

[Mar. 13, 1906]

To: Alice, Dunbar
Wilmington, Del.

From
C. A. FLEETWOOD,
1419 PIERCE PLACE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Alice:

M. L. Beard City Editor gives
name of writer as Harry A. Haberer,
an "attaché of the D. J." Do you
know him or of him?

Write me fully at once, and also
reply to mine of 10th & 12th i.e.
Answer inquired.

Am in great haste to keep
an engagement.

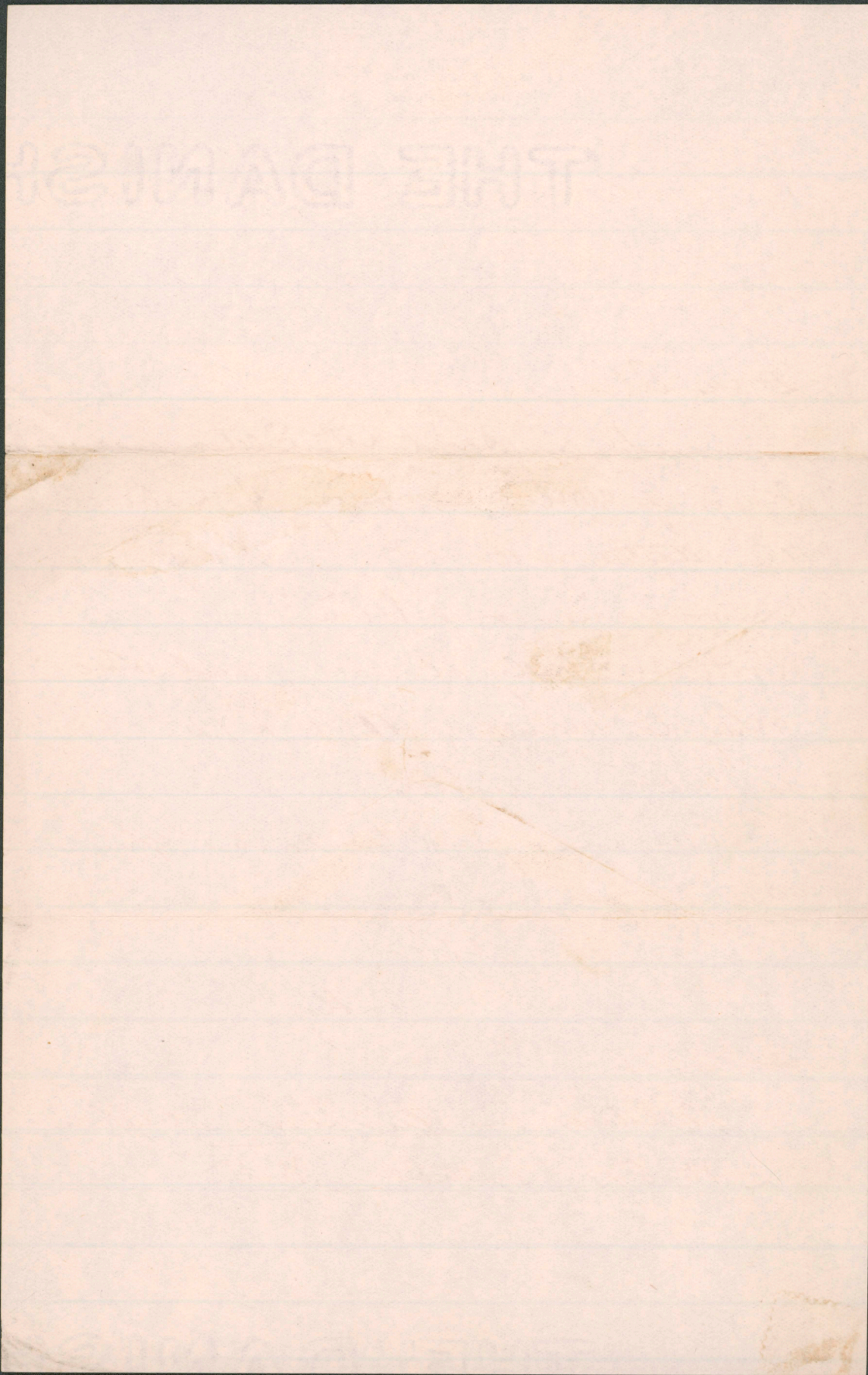
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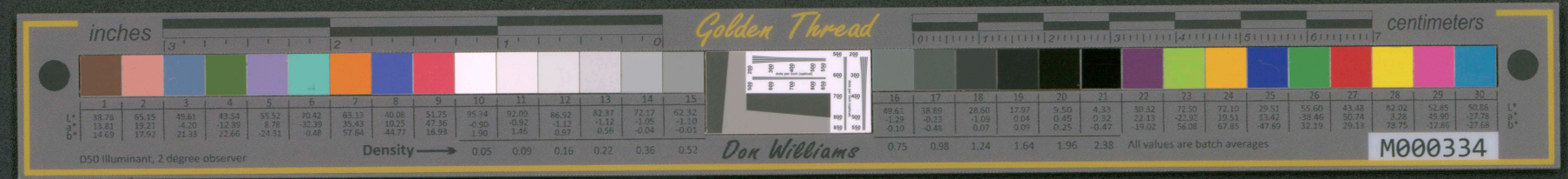
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Address me this time at office:
"No. 511. Tenth St. N.W."

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when I awake with thy likeness." —
Blessed assurance for us, is it not, when
we read: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,
neither hath entered into the heart of man,
the things which God hath prepared for
them that love him." — And truly we may
believe:

"God gives, but does not take away;

He only safely keeps above

For us the treasures that we love! —

I read in some notice that the last po-
em your husband wrote was finished at
last Christmas—June. How you must

From: Mary Sykes
To: Alice Dunbar
Wilmington, Del.

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Lyons, N.Y.
Mch. 13th '16.

My dear Mrs. Dunbar:

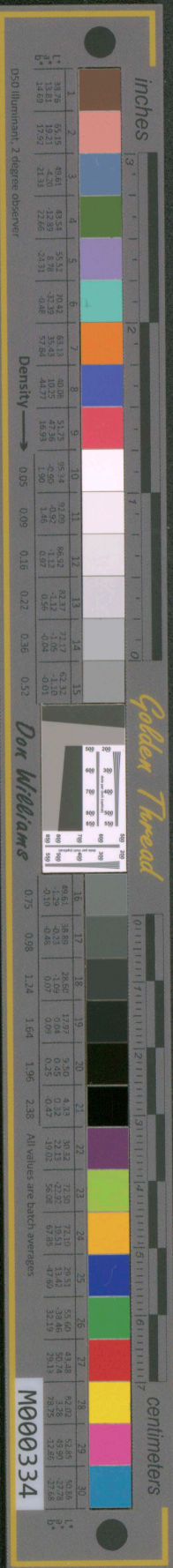
Your most pathetic,
lovely response to my letter of
sympathy was a pleasure to
me, for 'twas quite unexpected
as a letter of condolence does
not, necessarily, elicit a reply,
coming as it does when the
heart of the mourner is al-
most crushed with grief;
and, too, I was a stranger,
drawn toward you in the

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hour of your great ⁽²⁾sorrow, and I want-
ed to tell you how heartily I sympathised
with you; and the assurance you gave
me that my words were comforting, I
was very glad to know. I have a little
picture of your husband which I found
in "The Youth's Companion" (a favorite pa-
per of mine tho' I am far from my
childhood years); and there is such a
sad look - expression, about it, bringing
out a peculiar fitness to the little poem
he wrote on "Death" - did he write it - du-
ring his last illness? The lines:

"Let me settle w'en my shoulder
drags my load
High enough to hush de noises in de ^{road};
Fur' I tink de las' long res'
Gwine to soothe my spirit bes'
Ef I's layin' 'mong de things I's allus knowed."
There's so much pathos in it. The tears
blind my eyes as I write.

