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SEVEN MONTHS WELL SPENT

MORE ABOUT THE "PLUCKY CLASS"

Seven months ago, two young men, Julius Murray and Joseph Haws, came here without money enough to pay their way in the day school, so they have been attending night school and working in the day that they might earn money with which to pay their board in school next year. Murray began to work at the blacksmith's trade and Haws at the wheelwright's trade. They have so far mastered their trade that, a few weeks ago, with a little aid, they made a first class cart, Murray doing the iron work and Haws the wood work. Neither of them ever worked at their trades before coming here. They have not only done well in mastering trades that will be worth every thing to them in the future, but both have been earnest and faithful in the night school and are doing well in their studies. Why could not the thousands of young men who hang around the streets of our cities imitate Murray's and Haw's example?

B. T. W.

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To James Fowle Baldwin Marshall

Tuskegee Normal School, Tuskegee Ala. July [June]¹ 25 [1881]

Dear friend: Arrived here yesterday. The place has a healthy and pleasant location — high and hilly — think I shall like it. Will open school 1st Monday in July.² Please send me the addresses of some publishing houses where I can get my books at reduced rates. I will use about the same kind of text books as you use there. Will thank you for any help you can give me in the way of getting any kind of books.
Yours

B. T. Washington

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