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¹ William Holcombe Thomas (b. 1867) practiced law in Montgomery from 1892 until he was elected judge of the city court in 1901. Thomas secretly aided BTW in pushing the Alonzo Bailey case to the U.S. Supreme Court. (Daniel, *Shadow of Slavery*, 68-71.) In 1910 Thomas returned to private law practice until 1915, when he was appointed associate justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. He was the author of several books and articles on law, history, and religion.

To Emmett Jay Scott

[Tuskegee, Ala.] December 26th, 1903

Dear Mr. Scott: In connection with the reorganization of the New York Age, I hope you will keep in mind the following points.

1. The name of the paper should indicate the interests of the paper, as, for example, The Black American and New York Age.
2. It should definitely be understood that the policy of the paper is to be distinctly constructive, and that it should not be the medium of whining, complaint, and condemnation.
3. There should be a weekly summary of news bearing upon the interests and affairs of the colored people, but no summary of general news, which has already been secured in better form in the white press, will be needed. Very truly,

B. T. W.

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To John Henry Washington

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Dec. 26, 1903

Mr. J. H. Washington: The following matter I wish you to give immediate attention to today. The exposure to girls and lady teachers of the girls water closet is something disgraceful, and I wish you would take hold of the matter at once and arrange so that the