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Dear Gladys:

I hope you and LaVaughn are well.

I have told you, from time to time, about the things which I think you can best help with the biography. I am now sending you some further details which I hope you can give attention to within the next several weeks.

You were with the missionary set up for nearly seven years, I believe, therefore during the two quadrenniums many things went on which I think you can recall. I suggest that you ask Elbert to send you copies of the quadrennial report. Perhaps that will help you but I want details of events that happened with reference to Pop's work during that period. If he gave banquets to honor the President of Liberia or if he made significant trips to foreign fields during this period tell me something about that. Record what you remember about getting the bishops off to the conferences in the foreign fields. This can be further augmented by Elbert. I plan to write Carolyn also but I don't expect much from her.

Secondly, you have to get very personal about how you felt about Pop and how he felt about you through the years. If you want to help us get out an interesting book write interesting little stories and details about life in Portsmouth and Norfolk in your high school days and when you were at Virginia State. That was a very nice story about the little theater group and that undoubtedly should go in the book. See if you can think of others. Give something of your reaction to the church people in Portsmouth and Norfolk. Write something about the controversy which happened in Norfolk, that is at St. Johns. All evidence points to the fact that he overcame all obstacles there and had a very creditable record. Some information on these things will come from ministers. What about childhood discipline as dished out by Mom and Pop? How did you ever start courting in the first place? Remember I wasn't around. How did young people like his preaching at Portsmouth and at St. Johns? What about the crowds that attended the services? His preaching as you remembered it in those days? Try to make the whole thing just a story like the one you sat down and told us about the theater group. *(Which I wish you would write again as I was not working notes at the time.*

Hope you all are looking into the real estate matter.

Say hello to LaVaughn.

Lovingly,