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Correspondence 1917
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN

Office of
Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, President
521 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y.

May 10, 1917.

Mrs. Nettie P. Trowbridge
Calhoun, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Trowbridge:

Your letter including one of Major M. Lewis
rec'd, and in sending an answer reply will say that the Congress
did not make their scholarship a yearly one, it was given last year
to Joe Crenshaw, through the efforts of Mr. Boyd Rhett. Our
Congress this year gave $25.00 to a young man in the Florida
Baptist College and $25.00 for the Douglass Home. Any further
information can be secured from the Pastor Rev. J. Edward Nash,
64 Walnut St. I am leaving next week for Iowa and Minnesota to
be gone about 6 weeks.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mary B. Talbert.
Rev. J. Edward Nash  
64 Walnut Street  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Under date of May 10th, Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, President of the Christian Culture Congress, writes as per enclosed copy in response to the scholarship letter which had been sent by Major M. Lewis, one of our students.

We wish to explain our position in this matter, as we were given to understand that the scholarship was continuous for a student whom we might select, through his course in our school. Below, we give an extract from a letter dated December 2, 1915, written to us by Mr. J. O. Thomas, representative of Tuskegee Institute, who was with Mr. Rhetta in Buffalo at that time:

"I am enclosing herewith New York draft of $54.25, for a Booker T. Washington Memorial Scholarship, given by the colored people of this city in loving memory of Dr. Washington. They have promised to give this scholarship every year until the student who is benefitted by it, graduates. As soon as you decide to what student it shall be given, please have said student write a letter to the Christian Culture Congress, thanking them for having made it possible for him to secure an education. We should like to have his name and a letter from him at least once each year.

The president of this organization is Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, 521 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, New York."
29 May 1917.

Upon the understanding obtained through Mr. Thomas, we assumed that though the first pupil assigned to the Booker T. Washington Scholarship had left school, we were privileged to appoint a successor from the grade which he left, and that this student be the beneficiary until the end of our school year in 1919-20.

We are writing the above to explain our reason for sending the letter from Major Lewis.

Yours very truly,

CALHOUN COLORED SCHOOL

[Signature]

Secretary.
Rev. J. Edward Nash, D.D.,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Dr. Nash:

I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend your silver anniversary, and sincerely regret that pressing duties prevent me from being with you on this important occasion.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations upon the twentieth anniversary of your pastorate. You have stood for everything that is high and ennobling during the fruitful years of your ministry in Buffalo. Your record has been one of solid achievements for God and humanity. You deserve all that a grateful people can do for you on this anniversary occasion.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William P. Hayes
Thursday
June 28, 1917

My dear Reverend:

As I am unable to attend the anniversary celebration, I am writing you a line of congratulations.

I hope God will spare you to serve twenty-five years longer, for we have appreciated every thing you have done.

As there is only three of us left, I should enjoy being there very much, but as B
cannot my heart will be there

I hope you will accept my heartiest congratulations.

I am

Yours very truly

Ms. Belle Martin
52 Rehe St.

P.S. I shall have to send you something later as my expenses have been so heavy since I have been sick.
First German Baptist Church
41 Spruce Street

Buffalo, N. Y. June 28, 1917.

To the Members of the Michigan Ave.
Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We, the members of the First German Baptist Church of
this city, wish herewith to bring
to you our congratulations and best
wishes.

Surely these are happy days
for your noble pastor and all loyal
members and we rejoice with them
that he do rejoice. Your pastor, Rev. J.
Edward Nash, D.D. has served faithfully
for 25 years and his labors with
your hearty cooperation have not
been in vain. God has placed
His seal on the work and has a
complete record of same. Eternity
will reveal many blessed results.
May God continue to bless
your faithful Pastor as well as
all members of the Michigan Ave.
Baptist Church, is our prayer.

In behalf of our Church,
Judson A. Beerman
Church Clerk.
James E. Pian,

1822 Corcoran St., N. W.,

Rev. J. E. Nash,
Buffalo, N. Y.
My dear Bro. Nash:

I regret very much my inability to be with you in the celebration of your twenty-fifth anniversary. You have done a most excellent work in Buffalo for our people. You have brought honor not only to yourself, but to our entire people, by the position you have maintained through your ability with our white brethren.

Accept my heartiest congratulations and this small token herein enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Pian.
It was certainly a pleasure to receive the program for your Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. I wish indeed that I could be present.

I first became aware of your work about twenty-four years ago. I was beginning my pastorate in Washington. You visited there. I learned then to admire you for your manly traits and for your apparent substantial character. I knew you would make good in your field of labor.

The Rev. Dr. Colman of the First Baptist Church of Coatesville, Pa., has often told me how highly the white pastors of Buffalo regarded you, and what a strong place you hold in the hearts of our own race.

My visit last summer substantiated this statement.

It is not often that our Colored Churches can have as their pastor a man of education, of culture and of sound gospel ability. In you these traits are combined and the church is to be congratulated that such an one is their pastor. Only God knows the great benefit that such a man has been to a community during so many years.

May the blessings to the Lord rest upon you, and may your happiness continue, and may your church never cease to appreciate the value of your services.

Again congratulating you, and congratulating the church, I am

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
239 Niagara St
Feb. 26, 1877

My beloved Brother in Christ!

