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men. One trouble with the so-called scholar is that he cannot do this. He must live and talk and converse ever with books. That Mr. Ogden to-day presides over these various bodies I have mentioned — bodies of men different in training, in sentiments on religion, politics, education, and every practical subject — is to me a proof of scholarship of the highest order. Nothing short of the most liberal scholarship could have kept him unbiased in passing from one class and one race of people to another, and nothing smaller than the name of a patriot in no affected or canting sense can be applied to him when we consider the national scope and application of his business and educational ideals.

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¹ BTW received much of the information in the article directly from R. C. Ogden. See Ogden to BTW, July 15, 1910, above.

² This was rendered "manner" in the typescript version.

³ Here and elsewhere in the typescript version "Negro" was capitalized.

To J. R. Barlow¹

[Tuskegee, Ala.] March 1, 1911

My dear Mr. Barlow: Thank you for your kind letter of January [February] 9th.²

I am glad that you received the papers and the picture. I shall be interested to hear from you after you have talked matters over with our mutual friend, Mr. Harris.

As to the suggestion which you make for the land scheme, I am going to talk the whole matter over with Mr. Logan and by the time you have had a counsel with Mr. Harris and we can hear from you again, I think we may have reached some more definite conclusion.

I note what you say regarding Mr. Du Bois. He and I do not agree on most matters regarding the course to pursue in reference to our race in this country. In the first place, I do not think Dr. Du Bois understands conditions in the South. He was born in New England and has never been in the South among the rank