

# Charities

January 4th, 1921.

Mr. N. W. Collier,  
Florida Normal and Industrial Institute,  
St. Augustine, Florida.

Dear Mr. Collier :

I have yours of the 2nd and contents noted. I like to make donations to institutions of your kind whenever I have extra funds. Unfortunately I have been doing a great deal of building here lately and then the financial depression has made business very dull in our line. It may be some time before I again have any extra funds - but it won't do any harm for you to drop me a note annually - and some of these days you will probably find me able to send you some kind of a check.

Yours very truly,

CGF:R

## Florida Normal and Industrial Institute

Box 725

St. Augustine, Florida  
January 2, 1922

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Mr. Fisher :-

At a recent meeting of our Board, you were unanimously elected a member of our Advisory Board of Trustees. This position carries with it, no obligation on your part; other than your willingness to advise us from time to time as occasion and opportunity present themselves, as to plans for the furtherance of the work. You doubtless have friends who would count it a privilege to help in the important work we are doing, providing free training, for hundreds of Colored boys and girls in this section in the Southland, who otherwise might perhaps, become a charge, rather than an asset upon their several communities.

Your wonderful success as a business man and large experience in financial plans and business matters, will I am sure, if you accept, prove of untold benefit to the institution in building up a great industrial school for Colored boys and girls at this point.

Under the date of April 7th, you wrote me as follows: "Replying to yours of the 29th- I will be very glad to donate \$1000. to your colored farm, but cannot do it this year. Am not sure, but think I can next year. Please write me at that time."

In compliance with above suggestion I am writing to let you know that we are very much in need of help for the farm at this time and would very much appreciate it, if we might have said donation at the earliest possible moment.

Thanking you in advance for a favorable reply, and for the deep interest you manifest in the important work we are doing here for humanity, I am

Faithfully yours,

NWC/CLF

*N. W. Collier*



The St. Augustine National Bank  
St. Augustine, Florida.

G. B. LAMAR, President

April 5th 1921

Mr. Carl Fisher,

Miami, Florida

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Professor N. W. Collier, head of the Florida Normal & Industrial Institute, a negro institution, advised me that through the intercession of a friend, you have promised to contribute \$1,000 each year for a certain period, toward the maintenance of his institution.

I have been deeply interested in this institution, not only because I think it means a great deal to the young of Collier's race, but particularly because of my admiration and sympathy for, and confidence in, Collier himself, who is a negro of unusual type and just the kind whose precept and example are needed to inspire his people to a higher appreciation of their duty.

It has been a pleasure to me to be of some assistance to Collier, and I want to thank you for your generous assistance.

Just at this time he is busily engaged endeavoring to raise \$15,000 for the specific purpose of retiring the mortgage for that amount on about three hundred acres of land which he purchased without, I think, proper consideration, certainly without the advice of those most interested in him and in his institution. If he is successful in raising this sum it will automatically

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release \$18,000 or \$19,000 held for in the Rockefeller Fund, and I merely want to say, if you are in position to know of any friends of the Negro who might be interested in this work, I would very greatly appreciate it if you would put me in touch with them. Your name of course is well known to all Floridians, and your wonderful accomplishments in Miami are the envy of every other town in Florida.

I would like to have the pleasure of meeting you, and if by any chance you are in St. Augustine on a visit I hope you will give me the chance of making your acquaintance.

With renewed thanks for your generosity to Collier, I am with respect

Faithfully yours,



GBL-D

P. S. - Collier has pledged to the amount of about \$8,000 towards his Mortgage Fund- but is having hard sledding.-



*Shaw*  
April 6, 1921.

Mr. G. B. Lamar,  
The St. Augustine National Bank,  
St. Augustine, Fla.

My dear Mr. Lamar:

Replying to yours of  
April 5th - I want to help Mr. Cclier when-  
ever I can, but I told him I could not do it  
this year. I have on hands just all I can  
possibly handle at this time. !

Very truly yours,



The St. Augustine National Bank  
St. Augustine, Florida.

G. B. LAMAR, President

April 9th 1921

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Your very kind letter of the 6th is received. I fully understand that you have your hands full, not only now but all the time. Your name is a synonym for all that is progressive, active and generous. I have often wished we had a man like you here, who would help develop or take the lead in developing our resources, in which connection I wish you would bear in mind if you ever discover anyone who would like to develop the finest beach on the Atlantic Coast (not even barring Daytona) we have it. Any amount of land which can be bought for a song, and which with a little development would sell rapidly, as the territory is easily accessible - it is only a question of getting the right start to make a wonderful resort.