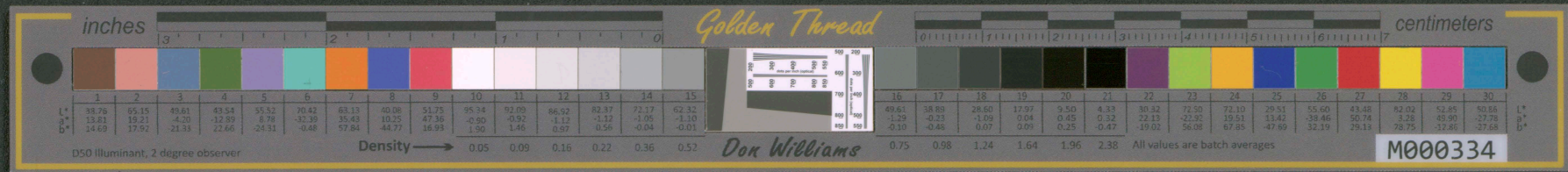
If "de things I's allus knowed" were so dear
to the poet-heart of your beloved companion,
just think what awaits his glorified vis-
ion on the "other side": and with the
Palmist may he say: "I shall be satisfied



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Some one has truly said, I think;
"Mirth itself is too often but melancholy in disguise: and then our beloved humorist, Dr. O. W. Holmes has told us: "Mirth is God's medicine, and I say, "Blessed be mirthfulness!"—
Now I'll have to beg pardon for writing so long a letter—this is one of my weak-
nesses, unfortunately, no doubt. To the friends receiving them. Some time, when you feel that Kober can, dear Mrs. Dumbao, please write me. It would give me great pleasure to hear whatever you may say, for I truly feel a most friendly interest, and sympathize for you. Most cordially yours, Mary Ann Lykes.

treasure it. ⁽⁴⁷⁾ What was it, please, I would so like to know; and also which of his many poems is your favorite one? Please do not think I ask these questions from idle curiosity, for I do not—my interest is truly genuine in your lamented husband, and in you, his beloved companion, whom I've never met "face to face"—it would certainly be a pleasure for me to so do.

The humor showing so pleasantly in the writings of your gifted husband I appreciate and love for I am much given to seeing and liking the merry and funny things in life; when





I can't see anything⁽⁵⁾ to laugh at. I'll be sorry indeed. Humor and pathos can be so finely blended—each doing its special work in helping us along life's pathway, don't you think, my friend?

A notable instance of the thus blending of pathos and humor was most strongly shown in the character of our beloved Lincoln. His work in life was oh! so heavy! but oh! the immortal honor the good Lord permitted him to achieve in giving his glorious Emancipation Proclamation to the world, thereby freeing millions from the bonds of slavery! The weight of his responsibility was so great that it left traces in his features; and as I saw him when lying in state, in his casket at the Court House in the Capitol of our State, in Albany, N.Y., at the midnight hour, I never saw so sad a face! Oh! the great sadness and pathos of it! Then we can turn from this, to the humorous side of his nature which is proverbial, and so largely developed, and which, no doubt, helped to lighten the terrible load given him to carry.

USHERS BROTHERHOOD OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY.

Philadelphia. March 14th. 1906.

Mrs Paul. Laurence. Dunbar.

Dear Madam: -

We trust you will pardon the seeming delay in forwarding this small token of remembrance, and like-wise mark of appreciation in behalf of your late husband "Paul. Laurence. Dunbar."

It was decided at our regular meeting, last evening, to express our sympathy in this way for a life so well spent. Mr Dunbar's remembrance will outlive, even the life of our organization; which is composed of the Ushers and Ladies Auxiliaries of the various Churches of Philadelphia and Vicinity regardless of Denomination.

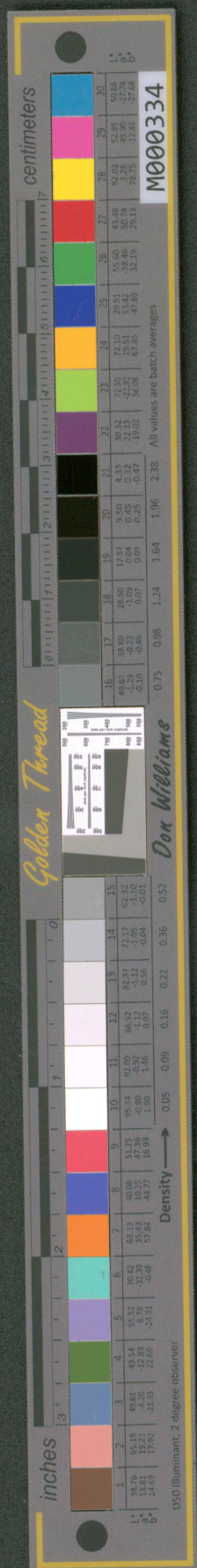
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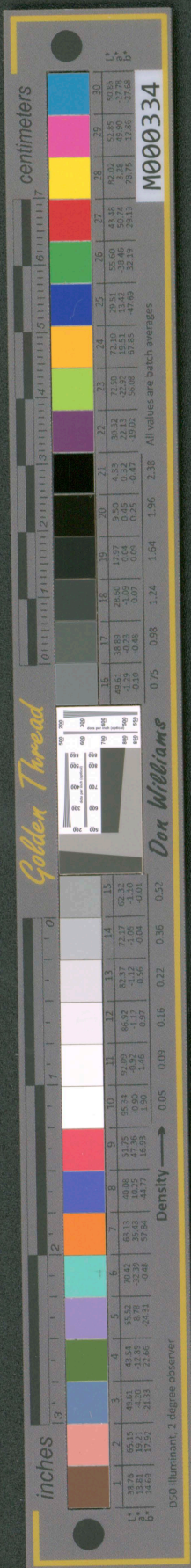
Yours most respectfully .

A. J. J. J. J.

Chairman Resolution Committee.

1710 REED ST.





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Yours most respectfully,

Don Williams

Chairman Resolution Committee

WILLIAM DUNBAR



[with 3-14-06]

WHEREAS on the eighth day of February 1906, God in his all wise judgement summoned the late Paul. Laurence. Dunbar, a matured Poet enjoying the fragrant bloom of youth, to abandon the things of earth, and fall a victim of WOODLANDS cold embrace. The Alpha of "OAK and IVY"—The OMEGA of "HOWDY HONEY HOWDY" and

WHEREAS the family, the race, the public and the general community have suffered an irreparable loss in the premature departure of Paul. Laurence. Dunbar, the unhung portrait in the hall of fame, an ardent admirer of the panorama of nature, yet, Death; no not Death! the final awakening, the creation of comfort for him whom time cannot console, the fading of a springtide day like the moment of waking from a troubled dream, a magnet to attract us to a better world. The leaves have their time to fall, and flowers to wither at the norths winds breath, and stars to set, and sun to rise, but all, thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death :.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We may make our lives sublime
and departing leave behind us
footprints in the sands of time."

RESOLVED that the USHERS BROTHERHOOD OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY do hereby tender their sympathy to the bereaved wife, the afflicted mother and the saddened brothers of the departed Champion of Lyrics, Prose, and Poetry. be it

RESOLVED that a copy of this RESOLUTION be dispatched to the family, and a copy spread upon the minute book of the BROTHERHOOD.

H. J. Brown
Ch. Pres. Com.

H. V. Snyder
J. Fisher
Associate Member

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ROBERT E. JONES, EDITOR

March the fifteenth,
Nineteen hundred-six.

Mrs. Alice M. Dunbar,
1008 Prince Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

My Dear Mrs. Dunbar:-

I want to thank you most
sincerely for the great favor you have
done me in sending me so much interest-
ing data concerning Mr. Dunbar's work.
By this you have placed me under great
obligation to you and Valena takes it all
to herself, saying that I never would have
received so much information but for the
good feeling existing between you two, which
she says is as fervent as of old.

