

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

To Olivia A. Davidson

Tuskegee, Ala., May 17 1883

Dear Miss Davidson: Enclosed you will find a letter just rec'd from Pres. Ware¹ in regard to Miss Hunt.² It may help you in deciding about others.

I think highly of the recommendation but very much fear that she will not leave her present position for the model school. She closes her present school soon so I shall write and mention the matter to her now.

Things are going well. Algebra glass [class] doing nicely. Hope you and the girls had a pleasant trip. Sincerely yours

B. T. Washington

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¹ Edmund Asa Ware (1837-85), president of Atlanta University. Graduating from Yale in 1863, he became an agent of the American Missionary Association in Nashville and Atlanta. In 1867 he became a Freedman's Bureau superintendent of education. He helped to establish Atlanta University and became its first president (1869-85). He sought to pattern the school's curriculum after the best white colleges, but the poor preparation of many pupils made necessary a preparatory department that was larger than the collegiate department.

² Adella Hunt Logan (1863-1915) graduated from Atlanta University in 1881 and taught for two years in rural areas of the South before joining the Tuskegee faculty in 1883. President Ware recommended her highly to BTW: "We felt that she gave promise of making an excellent teacher; were so sure of it, that we offered her a position as teacher here in our own school. She felt, however, that she was needed where she was, and so did not come." (E. A. Ware to BTW, May 1, 1883, Con. 84, BTW Papers, DLC.) Adella Hunt married Tuskegee's treasurer, Warren Logan, in 1888. She later taught only part time, devoting her time to caring for their six children, most of whom died before reaching adulthood.

Olivia A. Davidson to the Editor of
the *Southern Workman*

Tuskegee, Ala., June 11, 1883

My Dear *Southern Workman*: A Hampton Correspondent of the Boston Journal recently spoke of a belief in "Hampton weather." If we dared to generalize from so few special cases we at Tuskegee might