Thanking you again for your promised kindness to Collier, and reminding you that I would like to have the pleasure of making your acquaintance, I am

Cordially yours,

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Florida



*Personal*

August 10, 1922.

Warden E. J. Fogarty,  
Box 41,  
Michigan City, Indiana.

Dear Warden:

I have received a letter from Mrs. Bettie Horton, Otto Batsel's mother, asking that I say a few kind words if possible for Otto. She says he is to have his case up this coming month and would like an expression from those under whom he worked there at the prison.

Now you know what I think of Otto and I am almost sure you feel the same way about him. I consider him one of the most conscientious men in his work in the institution. During the months he worked under me he lead all the others and could do anything required to be done and do it well and above all else did it willingly. I never saw him angry, never heard him utter an unkind word about anyone and never heard him complain about his food or surroundings. He seemed contented to go along in good spirits hoping that some time good luck would come his way and they would let him go home. If the State feels he has paid sufficiently for his mitake of years ago I feel confident he will safeguard any trust the Pardon Board may place in him.

I do trust I have not offended you by writing this letter in Otto's behalf.

Yours very truly,



# Florida Normal and Industrial Institute

Box 725

St. Augustine, Florida January 27, 1923

Mr. Carl Fisher,  
Miami, Fla.

\$500

Dear Mr. Fisher :-

Year before last you were kind enough to pledge our Field Agent, Rev. L. V. Johnson, \$1000. for our farm. Last year you wrote us, responding to our request for payment, that on account of poor investment returns you would defer payment until this year.

We are in great distress just now with our farm, because of the condition of our fences. We have what is known as a free cattle range in this County, and the wild hogs have found the weak places in our fences, and are breaking in at will, making it impossible for us to plant our best land. Our case is absolutely hopeless, unless you come to our relief right now.

We shall need 10,000 ft. of hog proof wire fencing, and a few other implements, which your donation will provide immediately. Do help us now.

We are planning a five thousand dollar crop on our farm, and unless we get this money with which to provide the hog proof wire fencing, our farm for this year, will be a complete failure. If not convenient to send the entire amount just now, send half, and the balance within the next six or twelve months.

Please make check payable to Mr. G. B. Lamar, our Treasurer, who is President of the St. Augustine National Bank, St. Augustine, Florida.

Gratefully and faithfully yours,

N. W. Collier, Principal.

NWC/CLF

*Return to  
me - I have a letter  
MCC*

February 2, 1923.

Florida Normal and Industrial Institute,  
Box 725,  
St. Augustine, Fla.

Attention Mr. H.W. Collier.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 27th. Enclosed please find my check for \$500.00, as a half payment on my subscription.

I hope this will help you out and keep the hogs from eating up your crop.

Very truly yours,

Carl G. Fisher.

CGF-MEC

February 7th, 1923.

Mr. N. W. Collier, Principal,  
Florida Normal and Industrial Institute,  
St. Augustine, Fla.

My dear Mr. Collier:

I have yours of the 5th. I am sure we will be glad to again hear your quartet of singers.

We wish to put on a special program at my house for these singers, also at the Flamingo Hotel and the Miami Beach Casino. I would like to make some personal arrangement with you that these singers would serenade the Lincoln Hotel.

We have two other hotels here, namely, the Marlborough and the Wofford, also the Alton Road Apartments, which would be very glad to have a serenade from your singers.

When you arrive here, please get in touch with me so that I may arrange a tentative program.

Very truly yours,

Carl G. Fisher.

CGF-MEC

NATHAN W. COLLIER, Principal

G. B. LAMAR, Treasurer

## Florida Normal and Industrial Institute

Box 725

*Charities*

St. Augustine, Florida April 16, 1923.

Mr. Carl Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher :-

Your highly esteemed favor of recent date, enclosing your check for \$200. for the Florida normal and industrial institute to cover your pledge of even amount, has been received. Please find receipt enclosed, and accept our sincere thanks for same.

We are exceedingly anxious to have you visit us, and see for yourself what is being accomplished with the money that you have contributed from time to time.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours gratefully,



N. W. Collier, Principal.

NWC/F  
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Charities

AUG 24 1928

Miami, Fla.,.....

Carl G. Fisher

Endorser

Note of Boys Preparatory School of Indianapolis, Ind

for \$ 15,150.00 will be due AUG 31 1928

Your name appears as endorser on this note and we would ask that you give same your attention.