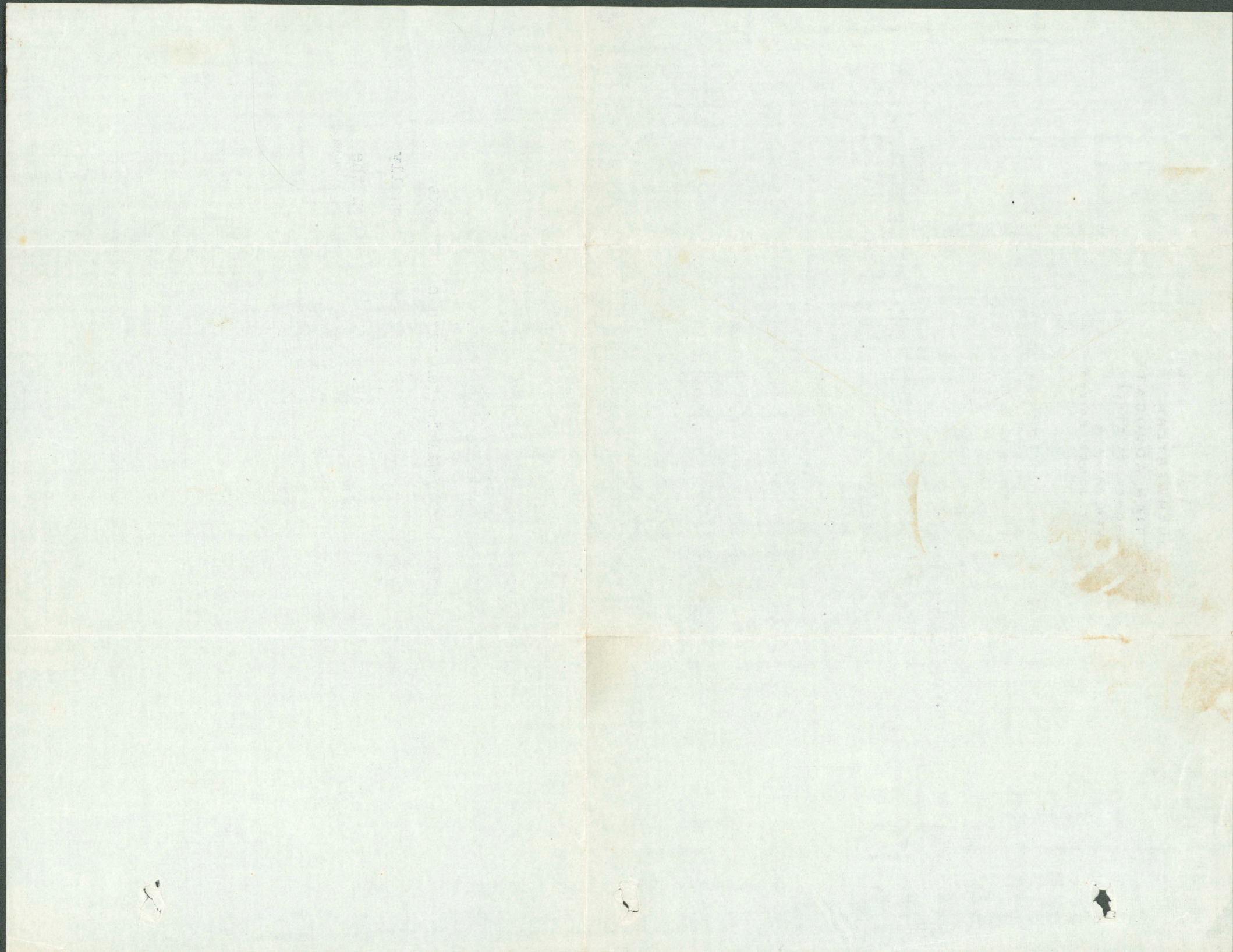
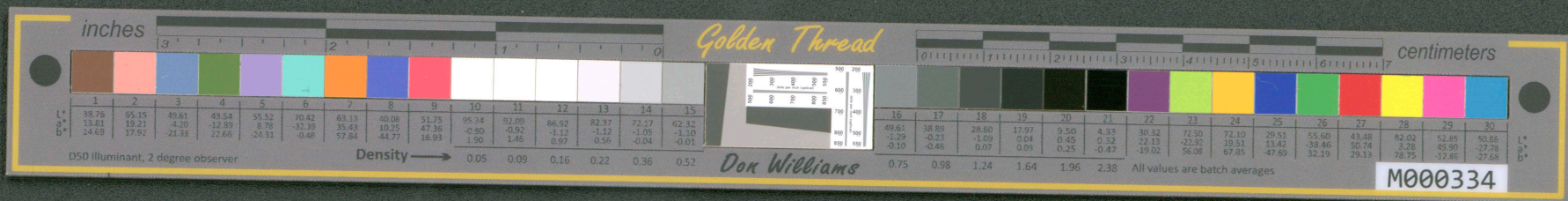
I will be in Wilmington within the next
ten or fifteen days and will call and personally
thank you for your kindness. I will return the
newspaper clippings as you have requested.

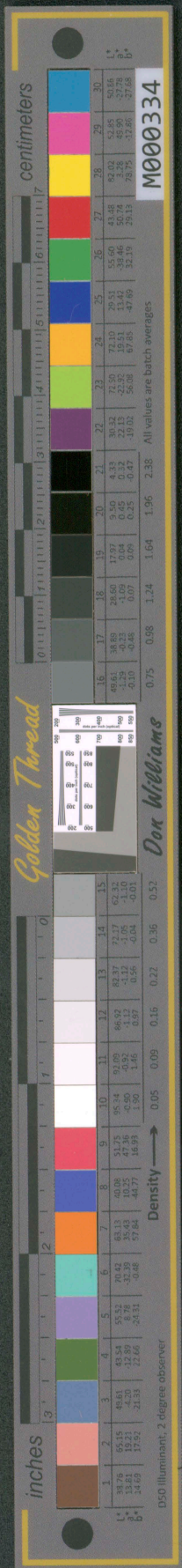
With best wishes, I remain,

Yours truly,

Robert E. Jones







St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 15, 1906.

Mrs. Paul L. Dunbar,

Dayton, Ohio.

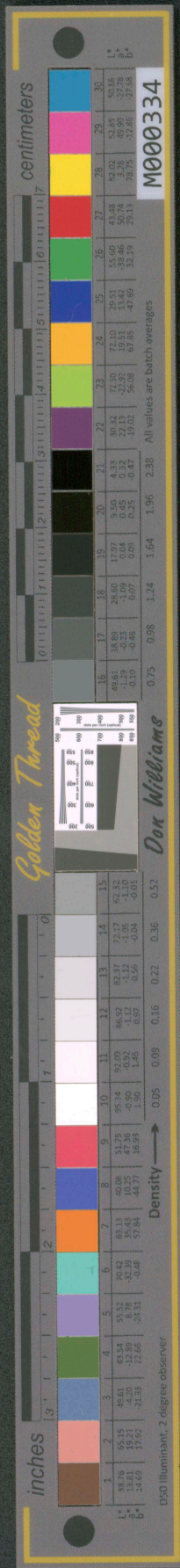
Dear madam:-

After the deluge of letters of sympathy that must have poured in upon you after the demise of your beloved husband, comes an expression of respect from the members of the young married Ladies Thimble Club of St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Dunbar, permit me to say that this is not mere formality, but these words comes direct from the heart.

A few of us were the proud possessors of his little treasure, "Lyrics of Lowly Life" and one or two other books by him, and it always gave us

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extreme pleasure to read the words of this genius). And now that he has passed into the great Beyond, we with you mourn his loss.

