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be as proud of our race as the Frenchman, German, the Japanese, or the Italian is of his. The race that has faith and pride in itself will eventually win the respect, the confidence and cooperation of the rest of the world.”

Atlanta Constitution, Aug. 30, 1906, 4. A typescript version is in BTW Papers, ATT. The speech was delivered on the evening of Aug. 29, 1906.

To Lyman Abbott

[Tuskegee, Ala.] Sept. 2, 1906

Personal

My dear Dr. Abbott: Enclosed I send you a copy of the platform of the National Negro Business League and a copy of the address which I delivered before that body. These two utterances I am convinced by experience and talk with the masses of our people, represent their views of the subjects discussed.

In the last issue of the *Outlook* I fear you gave too much serious attention to Dr. Du Bois and his movement.¹ I have watched it closely from the beginning. All told I do not believe there are more than two or three hundred colored people of any prominence or influence who are inclined to follow such folly as he is the leader of. The actual attendance at the Harpers Ferry meeting was less than 50. There were at least 600 delegates present at our Atlanta meeting. Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

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¹ *Outlook*, 84 (Sept. 1, 1906), 3-4. The magazine presented the platform of the Niagara Movement and described it as “the more assertive spirit of the negro race, under the leadership of Dr. Du Bois.” At the same time, the *Outlook* stated that it preferred “the more industrial and more pacific spirit” represented by BTW and Tuskegee Institute.