Remarks.....

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

W. W. Culbertson, Cashier.



# Edward Waters College

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

*Personal*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

AN INSTITUTION  
OF  
THE NEGRO PEOPLE  
BY  
THE NEGRO PEOPLE  
FOR  
THE NEGRO PEOPLE  
FOSTERED BY  
THE GREATEST BODY  
OF  
ORGANIZED NEGROES  
IN THE WORLD

March 27th  
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Mr. Carl G. Fisher  
Miami Beach, Florida

My dear Sir:

On behalf of the students and teachers of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida, I desire to thank you for the contribution you made to our work thru the Presiding Elder of our Miami District, Rev. R. B. Brookins. We are laboring to bring this institution, entirely supported by voluntary contribution from the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Florida, up to the standard of accredited recognition. Your contribution will go a long way towards properly equipping our laboratories.

Trusting that when you passthu Jacksonville you will be able to peep in on us out onKings Road, I am, with gratitude and appreciation,

The Largest  
BOARDING SCHOOL  
For  
NEGRO BOYS and GIRLS  
in Florida  
Offers Courses From  
KINDERGARTEN  
through  
THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY

Well equipped  
for the teaching of  
SCIENCE  
HOUSEKEEPING  
PRINTING  
TAILORING  
MUSIC  
INSURANCE  
and  
SALESMANSHIP  
Strong Faculty  
of  
FIFTY ONE TRAINED  
MEN AND WOMEN

For the College,  
*John C. Wright*  
John C. Wright, President

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*Give me check  
for 1000.00  
to this school  
MCC*

*Ok donations*

HAMMERMILL  
BOND  
MADE IN U.S.A.

April 2nd, 1924.

Mr. John C. Wright,  
Edward Waters College,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

My dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a check for one thousand dollars,  
to help in your college.

If you have an organization here in Miami that is  
competent, I would like to make a similar donation  
here in Miami for a negro hospital. I think there  
is more need for a hospital here than any other place  
that I know of.

Yours very truly,

CGF-mc



*Personal*

April 2nd, 1924.

Dr. Furniss,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Sir:

I think there is a great need here for a colored hospital; and I don't know but that you might like this country, and could probably do better here than you would in the North.

If you want to come down and look the situation over, I will be very glad to stand your expenses; and, if you find a proper organization here that can build a hospital and can raise some money to do so, I will be glad to donate five thousand dollars to the building of same.

Let us hear from you.

yours very truly,

CGR-mc

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS  
80 MAIDEN LANE  
NEW YORK

*Charity*

June 11th 1925

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Port Washington, N.Y.

Dear Carl Fisher:

I have just heard from my sister-in-law in Lisle, Mrs. R.H. Edwards, and also thru Jack La Gorce, of your wonderful gift to the Happy Valley Home at Lisle, N.Y.

What you did pleases me very much, and dear old Jack is always putting in a good ear for someone else.

The work at Lisle is really wonderful; and the little kids who have been unfortunate in their birth, with no one to call on for help and assistance, are wrapped securely in the arms of my good brother Dick who graduated from Yale in 1901, and his good wife Anna Edwards. They do a wonderful work up there.

The many things that you are doing to make people happy and building beautiful places as you are down in Miami, this is another fine thing which is added to your long list of thoughts for others.

Command me at any time Carl, to do things for you.

Yours very cordially & sincerely,

Bill Edwards

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS  
80 MAIDEN LANE  
NEW YORK

W. H. Reed  
Evansville

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Miss Wade

Miami Beach, Fla

Aug 2 - 1925.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,

Dear Sir,

I have read with considerable interest, your announcements in the papers of a subdivision for negroes on the island south of the Government Cut.

I do not know what your plan for marketing this subdivision is, but I would like very much to handle the entire proposition on a commission basis.

I have had several years of business relations with the negroes of Miami and am fully qualified to handle a proposition of this kind. I have been a Real Estate broker for the past two years.

If interested, please communicate with me at once.

Very truly yours

R L Geiser

20. Ocean Drive

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Professional

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Aug. 13th, 1925.

Mr. R. L. Coiger,  
520 Ocean Drive,  
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Sir:

In replying to yours of the 2nd. We had no  
idea of subdividing the property south of  
the beach for the colored people. This  
is entirely a subdivision for docks and  
wharves. We loaned the colored people  
the beach there for the summer so that they  
might have some pleasure from the ocean  
during the warm months.

Yours very truly,

CGF-mc

25th - 5 p.m.