As I have already stated,

I am unable regrett that I shall not be able to share in your
Twenty-fifth Anniversary services
on Sunday July 10th. Owing to

necessity in connection with a Con-
ference at Niagara on the lake,

I shall be obliged to be out of

Town on that date. But, beloved,

be assured of very abiding love, and

warm appreciation of all that you

munificently undertake for us the

people...
of our Lord Jesus Christ

I shall be praying
while we are in the body, that
you may live graciously
we you still live wondrously
in the days or years ahead.

With love in the Lord

See you in an
Auburned Gospel.

E. N. Wadsworth
22. Juni 1817

Bolada 6. 2. 17

Mein Herr,

nichts würde mich eher


Ich wünsche Ihnen viel Glück in Ihren Geschäften und Ihnen eine erfolgreiche Zukunft. Ich hoffe, dass Sie immerhin gut zurechtkommen und dass Ihr Unternehmen wächst. Ich freue mich auf Ihre Zukunft und Ihre Fortschritte.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

[Unterschrift]
may be you add in
the future and that end
shall reach before you
all the blessings and
possessions that it sees
that we often speak of
pleasure and still live
free and sail.

And a helping hand
and I assure you in our
weakness of your kindness....

We express our
gratitude
purchase a time few
weeks and after a few
alliances and expect it to
in it from now at the
greatest, and you must
let you feel free at any
time to come see us then.
in Pahala. and that you always have some place to stay when in Pahala.

Fearing that your health and temperance have returned, I am

Yours truly

Jesse A. White

C.S. War 20 Moschetto

My regards to you.

Your (Miss Elsey) great self and she told me to tell you she sends August

regards to take care you & parents.
Marshall, Texas, June 22, 1917.

Dr. J. Edward Nash,
64 Walling St.,
Buffalo N.Y.

My dear old friend and classmate: I am in receipt of the program of your twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of the Michigan Ave. Baptist Church. I should be delighted to be present and extend greetings and congratulations. Had I remained at Rochester, N.Y., the place of my first labors, we should now be celebrating together our twenty-fifth anniversary. But I broke ranks and I am now in the far South west having completed 18 yrs. of labor in Bishop College.

I congratulate you, the she pard and the flock of your care for the accomplishment of so much in the Master's service. I wish you just 25 years more of similar and even greater accomplishments, - and then the plaudit, "Well done!"
IF GOD BE YOUR PARTNER MAKE YOUR PLANS LARGE.—D. L. Moody.

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Dr. Nash
Marshall, Texas,

It shall be said to one who has been faithful even to the end,
I think of you often and very often pray for your success,
and the success of the great church which you are serving. I pray Jehovah God that you may continue to "feed his sheep, feed his lambs."
I am now leaving for points in Louisiana in the interest of the institution which it has been my god privilege to serve so long.
Greetings to you and the church.

Your classmate and friend,

O. A. Fuller,

Dept. of Ancient Languages and Sociology
Bishop College,
Marshall, Texas.
June 26, 1917.

Rev. J. Edward Nash, D. D.,
Pastor Michigan St. Bapt. Church,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Nash:

We are a little late, but we want to congratulate you upon winding out of your twenty-five years as pastor of the Michigan Avenue Church. We saw your splendid likeness in the Buffalo Evening News of June 23d. We are having the National Baptist Union-Review reproduce the write-up, as few Negro Baptists will see it in the Buffalo paper. We are indebted to our mutual friend, C. A. Dickson, of 25 sycamore street, for having the pleasure of seeing this in the Buffalo paper. If we can serve you at any time, do not fail to command us.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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1917

R. J. Rade
+ Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Templeton:

And for feeling thanks for your

Your continued success in the good

Communion with the God who

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Templeton

Jan 24, 1917
THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
BYRD PHILLERMAN, A. M., PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

INSTITUTE, WEST VIRGINIA,

June 28, 1917,

Rev. J. E. Nash, D. D.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Nash:

I am so much regret that Mrs. Phillerman's illness prevents my coming to your 25th Anniversary. I am sure that such a visit would mean not only a pleasure, but a profit to her.

Mrs. Phillerman has been sick with a nervous breakdown for three weeks. She is slightly improved at this writing.

I truly hope that your twenty-fifth anniversary will be a happy one. I am sure you have the best wishes of Mrs. Phillerman and myself for many, many more prosperous and happy years.

Sincerely yours,

Byrd Phillerman.
June 28, 1917.

Dear Rev. Nash,

Please accept the sincere best wishes of my folks and myself on this joyful occasion of your twenty-fifth anniversary. We hope you will enjoy many more anniversaries, with the best of health and plenty of appreciation for your good work.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Ray Bredelstein
Baltimore, Md.
June 25th, 1911.

Rev. J. E. Nash, D.D.

Dear friend and brother:

Accept my heartiest congratulations on the magnificent success that it has been for you to achieve under the guidance of him, "Whose we are and whom we serve."

I remember very distinctly when you left dear old Wayland Seminary to take charge of your field of labor in Buffalo and have noted with interest not only in your personal development but spiritual and otherwise. May twenty-five more years crown your labor with more abundant success.

Sincerely yours,
P. G.Neal.

Rev. J. Edward Nash, D.D.,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Dr. Nash:

My inability to be with you during the celebration of your twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of the Buffalo Church is a matter of sincere regret. I wish New Haven were not so far away from Buffalo, for then I should certainly arrange to be there part of the time at least.

