even at the Harvard Medical School the negroes had the great difficulty in securing the necessary obstetrical cases. Furthermore the moral effect on the negroes of having good physicians would be enormous. I should think that the Board might well determine under Mr. Flexner's guidance to strengthen the Medical Department of Howard University or the Meharry Medical School or some other school. The emphasis on negro education during the last decade has been mainly on the industrial side, and it is, of course, of supreme importance, but we must also have trained leaders for the negro people, especially doctors and ministers.

* Second. A report on the conditions of theological education. I enclose a pamphlet giving an address which I recently made on this subject. I think it open to question whether or not the General Education Board itself should make such an investigation, but I think it certain that great good could result if such an investigation were made. Possibly the Board could meet in whole or in part the expenses of an investigation under the auspices of some outside organization.

I trust that the two matters above mentioned may be given the attention of your Committee. I also sincerely hope that we may take up seriously Mr. Flexner's idea with reference to training for public health service.

Faithfully yours,

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