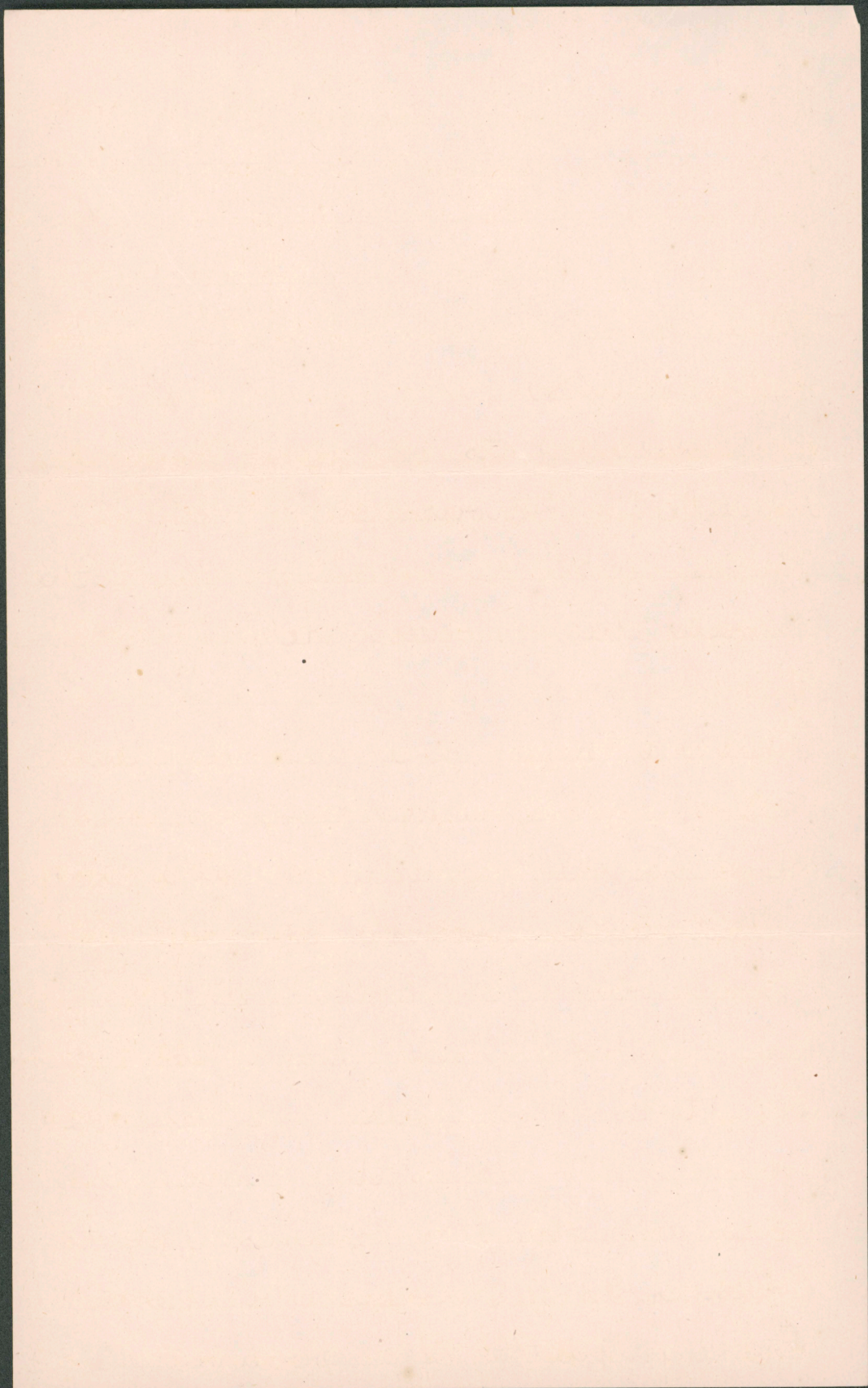
Permit us to send to you and the family the following resolutions of respect.

"There is a Reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

Since our last meeting the Reaper has cut down one of the flowers of Literature. A genius has departed. We wish to give to this immortal bard an oblation of respect; to consecrate his works by the tears and sympathy of a bereaved people.

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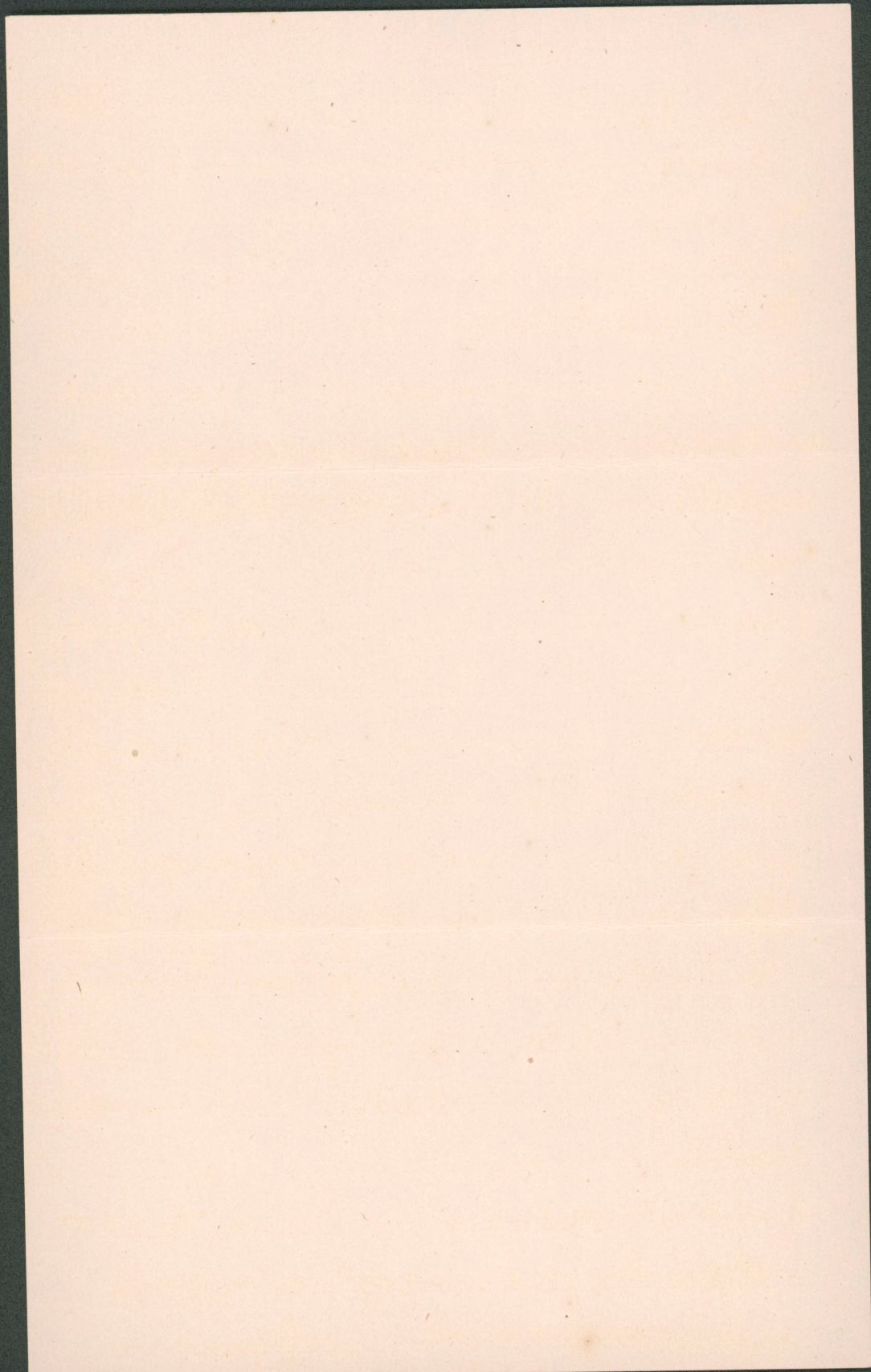


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Paul Lawrence Dunbar is no more. His pen is stilled forever, just as the stars of heaven were beginning to illumine his brighted pathway, as the storm that had beat down upon him and made his life one of gloom, was giving place to a clear sky; just as he was dis-mantling the burden of oppression, contempt, and persecution, and the barren wilderness began to bud with flowers, he was cut down by that Reaper whose name is Death. But his memory shall live forever, his "Lyrics of Lowly Life" shall ever be sung. The sunlight of his soul was creeping steadily up from its horizon to its zenith. Today we are a people in mourning, because of the death of a man of talent. When Paul Lawrence Dunbar responded to the summons

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of the grim ⁴ Monster, the race lost
a man of intellect, a poet, a hero.
In this utilitarian age the eyes
of the world are upon the heads
that think, and the whole country
is moved when one of those heads
disappears. Though he reached the
heights, he remembered the depths
from which he came.