It must be a source of great comfort to you to think of the time spent among such appreciative people as you have in your congregation, and to see the evidences of affection and interest which they manifest. You are entering into a part of the fruits of your labors now. Few men are so privileged, for they usually sow the seed and leave it for some one else to reap the results; but you have sown, nurtured, and reaped. This is a wonderful record in these days of unrest and self-seeking, when a man remains in one charge so long and is esteemed so highly. You are to be congratulated upon being able to guide the affairs of the church so successfully; and the people are to be complimented upon the good judgement they have shown in making it worthwhile for you to stay with them. There are other charges which would have paid you better from the commercial standpoint, but I doubt if you could have found a congregation so loyal, self-sacrificing and devoted as the one to which you have ministered this past quarter century.

I cannot help recalling at this time, and every time when I think of Buffalo, dear Sister Hordy, whose heart and soul were centered in the Church. She was such a lovable, noble and saintly character and so solicitous about the happiness and welfare of all her guests and friends. Buffalo will not seem the same to me when I come and find her gone.

My sincere wish is that you may be spared to serve many years in the Master's vineyard either at Buffalo, or elsewhere if He should see fit.

With kind regards and best wishes for your health and happiness,
I beg to remain,
Very truly yours,

[Signature]
June 25, 1917.

Rev. J.E. Nash, D.D.,
Michigan Ave. Baptist Church,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Rev. Nash:

I acknowledge with thanks your very cordial invitation to attend the twenty-fifth anniversary of your pastorate of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church. I would be very happy to attend if I could get away from my duties here.

Please permit me to thank you for your courtesies extended to me from time to time, and for your continued interest manifested in the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund Campaign.

I congratulate you upon the splendid work which you are doing and extend best wishes for a future of continued usefulness.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Principal.
June 23rd., 1917.

Rev. J. Edward Nash, D. D.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Nash:

I have just received your handsome anniversary program. I heartily congratulate you on your neat and attractive program, but especially do I congratulate you on your long period of service in the city of Buffalo, and in the church over which God has made you overseer. I wish for you many, many more similar anniversaries, and ardently pray that God may abundantly bless all of your labors.

Faithfully yours,

A. A. Graham
Deer Brother:- With pleasure I acknowledge the invitation received requesting my presence to the 25th Anniversary in honor of your pastorate of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, Buffalo, N.Y. Please accept of my congratulation.

The PROGRAM is the most unique of its kind that it has been my privilege to see.

I extremely regret my inability to be present: But my program here is of such nature that it positively prevents my being absent the dates mentioned upon your program.

You can see from my letter that I am now pastoring in Brooklyn, N.Y., instead of Pittsburgh. I have been here since Sept. last, and my work is at present in fine shape.

I hope you twenty five years more of happiness in the pastorate there and a pleasant ANNIVERSARY.

Very truly yours,

C.D. Patterson

Rev. J.E. Nash, D.D.,
64 Walnut Street,
Buffalo, N.Y.
My dear Dr. Nash:

I want to thank you for the beautiful silver souvenir of your successful pastorate and extend to you my cordial congratulations in my own behalf as well as in behalf of the Bethel Church. I am sorry that other engagements will prevent my attending the special meetings announced in the Program. May they be a source of joy to all and give you new courage and assurance of devotion by your loyal people. I hope the Purse presented to you next Sunday night will be so generous and well filled that it will puzzle you what to begin with it without sharing its surplus with a life’s partner.

With best wishes

Yours cordially,

Otto Koenig.
REV. P. C. NEAL. M. A.
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The Rev. J. E. Nash D.D.
64 Walnut St.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Va. Union University
Richmond, Va.
July 4th, 1917

Rev. J. E. Nash,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Accept my hearty thanks for the kind invitation and congratulations on the success that has been yours during these twenty-five years of service for the Master. It is a great compliment to have your fellow-pastors say: "No man could have done better than Brother Nash had done."

May the Lord continue to bless and prosper the work.

Sincerely yours,

J.B. Simpson
Buffalo, N.Y., July 21

Rev. J. Edward Nash:
Lansing, Michigan Ave Baptist Church,

Dear Brother:

At a recent meeting of our church, mention was made that Rev. Nash was celebrating his twenty-fifth year as pastor of the Michigan Ave. Church.

It was the wish of those present that a letter of congratulation be sent to Rev. Nash. A motion was introduced and unanimously passed that the Clerk be authorized to draft a letter of congratulation.

The people of the Delaware Ave. Baptist church do hereby send greetings:

The wish to rejoice with you in the splendid service you have rendered during the past 25 years not only to your church and congregation but to the churches of Buffalo as well.

We congratulate you.
We also wish to thank you and your people at this time for your support while we were building our new church.

We want to thank the quartet that came to our church recently and rendered several selections.

May God richly bless you in the coming days so that you may do even greater work than you have done in the past.

Our desire in sending this message to you is that you may know and feel that during your long stay in our city you have not only been a blessing to your own church but your influence has reached out to other churches of which we are apart.

May many learn of Christ through your efforts.

Yours in behalf of the Delavan Ave Baptist Church

Mr. Kasellart

CLARK

48 Number Ave.
Dear Sir:

You are cordially invited to attend the annual outing of the Republican County Committee.

The steamers "Clarence Fix", "Dorothy" and "Charlotte" will leave from the foot of Austin Street on Thursday, August 2, 1917, at 1 o'clock sharp.

