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third place, the overthrow of the monarchy was the just punishment of a ruler who had disregarded her oath of allegiance to a constitution and had deliberately decided to profit by the re-establishment of corrupt practices. Lastly, it is a fact that in 1854 naught but the death of Kamehameha II prevented Hawaiian annexation by the volition of the Hawaiians themselves." (See also the *Boston Transcript*, Aug. 26, 1898, 4.)

About the same time BTW also spoke against the acquisition of the Philippines. He was reported to have said: "My opinion is that the Philippine Islands should be given the opportunity to govern themselves. They will make mistakes, but will learn from these errors. Until our nation has settled the Negro and Indian problems I do not think we have a right to assume more social problems." (*Indianapolis Freeman*, Sept. 24, 1898, 4, quoting from the *Springfield Republican*.)

BTW thought that there were unique difficulties in annexing Cuba. Minimizing the island's race problems in his argument that it should be self-governing, he said: "In bringing Cuba into our American life we must bear in mind that, notwithstanding the fact that the Cubans have certain elements of weakness, they already seem to have surpassed the United States in solving the race problem, in that they seem to have no race problem in Cuba. I wonder if it is quite fair to the white people and the colored people in Cuba to bring them into our American conditions and revive the race antagonism so that they will have to work out anew the race problem that we are now trying to solve in this country." (*Indianapolis News*, Apr. 15, 1899, clipping, quoted in Foner, *Spanish-Cuban-American War*, 2:416-17.)

An Account of Addresses by Washington and Mrs. Washington Delivered at Charleston

[Charleston, S.C., Sept. 12, 1898]

TWO EARNEST ADDRESSES
DELIVERED BY PROF. WASHINGTON AND HIS WIFE

PROF. WASHINGTON SPOKE TO THE PROFESSIONAL AND
BUSINESS MEN OF HIS RACE, HIS WIFE TO THE
COLORED WOMEN OF CHARLESTON

Prof. Booker T. Washington spoke before a very large audience in Zion Presbyterian Church yesterday morning. In the church were nearly all the representative colored ministers and teachers of the city, besides many others. The assemblage paid close attention to the speaker, and seemed to fully appreciate the worth of his advice. He touched strongly upon several points which were not pleasant, but the bad spots in the negro character were brought to light in order that they might be told how to eradicate them.