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account of this school rally, described in the true language of a country correspondent. It was interesting to watch the expression on his face as he read down the long column of figures, which showed how, out of their small earnings, every one seemed to have contributed something to support the little school. Before he had finished, the tears came to his eyes, and he seemed more deeply touched than I had ever seen him.

Such a man was Henry H. Rogers, as I have known him. He was one of the best and the greatest men I have ever met, and as it seems to me, one of the greatest men of his day and age, and he has left many lessons behind him which others can follow to their profit.

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New York Sun today prints refusal of Seth Low Thomas Wentworth Higginson¹ Francis Lynde Stetson² to participate in negro conference Higginson says negro suffrage was mistake all feel that agitation of it just now is inexpedient Higginson believes in Taft.

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¹ Thomas Wentworth Storrow Higginson (1823-1911), a Unitarian minister and abolitionist, was colonel of the first black regiment in the Union Army. After the war he wrote a number of books, including an account of his war experiences.

² Francis Lynde Stetson (1846-1920), a leading New York corporation lawyer, handled the negotiations leading to the formation of the U.S. Steel Corporation in 1901.