Yours very truly,

Herbert B. Sisson
Chairman
To The Chief Of Police,
Buffalo, N. Y.
Dear Sir:-

The Citizen's Committee, an organization of Afro-American men, recognizing the obligation with our fellow citizens to do all in our power to keep the moral and social conditions up to the highest standard, we wish to put ourselves on record, as deprecating and disapproving any and all vicious, immoral institutions or persons that by their careless or intentional actions would lower the standard.

We wish the Police Department and all who are entrusted with enforcing the law, to know that we place ourselves at their disposal to aid in any way possible, especially in caring for our fellow citizens, who are coming into our City, as laborers from the South land, who may become ready victims of certain vices that parade our streets and are found in houses of infamy.
To The Chief Of Police,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:-

The coming of a large number of Afro-American people from the South into our City, we feel, requires vigilance on the part of all our citizens lest an opportunity to be most helpful to them and to make them most helpful to us be allowed to slip away from us. So, the Buffalo Branch of the National Association for the advancement of Colored People begs to tender you and all our officers of the law our unlimited aid in helping them to adjust themselves to the customs and manners of our City. We wish always to help them to understand the institutions of our City and to sustain the proper relation to them.

We are,

Yours respectfully,
LYNDONVILLE, N. Y., July 11 1917.

Dear Bro. Nash,-

Rev. F. J. W. Chubb of the Smith side, your city, has been down to Central Square and preached for the Baptist church there. I think the people at the square will give him a call but a word from some one who knows of his work in Buffalo will help.

Therefore writing to you with this in mind. If you are willing, please write at once, so that they can get it before Sunday next, to Mr. Alvin J. Cook, Central Square, N. Y., and tell him something of...
Mr. Chubb's work and your impression of him. I recommended him to them but you need not mention me in the letter you write.

I am sure you are a busy man, you used to be, but I will appreciate this favor. I have before me not a letter from Mr. Cook. Trusting that you are encouraged in the Master's work, I am,

Yours in Him,

V.M. Miller
To The Chief of Police

Dear Sir:

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Buffalo, New York,

Dear Sir:

617 Walnut St. Buffalo N.Y.

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We are yours respectfully.
Erie, Pa., July 17, 1917.

Rev. J. Edward Nash,
64 Walnut St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:- I am just in receipt of return of marriage of Mr. Joseph H. James and Miss Mae E. Williams, and note you send same in as having been performed in Buffalo, N.Y. Pennsylvania marriage licenses only conform to Pennsylvania laws, and cannot therefore, be used outside the state. Would suggest that you take this matter up with the parties in question, and rectify same.

Yours truly,

Ross H. Cutter
Clerk of Courts.
September 28, 1917.

Rev. J. Edward Nash,
64 Walnut st.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Reverend and Dear Sir:

I thank you for your communication dated August 1st received by me a day or two ago, and I assure you that I appreciate the fine spirit which prompted your act. Please convey to each and every signer my thanks for the same.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Mayor.
First Baptist Church
Milton W. Pullen, Pastor

Sandy Creek, N. Y.

Sept. 18th, 1917.

Rev. J. Edward Nash,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Brother Nash;

I am writing you in the hope that I may be able to enlist you help in a matter that I feel sure will appeal to you. You are aware that when a pastor resigns from a church pastorate he is usually ready to entertain a call from some other church that may be pastorless. But under present conditions, the chances are that the seeking church does not know of a Rev. Smith who is at liberty and Rev. Smith does not know of the empty church. Now this is the point; if some means can be found whereby the pastorless church and the seeking pastor can be brought together, a real blessing will be conferred upon both.

You, as clerk of the Buffalo Association are in a position to know of vacant pulpits in your association. I want to ask you to let me hear from you once a week or blanks with which I will furnish you, giving the information desired. Then I will have a list of all the pastorless churches of New York State published and will furnish same to the pastors of the State at a nominal sum. This is not a money making idea but simply an effort on your part and mine to overcome the handicap under which both pastors and churches are working. There will be one pastor in each association who will report for his association.

All that is asked is that you will give, say, five minutes a week to filling out the information blank and mailing same to me. Will you not cooperate in this worthy work and let me hear from you immediately that I may know that the Buffalo Association is taken care of?

Yours in Christ,

Milton W. Pullen

Chairman Cooperative Exchange

Will you not return the enclosed blank now while it is before you? Our first issue appears Oct. 15th.
My dear Pastor,

I have not written you, partly because I have been too busy, and partly because I knew that you were taking your vacation and didn't want to be bothered even with an "old lady's" letter. I have heard with much sadness your grief over the loss of your brother. I could not express to you my sympathy until having you feel, I believe, that it is genuine, I knew full well that years of trust in Christian partnership with our heavenly Father has caused you to feel not sadness, but joy over his being taken up to the Man in preparedness for them. As the years we can alleluia, in joy and submit to the wise of our Savior and feel that they do not know. My trip has been a wonderful one - I have come in closer contact with "my people" than ever before. Investigated the find the newspaper accounts of an soldier's death has absolutely false. I do not believe the news, nor to the Pittsburg Courier.
a poor Christian coloured man, hearing shots in his back yard and running that he had 5 children out there playing ran out to see what was the matter. Runs into a policeman who asks her if she has seen a damn negro man in here. She said, "I was in the house attending to my business." The officer then cursed her, called her a damn lying negro woman and said d---ce there at niggers J-B - an here you nigger, you can not be held down, you are trying to take the town. The policeman was hunting some crap shooters as he called the woman, kicked her in the back & when another one came up in answer to a "real whistle." just think of it. The solidier passing, was asked by civilians to stop the saw the U.S. uniform & imbarked them, then they their attention to the sickly, who had not even surfaced, I reach home - I expect to be home in a couple of weeks of nothing present, weather here is balmy, blessed indeed, I trust that you are feeling refreshed. Have feeling for taking off the tension has my ill for several days. In war. Have been ready for hard work. Trust that the matter will soon be better. Best wishes, Mrs. A. Talbert

Very sincerely yours, [Signature]
Mrs. Mary B. Talbert,
President of the Women's National Club of America.

