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I

sent to Carl Hutton
700 East
Nashville, Tenn

May 12, 1953

Dear Brethren:

I am in receipt of your letter postmarked May 8. The Board of the Nashville Christian Institute merely asked me to investigate the St. Cecelia property as we had understood the property could be bought at quite a bargain.

I also checked on the progress the Negroes had made in moving out your way, and judging from the information which I received they will be crowding you out within the next ten or fifteen years.

I, personally, would not be interested in doing anything that my brethren objected to. I hope that is the way our Board feels about it, too. Of course, this is a question that we all have to answer to our Lord.

Yours fraternally

A. M. Burton

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May 31, 1962

Mr. A. M. Burton
5050 Hillsboro Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Brother Burton:

As you know, we have been trying to purchase the property at 2413 Herman Street. This is a much needed piece of property. We need it very badly to enlarge our playground area.

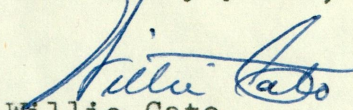
We have signed a contract and have paid money, as our good intention to purchase. The purchase price is \$1,650.00.

I am trying to raise the money with which to purchase this property. All of the teachers and students at Nashville Christian Institute are giving on this project. I am calling on various friends of the school to give. People who have given before will be giving again, in order that we may buy this lot.

We cannot fail. We must be able to go through with this transaction, since the owner has finally agreed to sell.

I am writing each one of the board members. I know that you will want to give. You have done many good things for us throughout the years, for which we are grateful. We know that you will help us again. Please accept our thanks in advance for your gift.

Gratefully yours,


Willie Cato

WC:cw

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• NASHVILLE 1, TENNESSEE

December 13, 1962

Mr. A.M. Burton,
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Brother Burton:

Your letter with letter from Artesia, Miss., was received yesterday. I am glad to know that you are still interested in Mississippi. I shall be glad to pass the letter to the elders of Hillsboro church.

Hillsboro has already made some contribution to this church, I think. I know Brother Richardson has been trying to help them some. Artesia is a small community between Columbus and Starkville. The membership of the church there is largely made up of women and children. I preached for them one Sunday while in a meeting last summer in West Point.

Mississippi is still a mission field, where six or more can be baptized while one is baptized in the big cities. Yet the cry is today, "put your money where it will do the most." Seems to me they preach one thing and do something else. Southern Mississippi has hardly been touched.

In the last few years I have had a little part in getting Madison church, Hillsboro, Granny White and Highland in Memphis interested in Mississippi. Hillsboro is supporting a man in Grenada, and another partly in Eupora. But there is a constant pull to send all the money to the big cities or abroad.

I was at a meeting recently when some brethren were asking for funds to build a college in Nigeria. I hope they succeed, but it made me burn inside to see how they worked for a foreign project and right here in Nashville we should have a college for Negroes. And the possibility is you could not get a nickle from any of them to build one here.

While I am on the subject, I would like to suggest that you brethren at Lipscomb consider seriously the idea of putting an extension school at Nashville Christian Institute, and give the bright boys and girls an opportunity to get some college work.

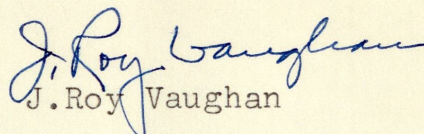
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When you send these Negro boys to Pepperdine for college work they are no longer any good for preaching in the South. We need to train Negro boys in the South. And the Lord knows the Negroes need some, at least a few college trained men. When Keeble is gone what will they do?

Seems to me Lipscomb could let some of their teachers go over there a day or two a week and give some college courses for those who are able to take them. And as a rule there are a few each year who could do college work. If they can do it at Pepperdine, they can do it in Nashville.

I go to Mississippi every summer for a meeting or two, and I enjoy the work there more than anywhere. The churches in Mississippi are making some progress but slowly.

Sincerely,


J. Roy Vaughan

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South Side Church of Christ

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May 15, 1964.

Dear Bro. Burton:

I submit "A R E P O R T."

A REPORT TO ONE I LOVE, BRO. AM M. BURTON ABOUT ONE WHOM WE BOTH LOVE, A GREAT GOSPEL PREACHER, BRO. MARSHALL KEEBLE.

Our auditorium only seats 400, but last night we had 700 out to hear Bro. Keeble. 100 were in chairs in the auditorium and 200 were in the basement listening over a specially installed loud speaker. IT WAS THE MOST PEOPLE EVER TO ASSEMBLE AT SOUTH SIDE FOR ANYTHING, and they were not dissappointed. BRO. KEEBLE WAS AT HIS BEST. I'VE HEARD HIM FOR 35 YEARS (I'm only 48) AND I NEVER HEARD HIM BETTER. HE PREACHED 45 minutes.

The boys Richard Rose Age 15, and Dewayne Winrow age 11 were fine as was Bro. Cato is speaking in behalf of the school, but EVERYONE CAME TO HEAR "THE GREATEST COLORED PREACHER IN THE WORLD" and perhaps, "THE GREATEST PREACHER OF ANY RACE" and he did not dissappoint them.

I personally know of the great H E L P you have been to Bro. Keeble in a financial way, and I love you for it.

Burton

Bro. ~~Keeble~~ we couldn't have accomodated 10 more people. Some did leave when they couldn't sit in the auditorium. The service was scheduled to start at 7:30PM and cars were here at 6PM. The people anted to get a seat.

Oh yes, 28 congregations were represented. One came from 75 miles away, may from , many from ~~300~~ 30 miles away.

I suppose, this was the greatest gathering for the church in the HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS. Well, I know it for a fact. I checked this story out, AND IT IS TRUE.

Thank you again for everything.

Yours in Christ,

Oliver C. Cunningham

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1921 TENTH AVENUE, N.

Mr. A. M. Burton
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bro. Burton:

It has been brought to our attention that you have intentions of purchasing the St. Cecilia Academy property, for the purpose of using it as a school for Negroes.

We do not question your purchase of this property or any other property. However as elders of this congregation and residents of this community we view with concern the use of this property as a center for Negroes.

There are five white congregations of the Church of Christ in this vicinity. When word of your intended use of this property becomes known to the public there will be a severe reaction of protest and great bitterness in case you should go through with your plans. We feel that our congregation and also the others would be crippled in a short time because of the loss of much of our present membership and the hostility of the public to the Church of Christ (white or colored) if this Negro school were established.

We want you to understand that our opposition is not personal. We would oppose the present owners or any successors thereto if they should attempt the establishment of a Negro project. We wish to commend you for the many good works you have done; for your interest in the colored people; and we sincerely hope and pray that God will give you many more years to live and labor. However we feel that the placing or enlarging of such a school as you propose in an area where colored people completely live and predominate would be much better for all parties concerned.

In the event that you desire to talk with us in the future we the elders meet each Monday night in the church study at 7:30 p.m. or we would try to arrange a meeting under other conditions.

Sincerely,

The Twelfth Avenue Church of Christ

By Elders *Frank J. Orndorff*
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