

My dear Mrs. Taylor:

Your letter and report were received last night. I have never had a doubt as to your heartiness in the matter. I think Blair has pretty nearly killed public interest by a false view. You may be right that interest in Nat. Aid to public Education is on the wane but I think the events of the next few weeks will intensify interest in some phases of it.

I never had any doubt that you intended your bill to embrace the essential ideas of my plan; but you do not need to be told that the worst adviser about a law of any sort is a school-master. The whole race of educators seem to be without practical ideas.

The plan of state distribution seems to me not only absurd but cruel to the Negro whom we have allowed to be swindled out of the shadow of right and preferred to give him.

Mr. Kelly of Kansas asked my  
leave to introduce a bill I had  
published and of which some 300,000  
copies have been circulated in  
the Northwest, with some few amend-  
ments it makes a good, safe, reli-  
able method of beginning the experiment  
of self-subsisting the Fund.

Like you I have no pet scheme pro-  
vided the money goes direct to schools  
and not into politics on the hands  
of men who wish to make the colored  
man believe he is dependent upon them  
for ever this fund.

You can get one of the bills  
I refer to from Mr. Kelly. A book of  
mine entitled "Factual Primer" will soon  
be out which puts this matter on a

very new footing.

Like you, I doubt if anything will pass or anything else be done until we wake up some day with a revolution on our hands. Then — well there will be a good deal of acrimination, but perhaps there will be some gain in results. I expect to be in Washington about March 7<sup>th</sup>, but may not. If I am I hope to see you.