Were it possible for every one
who has been inspired by his
words, to place one blossom on
his grave, he would rest to-day
beneath a monument of flowers.

Whereas, It has pleased the All
Wise Providence to remove from
the stage of action a great Literary
Light in the person of Paul Lawrence
Dunbar; and

Whereas, His great gift of nature places
his works on the highest level with
contemporary American Poetry: and

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Whereas, we feel that his works have been a means, of inspiring others on to higher things; Therefore, be it Resolved, that the members of the Young Married Ladies Thimble Club of St. Louis, Mo, bow to the will of the Omnipotent Father who doeth all things well.

Resolved, moreover that we will not let his memory fade, but will emulate him in his intellectual achievements, and that we laud his energetic labors that raised him from humble and shadowed conditions to a pedestal of fame.

Resolved, Further, that we extend our deepest sympathy to his sorrowing widow and mother and assure them that the race laments his loss.

Resolved, Also, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the city

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papers, and the National
Association Notes.

Committee - Mrs Josie Jasper,
Mrs. Jas. L. Haley,
6720 Idaho Ave
St. Louis, Mo.

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St. Louis, Mo. Mar. 15, 1906.

My Dear Mrs. Dunbar:-

As Reporter for the Young
Married Ladies Thimble^a, I am
requested to send you the en-
closed resolutions. I also enclose
a program which will explain
itself.

Trusting that you will find
some comfort in these lines,
in this most trying hour, and
that you will look to the all wise
Father for guidance, and protec-
tion, I am,

with deepest sympathy,

Mrs. Jas. L. Haley.

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I have already in-
cluded you in my list of "future
Contributors". It may be best for
you to see the magazine first,
which I shall send as soon as
it is bound. Very cordially,

