

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

viewing in *Harper's Magazine*, and his connection with Harper & Brothers led to a second career as editor and publisher. From 1870 to 1876 he was editor of the *Illustrated Christian Weekly*. In 1876 he became associated with Henry Ward Beecher in the editorship of the *Christian Union*. In 1881 Beecher withdrew, and Abbott assumed the role of editor-in-chief and continued in this capacity until his death in 1922. In 1893 the *Christian Union* became the *Outlook*, one of the most influential journals of the period. When Beecher died in 1887, Abbott succeeded him as pastor of the Plymouth Church until 1899. Abbott's success and affluence, and perhaps his age, made him more conservative in his later years on racial and social issues. In matters of theology, however, his liberalism is indicated by his *Theology of an Evolutionist* (1897).

BTW's autobiography *Up from Slavery* originally appeared serially in the *Outlook*, and Abbott gave BTW much valuable advice on its writing and organization. (See above, 1:xxiii, xxvi-xxix.) The two men remained close throughout BTW's life, both in ideology and literary partnership. BTW published many of his articles in the *Outlook*, and sent Abbott much of the material for his editorials on southern and racial affairs. Abbott was active in the Ogden Movement, which reflected BTW's outlook on race relations.

¹⁸ William Lloyd Garrison, Jr. (1838-1909), a son of the great abolitionist, was a wool merchant in Boston from 1866 to 1883 and an investment banker there from 1883 to 1902. He carried on the family tradition of reformism, supporting free trade, Chinese immigration, woman suffrage, and the Henry George single tax. Like other members of his family, he aided Tuskegee and industrial education but balanced this with support also of black higher education.

From Amanda Ferguson Johnston

Malden West Va April the 4 1890

My Dear Bro all well & Hope this may find you the same Bro. Ben¹ Has Bin up the River nearley 3 months & Haster pay so much Bord i think id Better rent out & go up there We are trying all we Can to get the monney We want to know what you Say about it times is so Dull that the pelople is moveing a way from Here tomas Rolling John Wiley Charley Ross 6 yong men left for pennsylvania With ther famieleys Hope to Here What you say a Bout it soon. tell me What you think of it from Sister

Amanda Johnson

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¹ Benjamin Johnston, her husband.