Wm. Coiger, Jr.

THE NASSAU HOSPITAL  
MINEOLA, NASSAU COUNTY  
NEW YORK

*Cherry*

August 3, 1926.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Port Washington, L. I.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

I acknowledge  
with thanks your letter of July  
30th enclosing your check No.  
5664 in the amount of \$1,000 in  
payment of your pledge to the  
Nassau Hospital Association in  
May 1925 which was due in May of  
1926.

Your interest  
and support is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Florence Pratt*

Mrs. Herbert Lee Pratt,  
President.



Boston News Bureau,

C. W. BARRON, MANAGER.  
30 KILBY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

*Charity*

On train from Miami to New York.  
April 6, 1928.

Mr. Carl Fisher,  
Lincoln Road,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Fisher:

I hope you have had time to look over those Coolidge pamphlets which I left at your office, and that you can find time to write me a line to the Boston News Bureau, 30 Kilby Street, Boston, telling me what appeal they make to your mind and pocket-book.

I am only a newspaper man, and if I should die tomorrow my estate would not foot up a million dollars, but as I have never seen such an opportunity as this for service to humanity, I am mortgaging myself for \$100,000 payable in four annual installments, and if it does not cost me twice this before I am through I shall be lucky.

I have recently secured five others to join me in subscriptions of \$100,000 each, and hope to have a million and a half before I go to the public, for I must insure the success of the Coolidge name.

I hope to raise several millions in the interest of the human ear.

Sincerely yours,

*C. W. Barron*



April 9, 1928.

Mr. C. W. Barron,  
30 Kilby Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Barron:

I have yours of the sixth. You are about two or three years late in hooking me for \$100,000. I am hooked now to four negro Y.M.C.A.'s, two Y.W.C.A.'s, three mountain colleges, the Riley Hospital in Indianapolis, three Salvation Army outfits. You have not a chance to hook me for the next three or four years -- until I get out of debt, and then I will join you.

Very truly yours,

CGF:T

**Boston News Bureau,**

C. W. BARRON, MANAGER.

30 KILBY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

Ritz-Carlton, New York.  
April 13, 1928.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Lincoln Road,  
Miami Beach, Fla.


My dear Fisher:

Thank you for your interesting  
letter of April 9th.

Please do not make any engagements ahead  
of me for three or four years hence. That will  
be just the time I will want your money.

Can I rely upon it for \$100,000 three or  
four years from now for the great cause of the  
Coolidge Fund and the human ear?

Very truly yours,



*C. W. Barron*

April 24, 1928.

Mr. C. W. Barron,  
50 Kilby Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Barron:

I have yours of the thirteenth. When I thought I had a lot of money, I made a lot of promises to hospitals, schools, and one thing and another, and I am digging up now about \$6,000. a month as a result of these promises. It will take the rack to get me into another one. However, in three or four years from now we will talk it over.

Hope to see you some time this summer at Montauk.

By the way, we have some of the greatest grazing land in America at Montauk for fine cows and I want to interest somebody down there who is financially able to put a good sized dairy there. We will furnish a site on a lease at a reasonable length of time and will furnish a lot of grazing land -- all that is necessary, for several years to come. All we want is good cattle and a fine clean dairy financially able to handle the situation. I thought perhaps you are in touch with the right kind of people who might be interested.

Very truly yours,

CGF:T

MARSHALL STILLMAN MOVEMENT  
(Alpheus Geer, Founder)

January 25, 1930.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher, M  
Miami Beach, Florida.

*Charles*

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your check for \$100 received today. I note that you make no mention whether or not you wish to join our Advisory Committee and I am taking the liberty of again bringing the matter to your attention.

In the fifteen years of our organization we have tried many experiences in the rehabilitation of men being released from penal institutions, and it is only in recent years that we have hit upon industrialization as the solution to this great problem.

You will no doubt be glad to hear that the report just issued by our first industrial unit, the Amazon Leather Goods factory, shows an increase in the year 1929 from \$180,000 to \$840,000. We have also started a fur factory, and are receiving the cooperation of leading merchants throughout the United States. We are most optimistic regarding its future.

As we have a waiting list of 500 who desire employment, it is essential that we open additional units in the near future, and for this reason we want to proceed very carefully under the direction of our advisory Committee upon whose mature and seasoned judgment we can rely.

We therefore have invited a selected list of men, yourself included, to join this Committee so that we can obviate the mistakes that all too frequently occur in experiments of this nature.

