

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

able to cope so successfully with the actual conditions, and we may safely recognize in Booker T. Washington an Afro-American of unsurpassed usefulness, and an exemplary citizen.

North American Review, 173 (Aug. 1901), 280-88.

¹Howells was supposedly reviewing three works, BTW's *Up from Slavery*, Frederick May Holland's *Frederick Douglass, the Colored Orator*, and Charles W. Chesnut's *Frederick Douglass*.

From Portia Marshall Washington

The Oaks Tuskegee Sept. 4-1901

My dear papa: I am so disappointed about Lassell¹ but I am still in hopes that I can enter some school (preparatory). I send you these clippings — thinking perhaps you can telegraph them and find out if there is a possible opening. Perhaps I shall have to fall back on Wellsley. How do you like the idea of my going to Boston and studying under a private teacher until next year and then enter Lassell[?] I could take the course as it is laid down in the catalogue for the first year. I am very anxious to have the college preparatory work with the music. I am afraid that it is rather late to enter any desirable school. Mamma did not write to Wellsley saying that I was not to come. Lovingly yours.

Portia

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¹Lasell Seminary for Young Women was founded in 1851 at Auburndale, Mass., by Edward Lasell, a chemistry professor at Williams College. Its music department had an excellent reputation. In 1932 it was renamed Lasell Junior College by the state legislature.

From Emmett Jay Scott

Tuskegee, Ala., Sept. 7, 1901

Dear Mr Washington: The McKinley tragedy¹ was so terrible that I thought it well to wire you as I do not know your distance from