2 November 1954
Roxbury, Mass.

The Reverend Martin L. King, Jr.
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church
Dexter Avenue at Decatur Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Rev. King:

This is in reply to your letter dated, October 26. We shall be very happy to have you preach for us the Second Sunday in November.

We are glad to learn your work is going very well, and you have a cooperative congregation.

Trusting you and Mrs. King are enjoying the best of health, I am

Respectfully yours,
[signed]
Rev. William H. Hester

TLS. MLKP-MBU: Box 117.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project

To Melvin H. Watson

2 November 1954
[Montgomery, Ala.]

Writing two days after his installation as pastor, King thanks Watson for his comments on the "Recommendations" and invites him to preach Dexter's Seventy-eighth Anniversary sermon on 12 December. Watson accepted.¹

Dr. Melvin Watson, Dean
School of Religion
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Watson:

Our Church Anniversary will be observed at the 11 o'clock service the 2nd Sunday in December, 1954. I would like to invite you to serve as our guest

¹. See Watson to King, 12 November 1954, MLKP-MBU: Box 117.
preacher for that occasion. I am sorry that this invitation comes rather late, but there has been some question in my mind as to whether or not we would celebrate our anniversary this year. However, I have decided to go ahead with it.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible concerning this matter so that we can proceed with our arrangements.

I received your most cordial letter concerning my recommendations. I assure you that all of your observations were well taken. The program has gotten off to a good start. The difficult task will come about in implementing the ideas that are now on paper.

I hope everything goes well with you. Give my best regards to the madam and the children. Coretta sends her regards.

With every good wish. I remain

Sincerely yours,

M. L. King, Jr.

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From Paul Tillich

3 November 1954
Aberdeen, Scotland

Tillich and King were never able to meet to discuss King's dissertation.

Dear Mr. King,

Your letter has reached me at Aberdeen, Scotland where I am delivering the Gifford Lectures. I shall not be at Harvard before Fall, 1955, but I shall be in Chicago next January and in New York, Union Theological Seminary, from February to June, 1955.

I would, of course, to have a talk with you about your thesis.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]
Paul Tillich.

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From Benjamin Elijah Mays

4 November 1954
Atlanta, Ga.

Mays asks King to contribute $200 to Morehouse College through Dexter. King included a contribution of that amount in the church budget.