Mr. Wallace Swann

Mrs. Alice Ruth Moore-Dunbar
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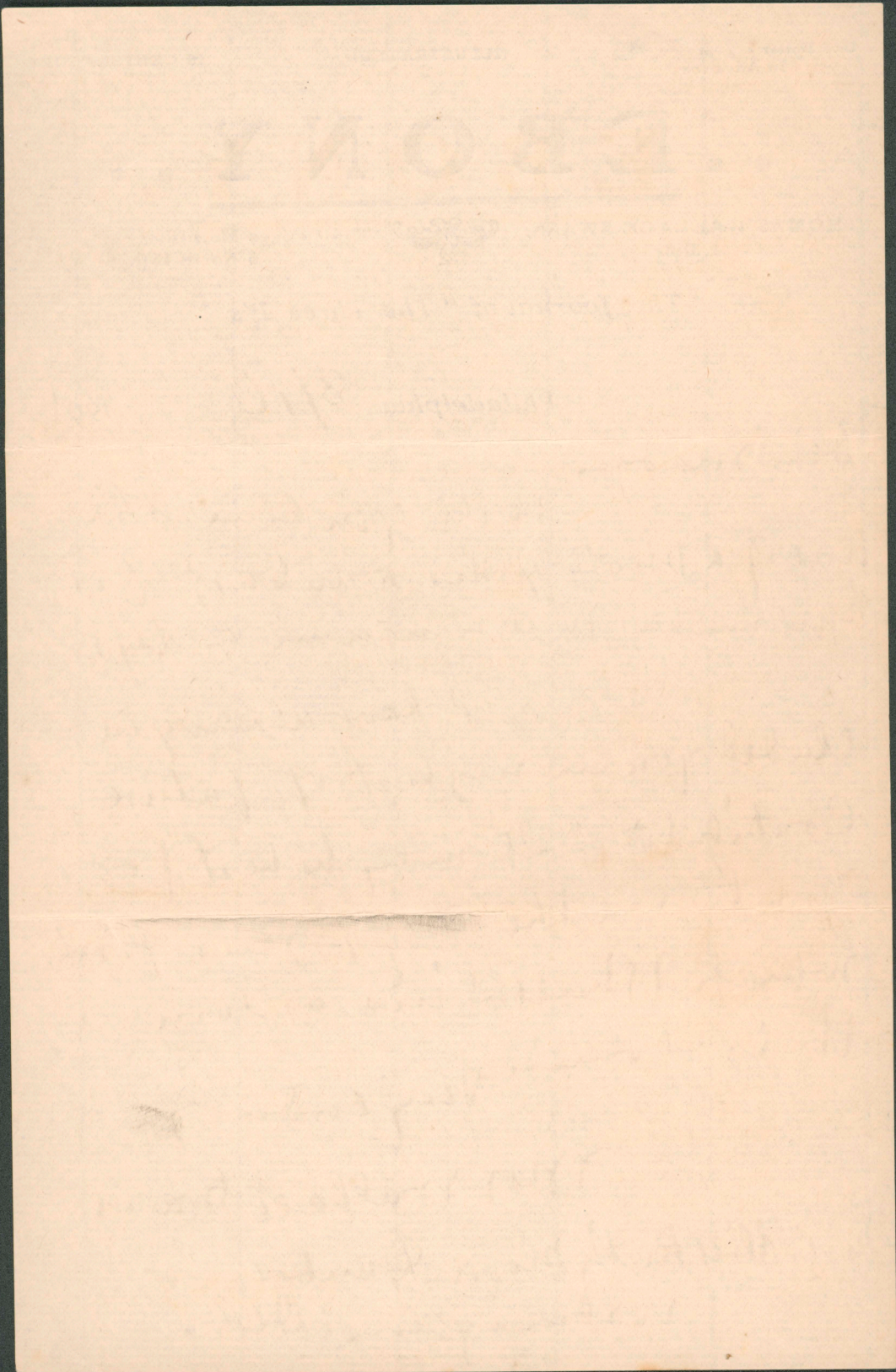
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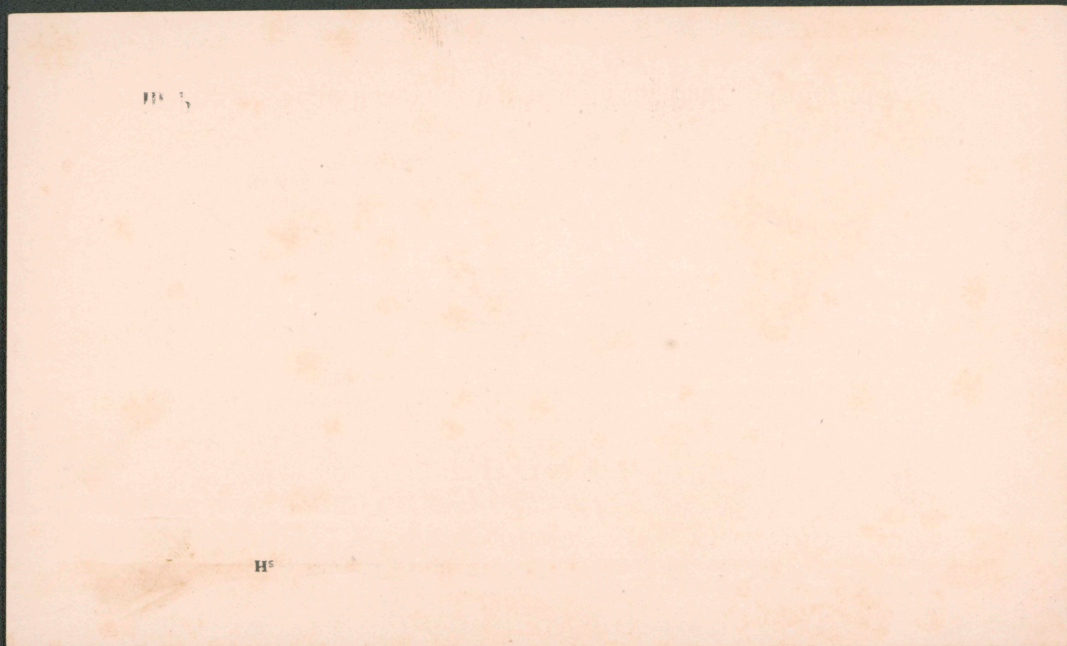
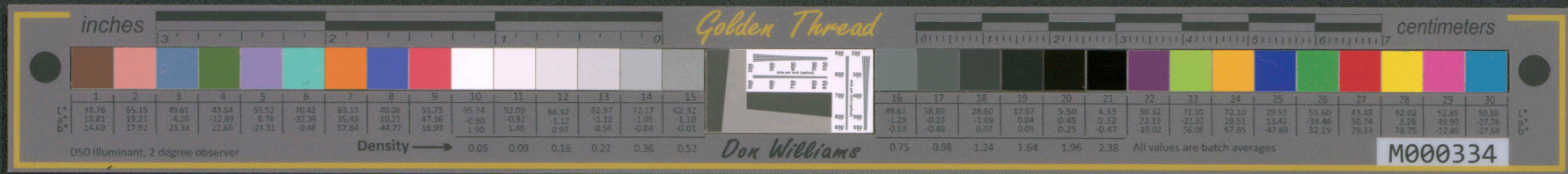
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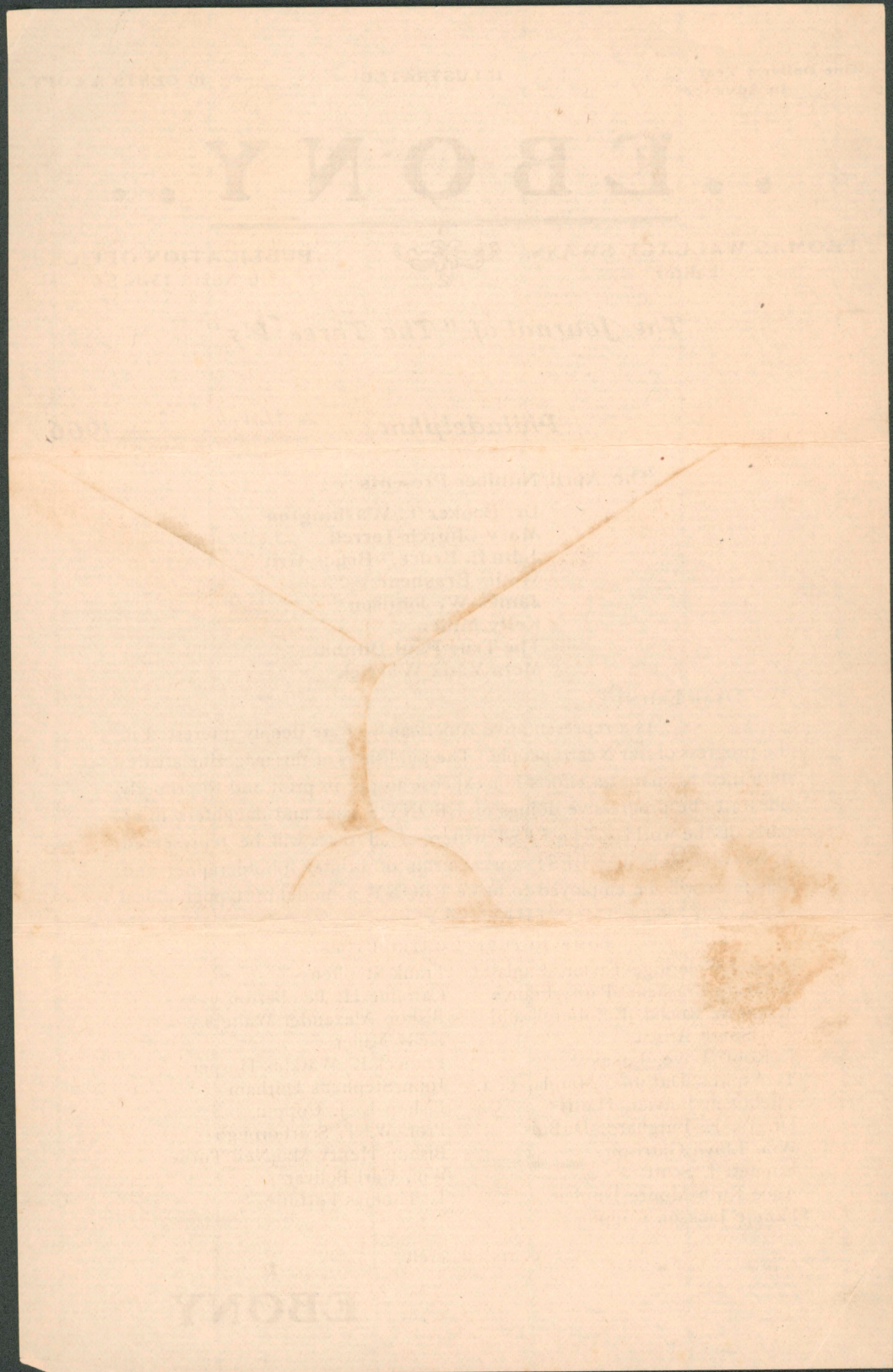
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Dear Madam:-

I acknowledge receipt of your favor in which you enclose money
order for \$10 for collection of obituary notices referring to the late
Mr. Paul Laurence Dunbar, which I send you under separate cover.

I also note what you say in regard to our bill against the late
Mr. Dunbar, which we have sent according to your instructions to the
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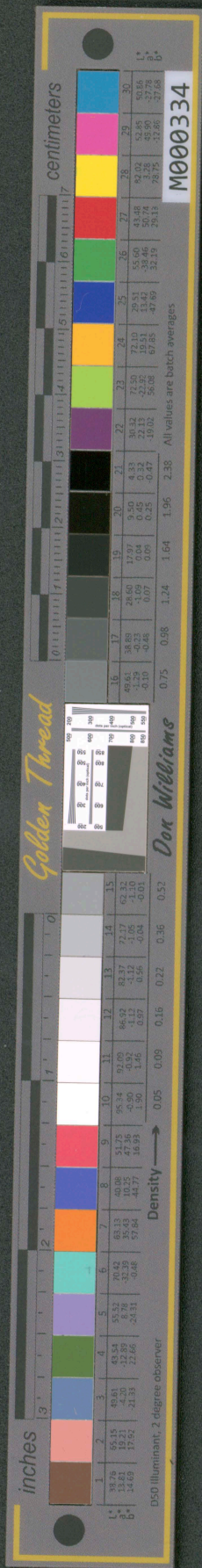
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Yours faithfully,

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Wilmington, Delaware.
 1008 French St.
 Mrs. Alice M. Dwyer,

Jan 17th, 1908.