Be assured that there is no obligation in joining this Committee. We will keep you advised as to our progress and we will be guided solely by the decision of the Advisory Committee, the majority of whose names appear on this letterhead.

We need not tell you how much we would appreciate your joining this Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Alpheus Geer  
Founder.

P.S. Some of the additional members on the Committee are; John Wanamaker Jr., Graham B. Grosvenor and William Rhinelander Stewart.

January 30, 1930.

Mr. Alpheus Geer,  
Marshall Stillman Movement Inc.  
11 West 42nd Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Geer:

I have yours of the 25th.  
I want to do everything I can to  
help you. If my name will be of any  
use to you, you may count me one of  
your Committee.

I would like to hear how  
the association is coming along.  
A little later I hope to give you  
heavier subscriptions.

Very truly yours,

CGF:T

# BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE

(Formerly the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute)

Daytona Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 5, 1930.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

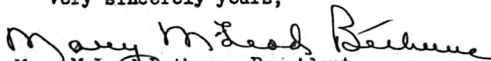
Through our financial agent, Dr. Homan, we have received your check for one hundred dollars, contribution to our Institution, and enclose herewith our official receipt for this amount.

We want to thank you for this manifestation of your continued interest in us, Mr. Fisher. We have hoped for a long time to have you visit our institution and note the work we are doing here. If it is convenient for you to do so any time during this season, we shall be happy to welcome you here.

I hope that you enjoyed hearing our boys sing. I hope, also, that you will keep us in mind whenever you find it convenient to give largely to a Negro educational institution in this State. We are doing an essential piece of work here and the handicap of lack of funds for maintenance presents a real problem to us.

Again thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
Mary McLeod Bethune, President.

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enc: receipt



April 17th 1933.

Dr. Elisha A. King,  
The Community Church,  
Miami Beach, Fla.

*Charity*

Dear Dr. King:

I have yours of the 13th.

I am sorry that this year I cannot be with you  
in donations. I need a new pair of shoes myself,  
and I am not joking, either.

Yours very truly,

CARL G. FISHER

CGF-FM



Sept. 28, 1938.

Rev. John W. Oviestre,  
2014 N. W. 5th Court,  
Miami, Florida.

My dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. Fisher, there is being  
sent you herewith check for \$5.00.

Yours very truly,

Enclosure

(Check #1159.)

Secretary to Mr. Fisher.

*Chambers*

EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MINISTER *file*

RESIDENCE: 2014 N. W. FIFTH COURT  
PHONE 2-1576

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Sept. 29 th. 1958.

Mrs. Alice G. Marks,  
Sect. to Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
The Carl G. Fisher Corporation,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Mdme-

This is to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of the 28th, yesterday, with check from Carl G. Fisher for \$5.00.

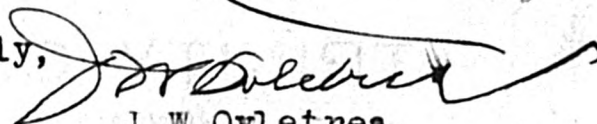
You will please convey to Mr. Fisher my sincere thanks and say to him that I am at his disposal for any service that I may be able to render.

My work among my people is not understood by them and is, at times, opposed "Preparation of Servants", is antagonistic to some of their leadership. Unless the white people support

us financially, the work here will of necessity have to be discontinued or greatly handicapped.

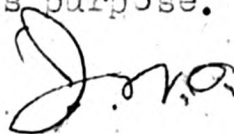
Again thanking Mr. Fisher,

I am yours very sincerely,



J. W. Ovletrea.

P.S. The employment work being now done is at the expense of myself personally as we make no charges to employees or employers. The church is unable to pay a decent salary and a part of this the pastor pays for operating expense of this agency. Friends are cordially invited to send us what-ever they may for this purpose.



Trinity C. M. F. Church

2014 N. W. 5th Court

MIAMI, FLORIDA

January, 1939

Our dear "Friend":

The writer respectfully invites your attention to the fact that he has attempted to assist the white residents of Miami to secure efficient help as Cooks, Maids, Nurses, Butlers, Chauffeurs etc. without charges to either party.

This work has been gladly done at a personal expense of about \$10.00 per month, which carried on for (4) four years, has become a heavy burden upon him.

A few of our white friends have voluntarily sent us small contributions and we are most respectfully asking that you remember us now as our fiscal year ends February and we need \$950.00 to balance the budget.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and assuring you of his desire to serve you in your "Domestic" problems,

He is very sincerely yours,

J. W. Odletrea  
REV. J. W. ODLETREA  
2014 N.W. 5th. Court

*\$500*

*Check # 1299  
for \$5.00  
1-6-1939*

Jan. 6, 1939.

