

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

MAY 8

Accepted an invitation from Mr. A. H. Tolman¹⁴ to visit Chicopee Falls. Collected one small sum and got the promise of more.¹⁵

AD Con. 949 BTW Papers DLC. BTW entered these items in a small (6¼" x 3½") leather-bound notebook, his name and address entered on an end page. The items occupied only 11 of the notebook's 130 pages. BTW filled many of the other pages with notes on expenses, payments, receipts, and other school business. Some 22 pages listed subscribers, contributors, and contacts in the Northeast.

¹ Margaret E. Snodgrass.

² Also Miss Snodgrass?

³ Before leaving the New York area BTW solicited a number of large gifts for the school, of which the first and largest was \$500 from Alfred Haynes Porter toward the building which later bore his name.

⁴ Thomas Kendall Fessenden.

⁵ Charles Dwight Smith, twenty-seven-year-old son of Henry D. Smith, who worked as a mechanical engineer.

⁶ Timothy Higgins of Southington, Conn., presumably a deacon of a local church.

⁷ A. Lyman Williston (1834-1915) of Northampton, Mass., headed the Greenville Manufacturing Co., makers of cotton goods, for thirty-one years and was a director and president of the First National Bank of Northampton. A graduate of Williston Seminary in 1852, a school founded by his uncle Samuel Williston, he later served as a trustee and from 1885 to 1895 as president. He was also deeply involved in the financial direction of Mount Holyoke, Amherst, and Smith.

⁸ Charles L. Mead (1834-99) was chairman of the executive committee of the American Missionary Association from 1875 to 1898 and president of the Stanley Rule and Level Co., New Britain, Conn.

⁹ Charles and Homer Merriam were two of five surviving sons of a West Brookfield, Mass., printer, all of whom began to learn the trade in their father's firm when they reached the age of twelve and subsequently followed business careers in printing. Charles (1806-87) helped found the Springfield firm G. & C. Merriam in 1832 which, after the death of Noah Webster in 1843, published the Webster dictionary. He was a staunch Congregationalist and a liberal contributor to church missionary activities. His younger brother, Homer Merriam (1813-1908), moved to Springfield and joined G. & C. Merriam in 1855, becoming a full partner in 1876 and serving as president (1892-1904) after the firm was incorporated. Like Charles, he was active in a variety of philanthropic causes. BTW recorded a \$10 gift from Homer Merriam on this trip.

¹⁰ William Tappan Eustis (1821-88), of Congregationalist background, was pastor of the (Independent) Memorial Church, Springfield, Mass., from 1869 until his death. Eustis gave BTW \$2 on this trip.

¹¹ Washington Gladden (1836-1918), of New England ancestry, graduated from Williams College in 1859 and became a Congregational minister, first in Brooklyn, N.Y. (1860-66), and then in North Adams (1866-71) and Springfield, Mass. (1875-82). A college reporter for the Springfield *Republican*, he later worked on the editorial staff of the New York *Independent* (1871-75), and edited