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the negro in him than in (say) Alexandre Dumas fils. Meeting this quiet, cultivated, French-looking gentleman, with his pointed beard, olive complexion, and dark melancholy eyes, it is hard to believe that he is born, as he himself phrases it, "within the Veil." In appearance he reminded me a good deal of Gabriele d'Annunzio, only that D'Annunzio happens to be fair, while Mr. Du Bois has something more like the average Italian complexion. In speaking to this man of fine academic culture — this typical college don, one would have said — the difficulty was to feel any difference of race and traditions, and not to assume, tactlessly, an identical standpoint.

These two men are unquestionably the leaders of their race today; but their ideals and their policy are as different as their physique. Mr. Washington leads from within; Mr. Du Bois from without. Should he read this phrase he will probably resent it; but it may be none the less true. Mr. Washington could never have been anything else than a negro; he represents all that is best in the race, but nothing that is not in the race. Mr. Du Bois is a negro only from outside pressure. I do not mean, of course, that there are no negro traits in his character, but that it is outside pressure — the tyranny of the white man — that has made him fiercely, passionately, insistently African. Had there been no colour question — had the negro had no oppression, no injustice to complain of — Mr. Du Bois would have been a cosmopolitan, and led the life of a scholar at some English, German, or perhaps even American University. As it was, he felt that to desert his race would be the basest of apostasies; but it was because he could have been disloyal that he became so vehemently — one might almost say fanatically — loyal.

William Archer, *Through Afro-America: An English Reading of the Race Problem* (London: Chapman and Hall, Ltd., 1910), 45-47.

To James Hardy Dillard

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My dear Dr. Dillard: Enclosed I send you a copy of the Montgomery Advertiser of January 2d giving an account of a meeting