Rev. J. W. Oviatt,  
2014 N. W. 5th Court,  
Miami, Florida.

My dear Rev. Oviatt-

Enclosed you will find check for \$5.00, for the  
fund referred to in your recent letter.

Yours very truly,

CGF:AVM  
Enclosure

CARL G. FISHER.

*Maite*

Trinity C. M. E. Church,  
2014 N. W. 5th. court,  
Miami Fla. 1/12/39.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Fla.

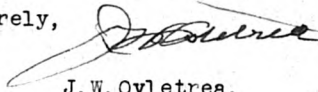
My dear Mr. Fisher;-

Please accept this as an earnest expression of my thanks for your very kind consideration of a few days ago. Your remembrance serves to incourage me in the sacrafice I have called upon to make here during the last four years in order to be of service to both your and my people.

This expense which has fallen upon me personally during this time would be gladly and cheerfully continued were it possible, but my small salary makes it impossible.

Again thanking you and praying for your health, happiness and prosperity during this "New" year,

I am yours most sincerely,

  
J. W. Ovletrea.



# The John S. Collins Memorial Library and Art Center

To be erected during the summer of 1930 in Collins Park

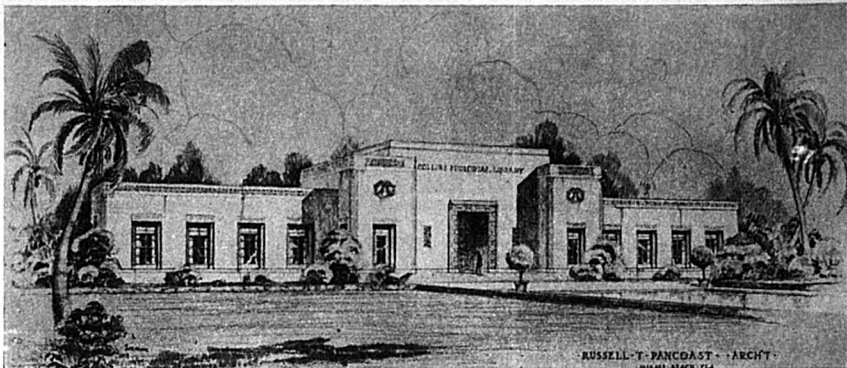
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Secretary-Treasurer

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Miami Beach, Florida April 23 1930.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach,  
Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Two weeks ago, when leaving Miami Beach, I authorized a multi-graphed letter to be mailed to the people of Miami Beach over my signature asking for subscriptions for the building fund of the Collins Memorial Library Building. Many of those written to have responded with cash or promises, but the total amount is insufficient to begin the erection of the building at the present time and I am sending a personal letter to a few of my friends requesting their assistance.

The present Library is housed in a store room in the Hampton Arcade Building, which in the fall is to be remodeled into an hotel. The Library, therefore, will, of necessity, be forced to move on or before November 1 and I am doing everything within my power to have the new library building ready to house it at that time.

If you can consistently help us to raise the amount necessary for its completion, may I hear from you? It is necessary that the building be started within the next few weeks, but I wish assurances of ample funds for its completion before starting.