Dear Madam:—

It was my good pleasure to hear you on last night, I was greatly benefited with your words of uplift to our women. Your lecture gave me new thoughts, new hope, and a greater determination to do more uplift work for both MEN and WOMEN of the African Race. I cannot see you in any other light, other than God's gift to uplift our women, and I know for one, shall thank him for it, all good gifts comes from God.

For the above cause which you represent, I am sending you two books, (Complimentary) of which I am the author. The large book was published by me alone, the little book was published by a company I have organized; see page 28 to 31. No doubt you met my sister in Houston, Texas, in the person of Mrs. M.L. Jones, see her cut on page 28, Judge Lynch's Court in America; she, too, feel called upon to do club work among our women.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

E.L. Branch.

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Keep this letter for me, I go to Palestine tomorrow.

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Oct 23, 17

Dr. J. Edward Nash

64 Walnut St

Buffalo, N.Y. My dear friend,

your very kind and interesting letter

is just to hand and as you see

I am replying at once. First of all I

wish to thank you most heartily for

the good things which you have to say

of me. I shall try to see to it that my de-

portment shall be of such nature that

you may never have cause to regret the

expressions which your letter contained.

You seem to be at a lost to account

for my desiring your approval of my
my work here. Lots of our boys are in the army. By the way half of the col.
med Surgeons in the M.D. Army were trained in Meharry med col. The govern-
ment refuses no other other school in the country on such a record.
How is the Church. Sunday School and Congreg.? I think of you all more often
than you might imagine. Say, hello to little Henrietta and other of my friends there.
Pray for my success. Good Bye.
God bless you. your friend
Dela B. Taylor.
have not as yet discovered it, never
the less it is very true if I am any
judge, and I have reasons to think I am,
you are one of the greatest men of our
race. I have watched you for the last
just what
year, get up on the floor and speak
opinion of those who may have held dif-
ferent views, and yet in such a way that
they could never have thought you
wanted anything more than what is just
and right. But few men possess such rare
ability. The wonderful power of oppression
Choice diction and breadth of thought put you in the fore rank of the best speakers we have. I speak from the fullness of my heart, and I tell these folks down here about my pastor in Buffalo. Rev. Mr. Darrell, formerly of Toronto, is the new pastor of the 1st Baptist Church here. It seems to be a very fine man. The dedications exercised very great people here from N.Y., Phila., Chicago, Cincinnati, &c., &c., &c., of the city, were out in great numbers and money was pledged in hearty support of the school. I am getting a long time with the school.
Rev. J. Edward Nash, D.D.,
64 Walnut St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Brother Nash,

I am in receipt of your letter relative to Dr. King's death. Perhaps you have seen ere this that there was no funeral of Dr. King here in the south except a rather informal and very simple service in Christiansburg where he died.

It was his own wish that there be no service here and that his body even be not brought here if he died away from Richmond, and his son carried out these wishes as he understood them.

Dr. King was visiting a former student, Rev. George Reavis, for the purpose of making a brief address or delivering the sermon at the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the church. It was one of the colored churches established by Dr. King's old friend Capt. Sheaffer, a northern white man who came down to Virginia and took great interest in the colored people. Dr. King reached the town Saturday afternoon, went immediately to the hotel in a weak condition and never left his bed, dying Monday afternoon. He had the best of care from nurses and physician and died very much the way that I imagine he would wish to die, in the midst of service for the people for whom he worked.

You know Dr. King had been very poorly for eight or nine months past, twice being on the point of death as it seemed. He expected to go at any time and had given very full instructions both to his son Harry and to me as to his funeral, etc.
We plan to have a memorial service at commencement time, at which time a fine oil painting of Dr. King will be unveiled. I hope you will plan to be here at that time.

If your church is able to do anything to help us in this dreadful hard year for the school, we would appreciate it. I do not know how we shall be able to pay our coal and food bills with everything from 50% to 100% higher than formerly and with very little more income than usual.

With kind regards and best wishes for your success, I am,

Very truly yours,

George Rice Hovey
Hyattsville, Md.
10-29-1917.

Reverend Brother Nash:

Yours was a great surprise and yet it was not.

I feel as if the fortress, my strong tower to the south of me, has been removed. It is the Lord. Let Him do what seemeth Him good.

I shall he extremely busy until Nov. 15th. After which time I hope to reply to your kind letter.

Thought I'd scribble this now so let you know how very much I appreciate your thoughts of Dr. King. Bishop Johnson went July 31st. They gave him a wonderful funeral. I pray you will be extremely careful of your health and that many, many years of usefulness shall be yours et. He buried our pastor, Rev. Dr. Mills last Thursday.