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 accompany you in pleat from
 work. I see by the paper you
 are aidentifical with the
 M. E. Church. You could likely
 find a young woman in
 some the churches there who
 would gladly help you
 and us. Will you accept
 my sympathy in your sorrow
 and soon write me what you
 can do for us. Best
 109 Woburn Ave

To: Alice Barker From: Mrs. John Eba (1)
 Wilmington

Wilmington Ky
 March 17th 1916
 Mrs Paul Lawrence Barker.
 First I must offer one
 word of Condolence to you
 over the loss of your
 honored husband.
 I enclose you one of our
 home missionary
 programmes which we
 had arranged before
 your husbands death.
 as I see on for a talk

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for the one then nearest your⁽²⁾
heart. I began to make some
search for a greater light on
his life and work. I had to
wait only a short while, when
a mail from Dayton Ohio
(the home of our young sister)
brought me the tidings of his
death as well as some of
his life work but I wait
now. What can you do
for us; have you ever done
any plot from work; you
will see by the programme my
work is for this month, for
some reason the two months
programmes were changed
so it turns my work for April.
Should you not give his poems
your self why couldn't you
find in Dayton a good
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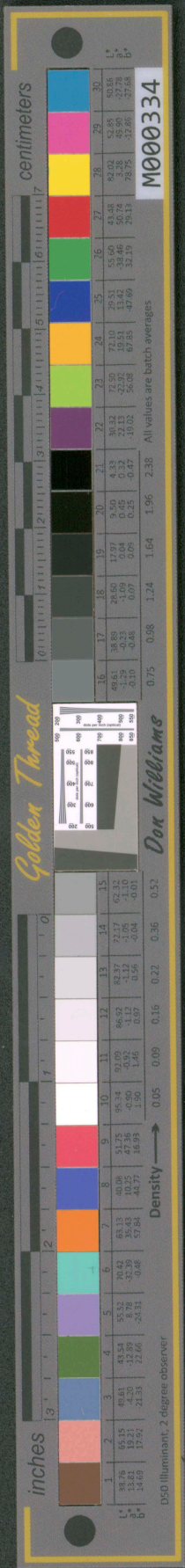
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Mrs Paul Laurence Dunbar
Dayton Ohio

Dear Madam

I write you in the hope that
the range address that I got from
a Pittsburg paper will reach you
What I wish to loan is this is
your late husband poem: published:
if so then when can I buy a copy
are they sold in Pittsburg. by giving
this information I will be greatly
obliged. Thanking you in advance
I am
Yours Respectfully
R Russell Jr

723 Wallace ave
Wilmington Pa



To: Alice Dunbar
Wilmington, Del.

From:
C. A. FLEETWOOD,
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[Mar. 25, 1906]

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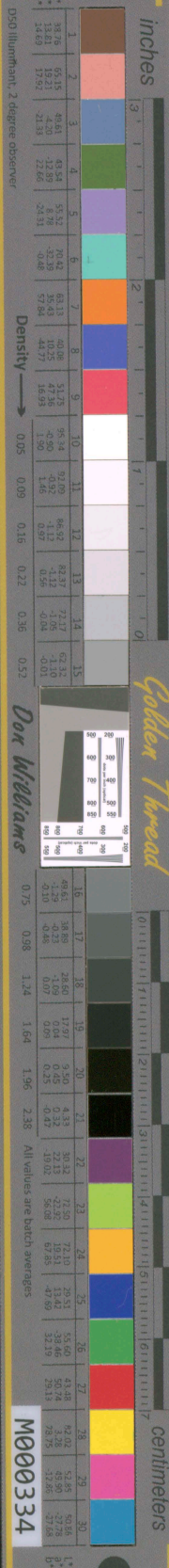
In the name of all that is "elevating" when do you find those "Kine Story" with a basement + Mansard Envelope? When you use up this lot, please do not buy any more, or take the Mansard off at least for mine. You know I am only 5, 6. When I get home and see one of these towering over my house & the neighbors kids trying to fly Kites and pitch dornicks over it, I am led to abridge language.

You cannot imagine the relief given me by yours of 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ it was so much more like our own Crave little woman, that it fairly made me shout inside. You surely have been in the indigoest of blues, and truly I felt that it would break you down physically if you did not get a rebound soon. & I worried by day and night, now that you have yourself awakened to the possibilities I am immensely relieved.

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You see I feel handicapped, It is so easy to hear the ills and troubles of others, and advise them, Counsel them how to do the same, that I hate to do it. So just expressed (or tried to) my own sympathy, and waited for your own sound inner self to get it's second wind, and choke the stuffing out of those blue devils. My faith is well rewarded. "More power to his elbow."

Never mind any thanks to me, I am thanking you that you give me the chance to try to do something for you. Have not "turned up" anything as yet and may not, but I am glad to try. No word has come to me yet from the Lawyer Man, and of course you can realize the possibility that he may ignore it. If so intimate as a personal friend, he may have been so prejudiced already, or been since talked into that state by other "survivors" as not to feel disposed to aid you even to the slight extent asked.





I left Lora to go on alone to a day
Semin at St. Marys afterward, ^{then}
came home to write you a line.
What are you in the hold of wearing
as a throat covering in cold weather?
Are you afflicted with fur? Or are
you prone to over-bundling anyway?
You can scarcely fully adopt my
cure, but I was as you, eternally
punished with ~~on~~ throat, dangerously
so, worn buttoned up coats, Rich-
Mufflers and all the devilish con-
traptious invented to keep out the
cold and throttle you the first time
you forget it. ^{How} how I suffered?
I made up my mind one spring after
a peculiarly disgusting winter, to
try another way, ^{then} I buttoned up
nothing about my neck the whole
winter except in storm, wore no
Mufflers at any time, have been
doing the same now for a dozen
winters, and have not had a
sore throat with burning in all
that time.

But if not, I guess other means can be found. We will try any way, after waiting a decent time. The greatest clog in that court would of course be that of which we all have such a beautiful deficit.

I am just in from a Memorial Service at the Conservatory engineered by Coralie Franklin Cook, and to which she invited us, we were late arriving and had therefore no seats. I am told that the proceedings were remarkably fine and creditable. I saw & participated Miss Emma Patterson, a Miss Gray ~~the~~ Miss ~~Anderson~~ whose acquaintance I do not enjoy. - Mr Archie Grimké the Mrs "Unanimous" Curtis, ~~the~~ heard a young man by the name of Glenn Sing, but did not see him. The only one I heard I did not see, of all I saw - I heard none. I was delighted of course with my experience.

I did not attend the Gollbraith, no
2nd Bapt. Church Exercises, told you so
in a former letter, but do not blame you
in the least for asking again, knowing
the condition of your mind at that time.

Our newspapers have not been at all
numerous of notice. The Star & Post
which I read, gave excellent first
notice, and nothing since; except
an indirect mention which I
will enclose herewith. The Bee
and Bee gave mention, and re-
ported the Memorial services. I
have not procured any of them, but
if you have not had any of them
will write in and hunt them up. -
Tell me when you write again.

Edith reports herself in good health,
but suffering from brassy weather,
which keeps out her school attendance
one day down as two as four, all
of whom were in different grades.
Fancy! No end of snow, sleet,



and other meteorological disturbances
including black fogs at midday. So
you could not recognize features
a yard off from your eyes.

"Hail. Gentle Spring!"

Harry Cordova the Laddie started
a girl a short time ago, Beatrice -
Warwick White, hopes soon to be a
Rooseveltean. Has Blandie had
news from the Chimney god yet?
Shook hands with her sister this after-
noon, but of course did not ask her.

There was quite a nice audience,
but mostly Laddie's, the men I remember
were Lewis Duffless, Hilyer Baker, Gray
Hutchings, Geo. W. Cook, Rev. Wiseman
the participants and a few others not
just now recalled. Some unknown to me.
Mamie Hilyer is having rather a bad
time with rheumatism. Do not
recall any other cases of doctors
except two or three chronic.