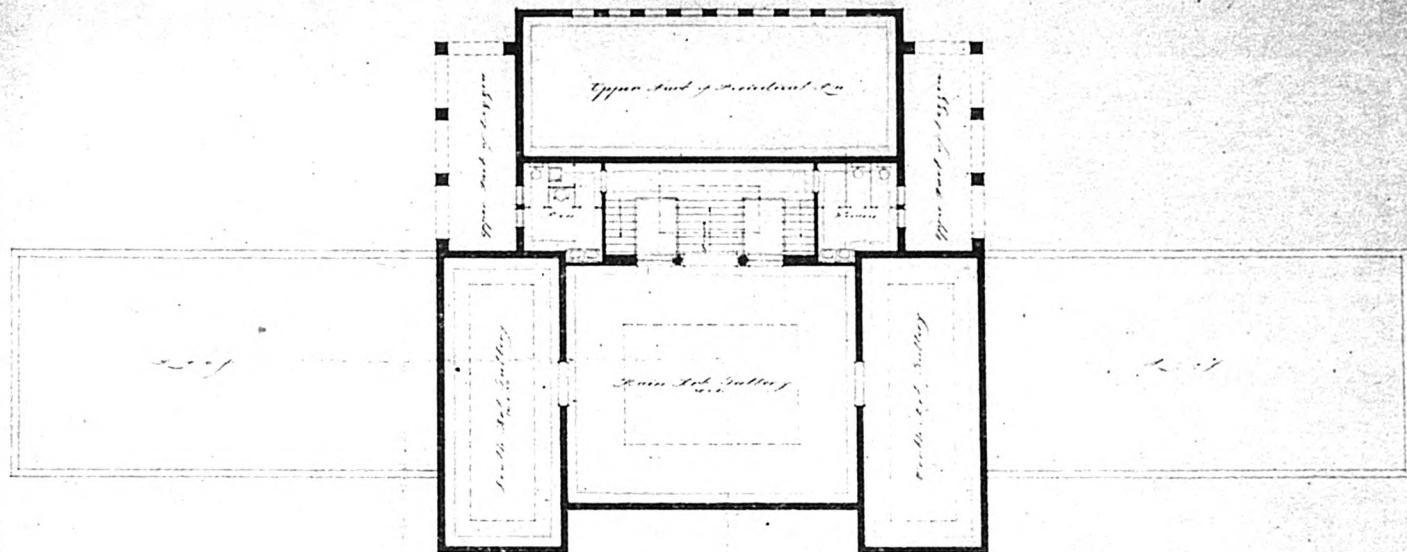
We need about \$50,000, not a large sum if a few of us contribute liberally.

May I rely upon your help?

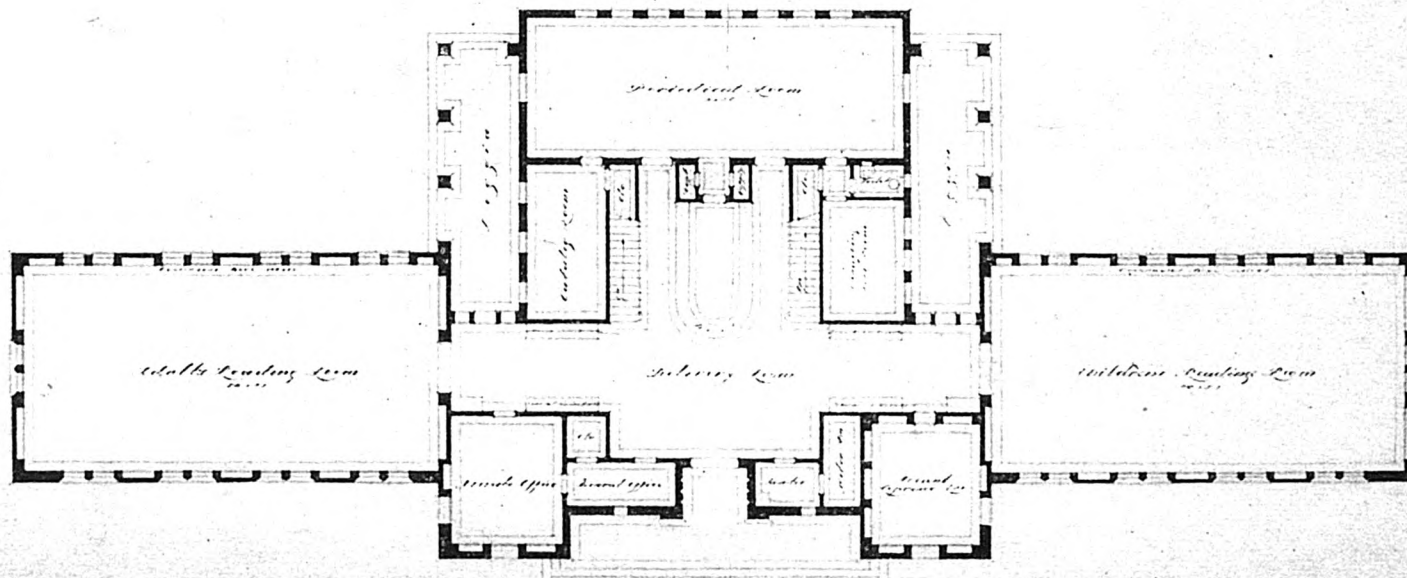
Yours sincerely,

*Joseph H. Adams*  
President.





Second Floor Plan



April 25, 1930.

