



“What was dangerous for the black man to have when he was a slave is now your safety. Then you might keep away from him the book. Now... you must give him books.”



“It used to be said, if you want to keep a secret from a negro, put it in a book or newspaper. Thus must be so no longer... If you cannot read yourself, let your son or daughter read to you.”



“Years ago a book had as little to say to [the Negro] and had as little meaning to him as a brick. It was a thing of darkness and silence. Now it is a thing of light and speech.”

