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My dear Sir:

Mr W. S. D. DeBore has shown me your letter to him of the 6th of November last, in which you suggest that he should have some testimony from me as to his fitness for the receipt of money for study in Europe. I have known Mr DeBore since he entered college. He is in my opinion about the grade of a man but I am inclined to think that he has "amb" as well as "repro" blood in his veins. His type of mind is rather the mite than the mite: he is a fellow of very fair ability and may perhaps be regarded as distinctly promising. He seems to me decidedly the best specimen of his race that I have had in our classes.

I think it would be well to class Mr DeBore as being in a position among the better part of our honor men. In the class with which he graduated he seemed to me to belong in the upper fifth part. He is a solid minded, industrious

and discreet persons: sincerely free from that element of
self assertion so often found in educated regions. I think it
would be well to give him a very thorough training. more
thoroughly a man of letters. I should make the essay.

I then advised him to undertake a thorough study of
the history of Africa along with especial reference to
the race differences of the people who were imported
into this country. If he maintains his quality, he
should be able to do this work and thus secure a
place as a man of learning. I doubt if he has the

original capacity of Bonnet but so far as we can
estimate him he is clear headed and industrious.

The moral effect we secured by winning even
one scholar of high calibre from the regions of this
country warrants it seems to me no end of effort in
the way of education. I therefore unhesitatingly
advise you to assist Mr. Biss in the manner he desires.

Very sincerely yours

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