

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

even a brother. I feel free to speak to you on this point, and do not believe it would be discreet, although it would be perfectly appropriate that you pay your respects to the Mayor, and possibly, take tea at his home if he suggests it, but to stop there while here would not meet the approval of our people.

Whatever expense you will be put to please let me know and I will arrange for its immediate forwarding to you if you request it. I have just seen Mr. Robinson and he is as delighted as myself to know you are coming and will speak at his church as you proposed some time ago.

Drop me a postal when you are to pass through this city again and I will come to the station to see you and have a word with you. I shall see the Mayor in due time and convey your message to him. Very likely I shall see him tomorrow or Wednesday.

I hope the Presbyterian meeting, at which I see by the papers you are programmed to speak Tuesday night, will be of much profit to you. Hoping to hear from you soon, and wishing you continued success, I am, Yours truly,

J. W. Browning

ALS Con. 114 BTW Papers DLC.

¹ John W. Browning was a Baltimore druggist and president of the Booker T. Washington Business Association.

² BTW spoke on Mar. 18 at St. John's A.M.E. Church. The pastor was probably David Robinson, a member of the board of directors of the Booker T. Washington Business Association.

³ Alcaeus Hooper, mayor of Baltimore from 1895 to 1897.

From William Miller Beardshear¹

Ames, Iowa March 5, 1896

Dear Sir: Your letter in regard to a colored graduate is duly received. We graduated a colored man a couple of years ago, Mr. G. W. Carver.² He made such standings in Horticulture, that he has been retained as an assistant in the horticultural department of the experiment station work. He is a thorough christian gentleman and scholar. We can give him iron-clad recommendations. Any school would be fortunate in securing his services. Sincerely,

W. M. Beardshear

TLS Con. 114 BTW Papers DLC.