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¹ For BTW's account of the ceremonies, see above, 1:106-12, 347-49.

² John Albion Andrew (1818-67), Civil War governor of Massachusetts.

From Albert Bushnell Hart

Cambridge, Mass. May 31 1897

Dear Mr Washington: Can you join a small company of gentlemen to meet Professor Woodrow Wilson at dinner at the Colonial Club, Cambridge, at half past six on Wednesday, June second? Sincerely yours,

Albert Bushnell Hart

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A Message to the People of the North¹

Tuskegee, Alabama [May 1897]

I wish to ask each person in the North who reads these lines to put himself in the place if he can of the Negro and the Southern white man as often as possible. After he has done this let him ask God to help him do the thing that will result in [re]moving all bitterness of heart and that will help lift the load of ignorance that now weighs down most parts of the South. Yours Sincerely

Booker T. Washington

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¹ The message appeared as a facsimile of BTW's autograph in *Our Day*, 17 (May 1897), 214. It preceded an 11-page biographical sketch of BTW by George T. B. Davis and a 5-page account of the Tuskegee Negro Conferences by R. C. Bedford.