Yours in His name,

Nellie A. Plummer.
REPORT
OF THE
Fiftieth Anniversary
OF
St. Paul's Baptist Church

BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND
MAY 3, 1917
RECEIPTS.

Orchestra Music, Donated by Bro. Robt. F. Plummer ........................ $ 20.00
160 Souvenir Programs .......................................................... 15.00
20 Souvenir Programs, Bro. Charles T. Mitchell ......................... 2.00
Church Aid Fund, per Deacon Broome ........................................ 28.00
Mr. Wm. O. Lee, Donation ..................................................... 3.00
Mr. Wm. Thomas, Donation .................................................... 50
Mr. Edward Gasch, Donation ................................................... 5.00
After-collection, Nov. 5, 1916 .................................................. 91
20 Programs to Sister Ellen Johnson, due .................................. 2.00
Balance of Expenses .................................................................. 6.26

Total, $ 77.67

EXPENDITURES.

Orchestra Music, Oct. 8, 1916 ................................................... $ 20.00
Hymnals .............................................................................. 11.70
Expressage ............................................................................ 47
Banners .................................................................................. 6.00
Memorial Names ..................................................................... 2.00
200 Souvenir Programs ........................................................... 35.00
500 Circulars ........................................................................ 2.50

Total, $ 77.67

To the glory of God, and in loving memory of our Golden Jubilee, 50th Anniversary or Semi-Centennial.

NELLIE A. PLUMMER, Chairman.

The loving kindness with which every one worked and sacrificed to make our Fiftieth Anniversary a success, cannot be estimated in dollars and cents!
The Lord, even our own God, showed His approval and blessing by overshadowing us with showers of the Holy Ghost, even six months before.

Yours, In His Name,

NELLIE ARNOLD PLUMMRR, Chairman.

May 3, 1917

OUR CHURCH HOME.

Oct. 19, 1866—Adam F. Plummer's house (3 years), Riverdale, Md.
1869 to 1870—Log Cabin, Anderson St., near R. R., Hyattsville, Md.
1870 to 1873—"The Rabbit Gum" (so small), Bladensburg, Md.
1873—Bought present Church property from white Presbyterians.
(Brick building, Baden Street, Bladensburg, Md.)
DEAR CHURCH:

It is our sincere prayer and wish that this committee of twenty-five shall stand, serving each succeeding Anniversary, from now until the Centennial of our beloved Church. That is, as soon as the place of one of these becomes vacant, may it be the duty of the Church at its next business meeting (or as soon as possible) to fill such vacancy.

This is done to the Glory of God, and for the purpose of winning precious souls for His Kingdom.

Yours in Everlasting Fellowship,

NELLIE ARNOLD PLUMMER,
Humble Chairman.
"SIMPLY TO THE CROSS I CLING."

B. L. Pendleton, Printer, 1316 You St. N. W.
Aunt Grace

The last two propositions I made you - no one has been able to carry through. I have done my best to remain the owner of your home. And since I saw you last and you would have no business dealings with me - I have had hopes of still being able to hold the place. But now the American Savings Bank is calling for their money and it is impossible for me longer to remain the owner of 90 Walnut St. I will do all in my power to help you get a favorable lease from the new owner and get things arranged as advantageous for yourself as possible.

James
Aunt Grace

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James
November 7, 1917

Mr. J. Edward Nash,
64 Walnut St., City

Dear Mr. Nash,

Please accept my thanks for your kind letter of November 7th and I want to assure you that I shall value your support during my administration and shall try to deserve it.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

George S. Buck
Proposition of Jas. T. Anderson so Mrs. Pendleton can save her homestead.

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The difference between the interest due Mrs. Pendleton on her mortgage and the rent due J.T. Anderson for the house to July 1917 is

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\text{Interest J.T. Anderson has in the homestead} = \text{Interest due Mrs. Pendleton} - \text{Rent due J.T. Anderson} = 135.80 - 135.80 = 0.00
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Jas T. Anderson will deed the place back to Mrs. Pendleton for $750.00. This can be handled in the following manner. The American Saving Bank has $800.00 due them. Mrs. Pendleton to take a mortgage from the Western Savings Bank for $1550.00 at 5% that will pay the American Saving Bank their $800 and Jas. T. Anderson his $750.

The homestead then belongs to Mrs. Pendleton. The interest on her mortgage will be $77.50. The rent from her rooms will pay the interest and the taxes.

J.T. Anderson also offers to look after any little repair work that needs to be done in the future, by seeing the carpenter does not slight his work and gives full value for the money he receives, for a woman can not climb upon a house like a man can.

As the homestead is now on the market for sale this offer must be accepted or rejected at once. If accepted the transfer must be made at once.

Jas T. Anderson
Hon. George S. Buck,
Erie County Bank Bldg.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

November 7th, 1917.

My dear Mr. Buck:-

I think I can safely say, representing the best element of the Afro-American people of this city, I ran in to inform you how elated we are, and to congratulate you upon the triumph of right in your election, and we wish even now to pledge to you our unreserved support during your administration.

I am,

Yours very truly,
Dehman, A. Y.
June 20, 1919.

Dear Brother Jack,

Accept the hearty congrat-
solations of Mrs. Fuller and myself
on this your twenty-fifth aniv-
sary at Michigan Street Church.

We have certainly appreciated
the fellowship we have had with
you and trust our Father will
bless you accordingly, abundantly upon
all you can ask or think.

