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he was appointed to the Harvard faculty in 1879. He resigned in 1889 to devote full time to his work as director of the Hemenway Gymnasium and president of the Normal School of Physical Training, both in Cambridge. Sargent wrote several books on physical education and invented gymnasium apparatus.

³ William Curtis (1816-87), a physician of Westboro, Mass., held many town offices and was prominent in the Unitarian Church.

⁴ Samuel C. Armstrong suffered a heart attack in the summer of 1886. He seemed to recover, but had a stroke in 1891 with substantial paralysis and died in 1893.

From James Fowle Baldwin Marshall

Boston, Mass., Apr 21, 1887

Dear Booker, I have yours of 16th. I will do what I can about the report of your commencement. When is it to be.

Ask Mrs Ws pardon in my behalf for my neglect to answer her question about Mrs Curtis.¹ I was told that she died before her husband, but dont remember who told me. Am quite sure that she is not living.

I had a letter some ten days ago from Prof Councill dated at Philadelphia, saying that he was on his way north to solicit aid for his School, and had called on Dr Furness who told him that I had branded him as an imposter. He wished to hear from me before coming further North. I answered him that I did not say that he was an imposter but that I had written to all who I thought [would] be influenced by my signature on his testimonials, that enquiry of competent parties as to his record and standing among his own people, had satisfied me that he had no claim for aid from the benevolent people of the North, and I wished my name erased from his book & advised him not to attempt to raise money on the strength of endorsements given in ignorance of the facts. He wrote Dr Hale & Mr Garrison² that he should come at once to Boston & vindicate himself from these unfounded charges, but as yet, I have not seen him. Mr Ogden gave him a plain talk. Yours faithfully

J F B Marshall

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¹ Mrs. William Curtis.

² Francis Jackson Garrison (1848-1916), youngest son of William Lloyd Gar-