

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON Papers

ing well. Please give my regards to Mrs. Washington and believe me, Cordially yours,

Chas. W. Chesnutt

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¹ Moses J. Gries (1868–1918), a graduate of Hebrew Union College and the University of Cincinnati, was rabbi of Tifereth Israel in Cleveland from 1892 to 1917.

² Thomas Dixon, Jr. (1864–1946), born and reared in North Carolina, was a Baptist minister, lecturer, and author. He wrote several racist novels, including *The Leopard's Spots* (1902) and *The Clansman* (1905). Much of the motion picture *The Birth of a Nation* (1915) was based on *The Clansman*.

³ Russell Herman Conwell (1843–1925), a Baptist clergyman who revitalized Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia, founded Temple University, and was well known for his lecture "Acres of Diamonds," which he delivered more than six thousand times.

⁴ Elbert Green Hubbard (1856–1915), printer, editor, and lecturer, published *The Philistine*, a monthly magazine of common-sense philosophy, from 1895 to 1915. His monthly sketches, *Little Journeys*, including one on Tuskegee, eventually filled fourteen volumes. In 1899 he wrote *A Message to Garcia*. He was a victim of the *Lusitania* disaster.

⁵ Samuel Milton ("Golden Rule") Jones (1846–1904), a Toledo industrialist, was a reform mayor of Toledo from 1897 to 1904.

From Emmett Jay Scott

Windsor Hotel Philadelphia Nov. 1/03

My Dear Mr. Washington: As I wired you last night — I have seen both Hawkins¹ (of the *Lancet*) and Murphy² of the *Afro-American*. I spent 3 straight hours with Hawkins. He is the recalcitrant and am flattering myself that I pulled him around good & hard. He had all of the usual vague, indefinite, half-baked opinions to unload. I held him to the record & asked in every case for specifications! I utterly confounded him & appealed to his reason on the issue presented. He is in many ways a fine fellow & well worth holding onto. He confessed when we parted that he had new light & warmly praised my presentation of the cause, remarking as to the sincerity of it all, etc., etc., all of which while flattering is interesting mostly because it seemed to mark conversion! He is well-educated — is a lawyer & has the paper on the side. He asked me when we parted to be his guest at his home at night & I went. He had a party of lawyers, doctors, teachers etc., to come in to meet me & seemed in every way