My vacation which will be short
before this week and I have made
some engagements that I cannot
fairly break.

Will you kindly excuse me for
not being with you during the
Special service?

We know that you will have a delightful time and wish it at all possible we could be with you. We wish you joy and gladness because of service already rendered and also because of what your experience makes possible for you in future service. Nothing it seems to me brings such real joy to our hearts as the privilege of serving Him who sends us on the cross.

Yours in brotherly love,

Robert A. Fuller.
KEUKA COLLEGE AND COOK ACADEMY

Z. A. SPACE, D. D.
Endowment Treasurer
Keuka Park, N. Y.

December 26, 1917.

My dear Dr. Nash:

We are very grateful to have received your pledge of fifty dollars for the Endowment Fund of Keuka College and Cook Academy. It is such co-operation that makes great things possible for our denomination. I note that you have made your first installment of ten dollars on this pledge due January 1, 1918.

If you will kindly mail me check or post office order, I will receipt to same.

Very truly yours

[Signature]

Michigan St. Baptist Church
Rev. J. Edward Nash, Pastor
Buffalo, N. Y.

MYRON W. HAYNES, D. D.
Endowment Secretary
KING COTTAGE
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

RICHMOND, VA. July 11 1867

Dear Mr. Nash:

Thanks for invitation and your excellent picture. I could not understand why an invitation did not come to me as well as to Dr. Hovey and Dr. Smock. I think you must have had a thoroughly good time and the best of it all was that you richly deserved it. If you have not Dr. Good's Edition of Stubs I want to send you a copy; have you it?

Have you noticed the young home of dear brother Draper over to J. Hackley? They will be greatly missed, but that is a better rest in theirs.

We are rather busy with ourselves and the summer school. Must you have not been able to decide upon leaving college for a vacation. I feel that
The times are uncertain - we do not
know what a week or even a day may
bring forth. Here I can watch the signs
of the passing days, and help a little if
needed. The Red Cross has my sympathy.
I tremble for our soldiers who are to
go into the thickest of the fight we long,
and who can tell what terrible Germany
may attempt to bring upon us? But the
end is in our side and through the
depth waters may be before us there is a
Hand that will lead us safely through them.
Let us add to our faith - kindle anew our goal and press right forward toward
the promised land.

I hope you are as well today and
good as you look in the picture that came
yesterday. I think I will frame you and hang
you in the chapel.

Blessings be on you in your
all about you. Your truly & still Mollie
V. R. R.
Richmond, Va.
April 3, 1873

Dear Mr. Nash:

Just a moment this morning while I thank you for your interesting letter. Your case ever sympathetic. I cannot tell you of the joy your course in Buffalo had given me. But know you have won by your Manly, Christian course as a minister and as a citizen. The respect shown you at the Sunday meetings must have gladdened you.

We all have our trials and our regrets, but if we cast our cares on the burden bearer, all will be well in the end.

I am rejoiced to hear...
Of the success of the Sunday meetings; they have found a place in my prayers.

You speak of my coming to see you in June. What do you wish me to do? You will not need me, and I ought not to come just to gratify my desire to have face to face fellowship with you.

I shall be glad to see you here though I expect not in the most cheerful mood over the way the year is closing. Let me be the most interested, the most quiet unmentioned friend of the school. Our best reward for effort put forth to do good is found in our sentiments, and in the fruits we see maturing. Certainly I have aimed to be helpful in all this most
need work - the results tell
the story.

You will be glad to know
that large additions have
been made to all our City
Churches through the recent
evangelistic services. Five of
our students have been added
to the First St. church. Now I think
all our boarding students paper
to be Christians.

I am rejoiced to learn that
you are in better health; do be
careful and not allow the
warm places to appear in
any of your nerves.

Many of our former students
are having large additions to
their churches. I could write
an interesting book, all
about the good work being
done.
But I did not take my
my pen for a real letter

to you this morning—I just
me to write out my good

and congratulations.

Heaven bless you still

more abundantly,

yours all the time

G. B. King
KING COTTAGE
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

RICHMOND, VA., July 4th, 1867

Dear Mr. Nash,

I learn indirectly that you have had an anniversary week and I hope you great joy in all the exercises. What wonderful years you have had! How many gracious tokens of the Divine favor have blessed you! You have shown tact, patience and faith, and though I may be late in my congratulations, I trust you will receive them as coming from a sincere friend and brother. If I had known the exact date, I should have been on time. Mr. Henry and Professor Simpson told me they were invited to your other friends in congratulations. Surely you have done a noble work and deserve great praise and honor.

We had a pleasant anniversary week. A good number of former students were here, and it was an inspiration to see the seniors coming home from their rich harvest.
fields.
Let us rejoice in the prosperity of all
these years - take courage and press on to
still greater victories.

Just now, our summer school is
in session, and I try to make myself
useful. My summer is not blocked out
- perhaps I shall not be away from this
cottage and its associations, except
for a few days, now and then.

Will you be at home through August?
Tell me about the progress made
in your church, and in the churches
about you.

Again I say most heartily accept
congratulations, and believe me to be
always your friend and brother.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Volney P. Kinne
Buffalo

December 10th, 1917.

Dear Brother:

In sending out the apportionments for the general work of the Buffalo Baptist Union for the year beginning November 1st, 1917, we wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for all loyal and generous support for this work which God has so signally blessed, and which is so fundamental for us here and for all our efforts elsewhere.

