

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

in the Midwest and West. He published a series of Sunday-school lessons that stressed the evolution of man and the unity of world religions. In 1885 he became minister of All Souls Church in Chicago and was active in the World's Parliament of Religions at the Columbian Exposition in 1893. He edited a religious weekly, *Unity*, from 1880 until 1918. Jones was an early activist in the Chicago branch of the NAACP. He was a supporter of BTW, and tried to moderate the NAACP's outspoken demands for civil rights, which he believed to be too radical. He sailed to Europe on the Ford Peace Ship Expedition in December 1915, and opposed U.S. participation in World War I. Among his publications were *A Search for an Infidel* (1901) and *Love and Loyalty* (1907).

⁴ Graham Taylor (1851-1938) graduated from Rutgers and attended the Reformed Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, N.J. In 1873 he was ordained in the Dutch Reformed Church. He became professor of theology at Hartford Theological Seminary in 1888 and professor of social economy at the Chicago Theological Seminary in 1892. There he founded the Chicago Commons Social Settlement and was president of the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. Active in the social gospel movement, he wrote *Religion in Social Action* (1913).

⁵ Edward Webster Bemis (1860-1930) was for many years beginning in 1892 professor of political economy at the University of Chicago. Born in Springfield, Mass., he graduated from Amherst and received a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins in 1885. He wrote works on cooperatives, labor unions, and local government.

⁶ John Cowles Grant (1848-1914), principal of the Harvard School in Chicago from 1880 to 1914, was a trustee of Tuskegee Institute from 1895 until his death. He put BTW in contact with a number of wealthy men in Chicago.

From Timothy Thomas Fortune

Charleston, S.C., Feb. 8, 1895

Dear Friend: Your note of the 4th instant was received. I have been here ten days hustling for the Sun,¹ and shall go to Jacksonville, Fla., for ten days on the 13th instant.

You can't afford to pin to Dr. Blyden. He is utterly unreliable and withal a propagandist of the blacks against the mulattoes of the race. Such a man is dangerous anywhere, and I have sent an editorial note to the Age cordially to remain in Africa, as we have no need of him here. Yours truly

T. Thomas Fortune

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¹ The New York *Sun*, for which Fortune regularly reported on black affairs.