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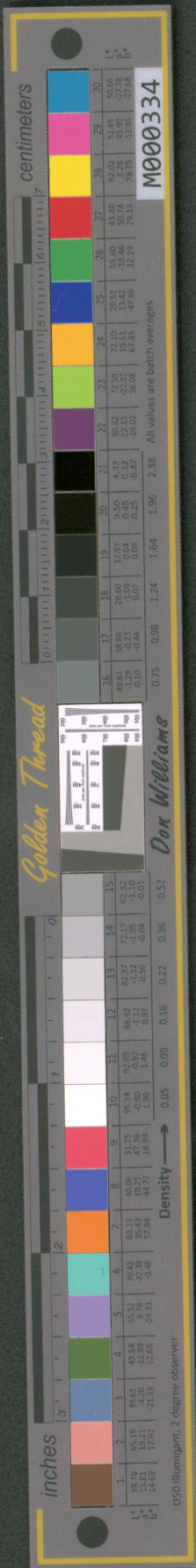
the Episcopalian are trying to raise
a fund of \$300,000⁰⁰ to pay off the
indebtedness of the same Church.
Sara took charge of a Committee at the
request of the Rector, which held its first
meeting Tuesday night last, ~~and~~ today
turned in \$195.²⁵ Begged begin-
ning with Wednesday, and yesterday
some more. Specimen envelopes sent
in the pews this morning realized
\$64.¹⁵ Total \$259.⁴⁰ Not half bad
for the short notice and the people.

Colenji Taylor in Easter week is an
next big event. I think it is here on
the 17th and in Pluà, on the 18th at
least it is thereabouts. Seems to me
that in Pluà is on a Thursday night.
It will be at the Academy Music.
I shall attend here but not follow.
With I cared, so as to see you.

All good wishes to ^{the} blessings upon you
Affectionately yours
Morr.

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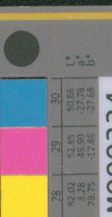
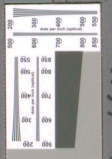
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To: Alice Dinkler
Washington, Del.

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Dear Alice:

I feel real good to have brought forth such a pleasant response, as the letter received by you and me from Mr. Hester. My letter was only a pleasant acknowledgment, and the information that we had communicated with you direct, as I suggested. Communication being opened, I can trust to you to get at what there is to be reached. If you should need my "fatherly" advice at any time, you have sense enough not to hesitate about asking for it. *Mr. Dinkler* I have, in stock or can get it is "yours". I have put in a separate sheet a resume of my talk with Mr. H. Anything that is not clear in that or anything else I write, do not be proud to ask further.

If you choose you can say to Mr. H. that since writing him and

*to you are
in the state of
Mr. H. Dinkler
to Mr. H.
in the land
of Mr. H.
and sublimated
your family heart
into him of Mr.
Mr. H. only
you must be
the "offspring" of
you England?*

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getting his answer, or something like
this: Major Fildwood writes me under
date March 28th that in talking with
a friend (formerly from Ohio) on the
same date as his letter, he was told
that the Law of Ohio gave the widow
One year of Maintenance under any
and all circumstances, that he did
not mention that in his letter to you,
and ask him - what about it?
I wrote him - If you write
to the judge, ask him about it also,
in connection with the other things.

When we get on in from all sides
you and I will go to Ohio and open
a law office. "Dunbar & Fildwood, Attys."
Settlement of Estate a specialty.

Am a little "run down" tonight, and
will make this purely business.

Command me in any and all things

Yours
Major

3/28/06.



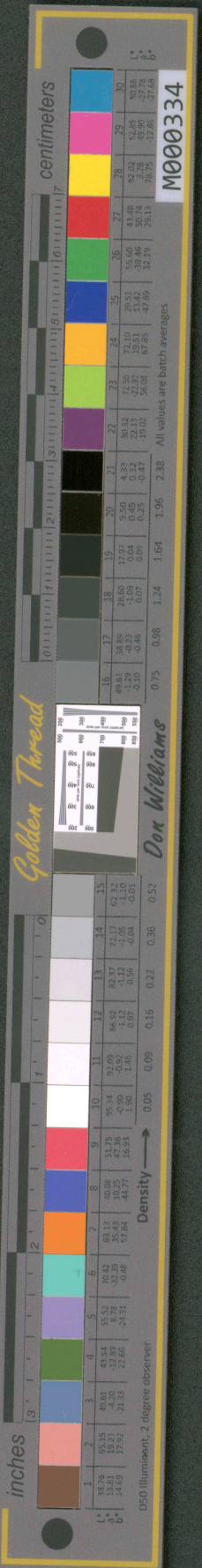
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Summary of interview

In the matter of the will; boiled down -
You are entitled to have whatever part the law
says you must have, in the several juris-
dictions in which his property or personally
may be located; this of course you would
have just the same had he said nothing,
and is gratuitous. His only real devise
in the will is to his Mother.

Mr. G. says: The law of the State gives
you just the same as Mr. K. states it,
But: with the condition - If you were
in the State, you would be entitled to
one year of residence in the home -
stead rent free. If this of course you
cannot avail yourself.

You are also and under any cir-
cumstances entitled to one year's main-
tenance from the Estate, if it should
absorb the entire proceeds of the Estate
to give it to you. This note he says
write the Judge. Do you catch the idea?
The Estate is to maintain you for one
year, as I understand it - as a claim
taking precedence of devises under the will
is not mitigating your dower rights in
any other remainder and subject only
to I think and the assignment by the
court which is the State's honor.



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Had he made no will at all, there being
no children, Everything in this would have
reverted to you, being a will, the devise
not affecting your dower rights. Stand.
He advises that you communicate with
the several Publishers and inform your-
self in the matter of Royalties &c. &c.
I am a little puzzled about the "three-
cornered" division of which he speaks,
You are one, the Mother is one, Who Else?
Asked if he thought it would be necessary
for you to be represented by Counsel - Said,
you had better write to the Judge of the
Court and ask his advice and opinion.
That if it should be requisite to get one,
have an agreement in writing with
the Lawyer, as to what he is to get. -
Recommends a percent basis of 5. to 25. %
for the Attorney, the Estate being small.
He does not think the property scheduled
in outside locations stand for anything
material. Mr. K. tells you the value
of the home place is covered by liens.
As whatever is to come must come from
publication of new book, or a com-
pilation going on the market be-
fore the passing is forgotten, would in
all probability have an excellent sale.
You might confer with the publishers as
to your desire to make an "Autobi." and
Collection. You get, perhaps "K." to see what
could be done with the old lady as to getting
a new edition of the old book.



Washington, D.C.

March 29 - '06

Mrs Paul Lawrence Dunbar: —

Dear Madam,

I will undertake to introduce myself, but more than likely you have forgotten me I am an ex student of Hampton, & I had the pleasure of meeting you, the last teacher institute at dear old Hampton.

Like all Hampton boys where ever they are, several of us have organized a Club & as there is already one named Armstrong we have named the other Dunbar.

With the love we had for Mr Dunbar & respect for you, we feel that we should tell you of our Club & trust its meets your approval.

We would like to have a small card printed with Mr Dunbar's picture in the center of it similar to the one you have seen of Germantown at Hampton to distribute to the lovers of Mr Dunbar. works at a small

cost to defray the expense of printing
this will not only help the movement
already on foot to erect a monument to
Mr Dunbar, & sort of an introduction
to our Club but it will cause other Clubs
to spring up in other parts of the Country
that will keep ever fresh in the minds
of the negro & other races the work of
one great negro

Trusting you will kindly give
us permission to have this little card
printed as I would be pleased
to send you any number for your
friends.

Yours Res
Thos H. Smith - Sec
129 - L St N.W.

P.S.
As we have a meeting Sunday
I would be very much pleased to hear
from you by Saturday