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Rev. dear Sir,

Per favor, I have just received a letter from Mr. John B. Smith, of Philadelphia, expressing his interest in the education of the children of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been delayed in sending his acknowledgment of the funds which he has contributed to the cause, due to some unforeseen circumstances.

I have long wished to have some of the children of St. John's in my school, and I am glad to endorse the hope that my wishes may be realized. Should it be possible to send me some pupils, please inform me in order that I may make preparations for them.

I will cheerfully bear their travel expenses and give the annual pension you demand.

With regard to the several questions proposed to me for collection, 1st Pet. 1st Pet. 1st Pet., I should prefer having the two sizes separated, yet when there are no means of teaching the girls separately, it would be hard to deprive them of the benefit of education for the cause.
I wish strict vigilance on the part of the teacher all the difficulties on this head might be obviated. They might be taught in the same school with boys.

2. Where parents are able to pay for their children's education I think they ought to do so, leaving those poor who are too poor to pay.

3. I am decidedly of the opinion that this public institute should not be confined to any one place but that it should be spread as widely as possible. convinced that the most beneficial results will follow from it.

A letter at your first lecture informing me whether I may hope to have some of those good Brothers will much oblige me.

I am

Very dear Sir,

your old friend

+Richard Pius Miles+