Mr. Joseph H. Adams,  
Belle Isle,  
Miami Beach.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have yours of April 23rd regarding The John S. Collins Memorial Library and Art Center. This is one thing I do want to help as liberally as I can when I can get to it. Just now, I am not in a position to make donations of this kind when I am borrowing money to clean up obligations here at the Beach. I trust you will understand.

I am going to help out as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

CGF:T



## *Trinity Colored Methodist Episcopal Church*

**M**IAMIANS and visitors to Miami will be interested in the struggles of an earnest band of Negroes who have been trying as best they can to improve the lot of their neighbors, and at the same time do their little bit for the betterment of Miami as a whole.

The section set aside in downtown Miami as the residential area for negroes is one of the most congested spots in the entire South, covering 15 blocks North and South and seven East and West. Here more than 25,000 negro men, women and children are huddled together in miserable cottages or rooms, with inadequate water supply, no sanitary facilities commensurate with the needs of the population to be served, and devoid of play spots for children. It is from this section that domestic servants are drawn to serve the homes in the white portions of the Metropolitan Miami area.

The Trinity Colored Methodist Episcopal church, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. W. Ovletrea, is thoroughly cognizant of the needs of the Negro community. More important, Ovletrea and his church men and women also are aware of the fact that the health,

the morals and the efficiency of Negro domestics also impinge to a vital degree upon the health of the white residents of the area.

Having in mind the fact that competent cooks, maids, laundresses, chauffeurs, gardeners and domestic help generally are scarce in this vicinity, Rev. Ovletrea months ago established a school for the training of domestics. He has had a marked degree of success in that endeavor, but has been considerably circumscribed by lack of funds and lack of facilities for training students in his school. More than 100 negro men and women, graduates of his school, were placed in white homes during the last winter season. Ovletrea, by virtue of a careful checking of the moral character of applicants, of their background of experience, of their habits of cleanliness and of their home life and environment, was able to supply workers of a superior order of intelligence. There is a great demand here for the sort of servants which a school of this character can offer.

The church inaugurated the enterprise as a means of helping worthy negro men and women help themselves. Ovletrea realized that white employers of domestics could not take the time to train such household helpers. In many instances, housewives had no means of investigating applicants for positions. Ovletrea, through his church organization, has been able to send servants to white homes, bearing what amounts to a seal of approval of the church. This approval has become a badge of honor in colored town, and, certainly among those who employed graduates of the school, it signifies an efficient servant.

The work has languished during the summer months. It cannot be resumed on a proper and adequate scale unless sympathetic white people come to the rescue. The pitifully few hundreds of dollars necessary to the successful operation of the school should not be allowed to stand in the way of affording self respecting negro men and women an opportunity to learn how to earn an honest living in work which they can perform superlatively well if given training.

Stoves must be provided, kitchen equipment of all kinds, household necessities, to the end that students may learn by actual work just what to do in the homes of white employers. A group of white women, interested in the plight of worthy negroes, has agreed to

act as an advisory board in setting up the proper curriculum to be followed. This committee will also act from time to time as an examining board, with a view to passing upon the competency of students before the students will be permitted to make application for positions as domestics.

**T**HE Southern Negro's destiny appears to be serving the white population as cooks, maids, laundresses, chauffeurs, and what not. The Southern Negro hasn't asked for anything beyond that destiny. But it seems that Miamians at least could help him be a better servant, giving him an opportunity to learn how to perform his household duties more satisfactorily to employers, and help him to know enough about his job that the likelihood of his becoming a charge upon the public purse may be lessened to a measurable degree.

The white people have a responsibility for the Negro that they cannot escape. They would not, if they could. The Negro has his very definite place in our scheme of things in the South. The more training we give him in sanitation, household work and in the strengthening of moral fibre the better he will be, and the better will be his service to the white community.

Contributions may be mailed or sent to Mrs. C. H. Reeder, 2723 Cornelia Drive, Coconut Grove, or to The Miami Herald. Make checks payable to Mrs. Reeder as treasurer.

#### IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THIS SCHOOL

Remodeling of parsonage, putting the living quarters up-stairs and providing lecture room, spacious dining room, pantry and large kitchen on ground floor .....	\$1500.00
Equipment for a modern, "up-to-date" dining room .....	500.00
Equipment of theory room, tables, chairs, charts, maps, etc. ....	250.00
Equipment for kitchen, having modern stoves, gas, oil, electricity, in order that persons trained will be able to use effectively whatever stove found in the home to which she may be sent .....	300.00
Equipment of pantry, dishes, linens, silverware, etc. ....	75.00
TOTAL .....	\$2625.00

