Dear Rev King:

I cannot forgo the pleasure of saying, again, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your rich and challenging contribution to the program of our St Louis Meeting.

The delegates were profoundly impressed. What your message did to their thinking and to their faith is "bread cast upon the water" that will be seen day by day in their good works in their communities.

Letters are pouring in telling me how grateful they are for the greatest meeting they ever attended.

I agree with them. The St Louis Meeting was certainly the best we have ever held. The lift and the vision that the delegates got from the early morning classes, the glorious worship, the challenging messages, the rich special feature programs and the soul stirring music, seem to have sent them forth determined to attempt greater things for God and to expect greater things from Him.

As a result, we begin our 1954–55 Conventional year with every assurance that our entire constituency will join us in making the entire program of the Woman's Convention a glory to God on earth.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours

[signed]
Nannie H Burroughs, President

NHB/b

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From Estelle Jackson

24 September 1954
Roxbury, Mass.

Jackson may have been the proprietor of Mrs. Jackson’s Western Lunch Box, a restaurant where King and other black students often ate.

Hello Rev. King,

We thought that by this time we would at least get a card from you. The children misses you and there wondering if you got home safe to your wife after that awfull storm we had. But I explained to them that your very busy trying to get your church going. We pray for your success, and we just know
you'll make cause your a sincere person. I just know your wife is happy to have you back home. We do hope to meet her someday. The Hurrican we had that day left us without lights for almost a week. The second storm we had the same thing happened. But we can thank God we're all safe. I'll have the children write to you. So far theres been two mails for you. We're in hopes to hear from both of you. Must come to an end. God Bliss Both {of} you. Love from the children

Sincerely
[signed] Mrs. Estelle Jackson

ALS. MLKP-MBU: Box 117.

To Samuel D. Proctor

[October 1954]
[Montgomery, Ala.]

King invites Proctor, a fellow graduate of Crozer and Boston, to speak at Dexter's Spring Lecture Series on the general theme “The Relevance of the New Testament to the Contemporary Situation.” Proctor agreed to lecture on 27–29 April 1955.¹

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, Vice-President
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Proctor:

I am in the process of setting up my program for the coming church year. In my recommendations to the church, I suggested that we have a Spring Lecture Series. I am seeking to make this an annual event at which time I will attempt to bring some of our best minds to Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, to discuss some of the major doctrines and issues of the Christian Faith. I need not remind you that most church people are appallingly ignorant at this point. This will be the first time that such a series has been attempted at Dexter, but I am sure that with the right speaker, it can be worked into one of the most significant events of the church year.

I know of no one who is more qualified to initiate this series than you. So I am extending the invitation to you to serve as our lecturer for the series. The series will cover a period of three nights, April 27, 28, 29, 1955 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), and I would like for you to stay over and preach for the 11 o'clock service the 1st Sunday in May. I would like to make the general theme for this series “The Relevance of the New Testament to the Contem-

¹. See Proctor to King, 28 October 1954, MLKP-MBU: Box 117.