In past years we have not apportioned to the churches an amount sufficient for our needs, and as a result it has been necessary to secure an additional sum each year by special appeals.

This year it has seemed best to ask the churches to increase their contributions so that no special appeal will be necessary for the maintenance of the regular work of the Union. If the churches will meet their apportionments on this new basis, we will be able to use any additional funds which may be secured for the enlargement of our work.

We believe this plan will commend itself to every church as the thing that should be done, and we sincerely trust that each of our churches will make a special effort to pay in the amount apportioned to it.

We are asking your church to take as its apportionment this year the sum of $100.00.

The needs of the city call for a great deal more than this but, if the churches will fully care for what work we are now doing, a real forward step will have been taken and will make possible an advance along other lines.

Very sincerely yours,

Volney P. Kinne
Chairman Finance Committee

Lucius N. Stickel
President Buffalo Baptist Union

To the Michigan Ave. Church.
Mr. J. Edward Nash,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Nash:-

I wish to thank you for forwarding the petitions with relation to the outrages committed in East St. Louis. I wish to assure you of my entire sympathy with the attitude you take and of my desire to cooperate in every way to punish those responsible for the criminal acts committed and also to enact such legislation as will prevent the recurrence of this national disgrace.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Charles B. Smith
Miss Edith F. Tompkins extends to Dr. Nash her heartiest congratulations. She sincerely hopes his success will continue for the next twenty-five years.

June 28, 1917
1917

Dear Brother Nash,

Please accept my hearty congratulations to you on this the twenty-fifth anniversary of your marriage to the Michigan St. Baptist Church. May God bless you and your church so that when you celebrate your golden anniversary it will be with a larger membership, a larger church building, and a greater influence for God in the city of Buffalo.

Very sincerely yours,

D. J. Davies
Rev. Jesse Nash D.D.
Pastor Michigan Ave Baptist Church, Buffalo N.Y.
1915

My dear Dr. Nash:

I am profoundly grateful to you for the honor of an invitation to the 25th anniversary of your pastorate as a church to which I owe more than any organization on earth.

It was upon that sacred spot I got my best understanding of Jesus and His love. It was my mother's church and I have never forgotten it, and then Providence interlinked your life and mine and made me instrumental in pointing the way to higher and nobler things. No man has been the success of the hundreds that I
That you have accomplished the impossible and by your incorruptible life and sterling qualities have stood as God's representative in a great wicked city, you not only have won the respect of all classes of citizens in Buffalo but no man stands higher than you in the councils of your denomination among negro Baptists. God has blessed you because you have been faithful. I thank you for this invitation and these pictures both of yourself and the edifice and these names, that mean so much to me. I regret I cannot be present but am at Freedman's Hospital suffering every minute with a bone tumor, so you see under what strain I am.
I'm writing. I am improving but will be in another month. Write me.

God bless you and Michy and the Baptist Church and may you live to gather another twenty-five years.

Yours as Ever

William Johnson

Nov 1439.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of COLORED WOMEN
Office of the Treasurer

Nashville, Tennessee December 10, 1914

This is an acknowledgement of your letter containing $5.00 for the Douglas Memorial Fund, to be used by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of COLORED WOMEN as designated.

Accept our thanks:

Christian Advocate College

Nettie Bourbon Carter
Treasurer
115 East Adams Street
Bryan, Kansas
Oct 15, 1917

My Dear Ben Wash,

64 Walnut Ave
Buffalo
N. Y.

My Dear Sir: Will you be so kind as to inform me whether Mr. Quarten at Harrall's Quarten is at your house and is his wife and how is he making it
it must be quite hard for him please let me hear from you the reverent mr willson gave me your address

please address as on the first sheet
i must close good

by from a friend peter mcquarten
705 Cherry St., N. Y.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dec. 14, 1847

Dear Dr. Hack,

You may know by this I am well and happy.

Some time ago your letter was duly read. Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary. You are one of special characters of to-day in the American pulpit.

Man may who can fill one pulpit consecutively for a quarter of a century deserves more than passing notice. May it be your pleasure, if it is the will of Jehovah to
continue year will begin at this place for another 2 hrs.

I am now entering upon my third year work at this place. In my judgment I am doing well.

This church was a gift to the colored people by a wealthy white man in connection with a college - Every college - During Mr. Prager's lifetime the church had full privilege but after his death the trustees of the college usurped all the right of the church. The church under his various preachers made several attempts to regain their right but failed. I have been watching the situation for years and
promised myself if ever I got
an opportunity came here I
would thoroughly investigate
the condition and find out for
sure the true state of
the church.

To make a long story
short, for the last two years
or rather one year ago I enter
a suit in the Court of Common
Pleas or Court of Equity.

In the month of October
we succeed in winning our
suit. The Grey college that
had failed went out of existence
and the church came in
possession of the buildings.
The court decided to the church
property valued at $7,000 or
one hundred thousand dollars.
I have just moved in and taken charge. We shall now do Institutional Church work.
I have plenty of room.
The parsonage is right in the buildings, heat, light and bath.
I have my property rented for $25 a few months.
So you see I consider myself well fixed for service.
Mrs. Taylor & Gladys are delighted with the situation.
My son is walking and talking.
You ought to see him.
Hope you are well & happy.
Come to see us when you can.
My family wishes to be kindly remembered to you. Remember me to enquiring friends.
With love, your friend,