

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

I can never forget your kindness. Tomorrow I return South. Yours truly

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¹ BTW had spoken to Huntington on Tuskegee's behalf, eliciting the \$1,000 gift. He wrote Samuel Chapman Armstrong that Huntington "talked at length on the Southern question and said he expects to do more for Tuskegee." (BTW to Armstrong, May 26, 1889, Armstrong Papers, MWiW.)

² Probably Alexander Phoenix Ketchum, born in 1839, who served during the Civil War on the staffs first of General Rufus Saxton and later of General O. O. Howard. Ketchum resigned from the Army in 1867 to resume law practice in New York City. He was prominent in YMCA and Presbyterian Union work.

³ Thomas Seymour Barbour (1853-1915) was pastor of a Baptist church in Fall River, Mass. A graduate of Brown University and Rochester Theological Seminary, Barbour was the foreign secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society from 1899 to 1912. Barbour chaired the American branch of the Congo Reform Association beginning in 1904. This group, which included BTW as a board member and Robert E. Park as executive secretary, was composed of British and American missionary and philanthropic groups which came together to protest the atrocities resulting from a forced labor system that affected millions of Congolese people. Barbour and others, including Alabama senator John Tyler Morgan, lobbied for several years in Congress on behalf of the Congolese. Among the association's publicity pieces against the Belgian ruler was Mark Twain, *King Leopold's Soliloquy: A Defence of His Congo Rule* (1907).

To Samuel Chapman Armstrong

North Conway, N.H. Aug. 13. 89

Dear Gen. Armstrong: I have tried every way possible to keep from borrowing any money this summer, but I am to the place where I *can not* get on with out it, and I therefore write to ask you to lend the school \$300 till Oct 15 or Nov. 1. The two months that I was compelled to spend at my wife's bed side at a time when I was usually collecting money has made this request necessary. I know no one else to apply to. The amount can be returned promptly at the time named.

The singers are doing well and I hoped to get all that we would need through them, but see I can not.

My address for the next 4 days will be Bethlehem N.H. Yours truly

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