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was the author of several books on Switzerland and was president of the Manhattan Single-Tax Club.

² Edwin Doak Mead (1849-1937) was a prominent Boston reformer and editor of the *New England Magazine*. He was opposed to the Spanish-American War, and was a staunch anti-imperialist. Mead was active in the American Peace Society, and in 1910 was a founder of the World Peace Foundation.

From Walter Hines Page

New York January 5th, 1900

Dear Mr Washington: I acknowledge your letter of Dec. 28th which reached me a little belated on account of an absence of a few days from New York, and a copy of Dr Abbott's letter which you enclosed.¹

The Doubleday & McClure Co, Book Publishers, have, as I presume you know, become independent of the S.S. McClure Co which owns the McClure Magazine; and I have become a partner in the Doubleday & McClure Company which in a little while, as soon as the legal formalities can be complied with, will become Doubleday, Page & Company.

I am not sure whether you knew of this change or not, but of course this makes no change with reference to your book about which we talked and to which we look forward with an increasing interest. I do heartily hope that you will very soon get the technical permission of the western publishers to go ahead with the narrative. I am made the more eager about it by reading "The Future of the American Negro" as well as by such a circumstance, of course, as Dr Abbott's letter.

I do not know whether we have ever talked definitely of publishing terms to you, but if we have not, when you get back to New York we will enter into a definite bargain about the book rights on terms which I have no hesitancy in assuring you now will be satisfactory to you. Nor have I any doubt about the success of the book. In my eyes, and in yours, the principal element of success is, of course, the effect it will have on public opinion and its influence in furthering the good cause. But incidentally I think it stands a