

From James A. Shook  
To: Alice Dunbar

Juniata College.

Mrs. Paul L. Dunbar,  
Dayton, Ohio.

Huntingdon, Pa.

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Dear Madam: I am a college student, in a Pennsylvania College. I am deeply interested in the poetry of your late husband. I gave, some month's ago an appreciation of his life and poetry before one of our literary societies. It aroused much interest and I was asked to repeat it. I repeated it last night before a crowded house. In it I recited some half dozen of his selections.

Now I should like very much to purchase a relic of him, such as a photograph or a manuscript copy of a poem, if possible. If you have any of his photos for sale or a manuscript you would be willing to sell, I should consider it a very great favor, if you would inform me.

Very Respectfully,

James A. Shook.







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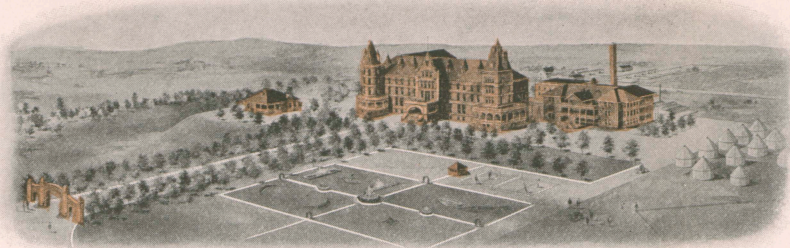
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From:  
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January 14, 1907.

Mrs. Alice Moore Dunbar,  
1008 French St.,  
Wilmington, Del.

My Dear Mrs. Dunbar:

I am in receipt of the copy "Joggin 'Erlong" from the pen of your late husband, Paul Laurence Dunbar, which you have sent for the Library of the Union Printers' Home.

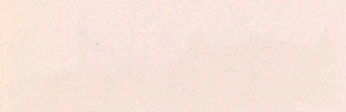
On behalf of the residents of this institution, I wish to thank you for the gift and can assure you the charming poems in this book will be enjoyed and appreciated by Home readers.

I also wish to express my appreciation of the autograph which accompanies this volume. This gives the book an added worth above its literary value.

Mr. B. F. Swigart of St. Louis advises that you have sent this book through his solicitation. Mr. Swigart is actively interested in our Home Library, and we are indebted to him for many valuable additions. You doubtless appreciate that a fine collection of books means much to the residents



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Mrs. A. M. D. -2.

of this institution, many of whom depend much upon literature  
for their entertainment.

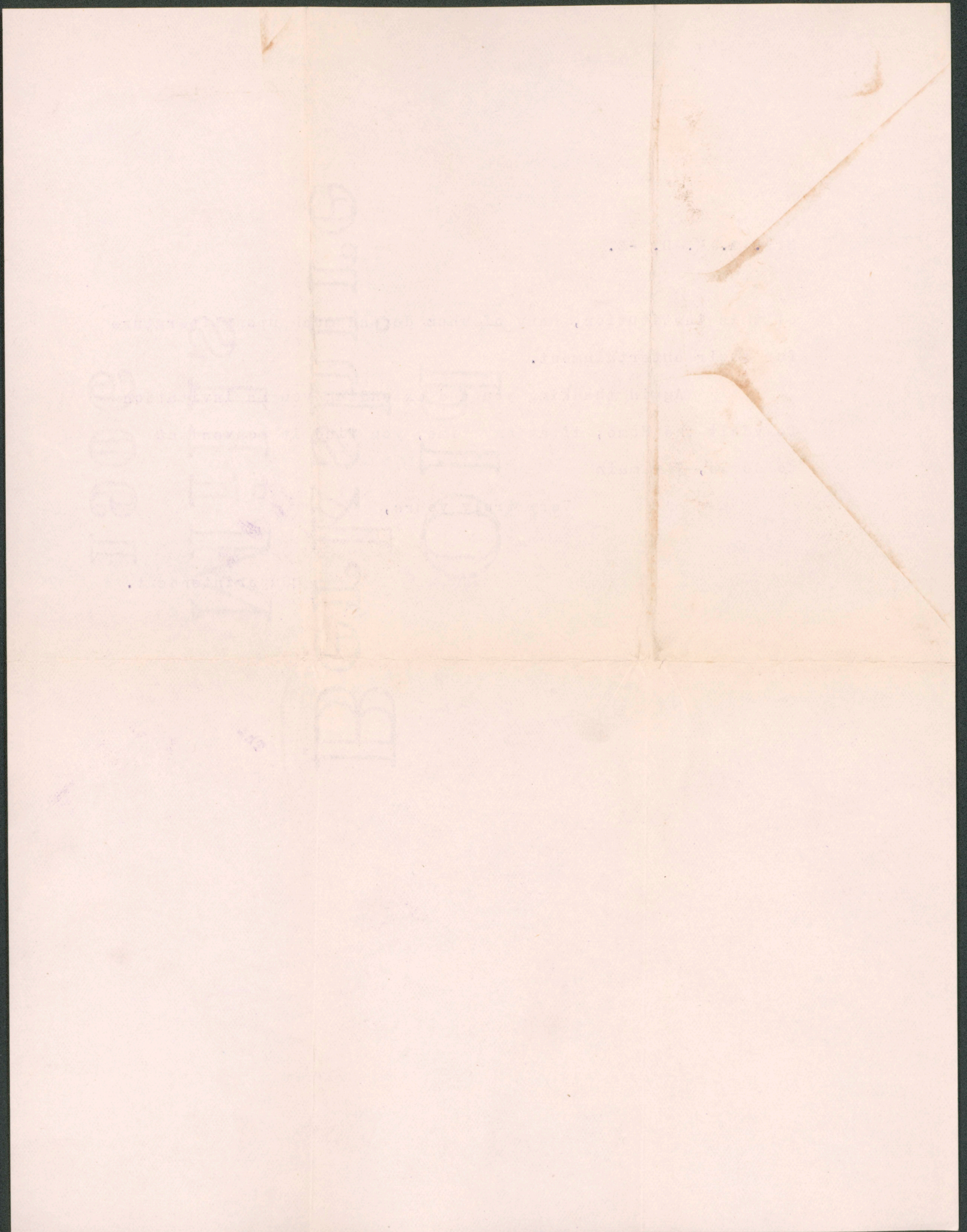
Again thanking you and extending you an invitation  
to visit the Home, if at any time, you find it convenient  
to do so, I remain

Very truly yours,

*Chas. H. Mason*

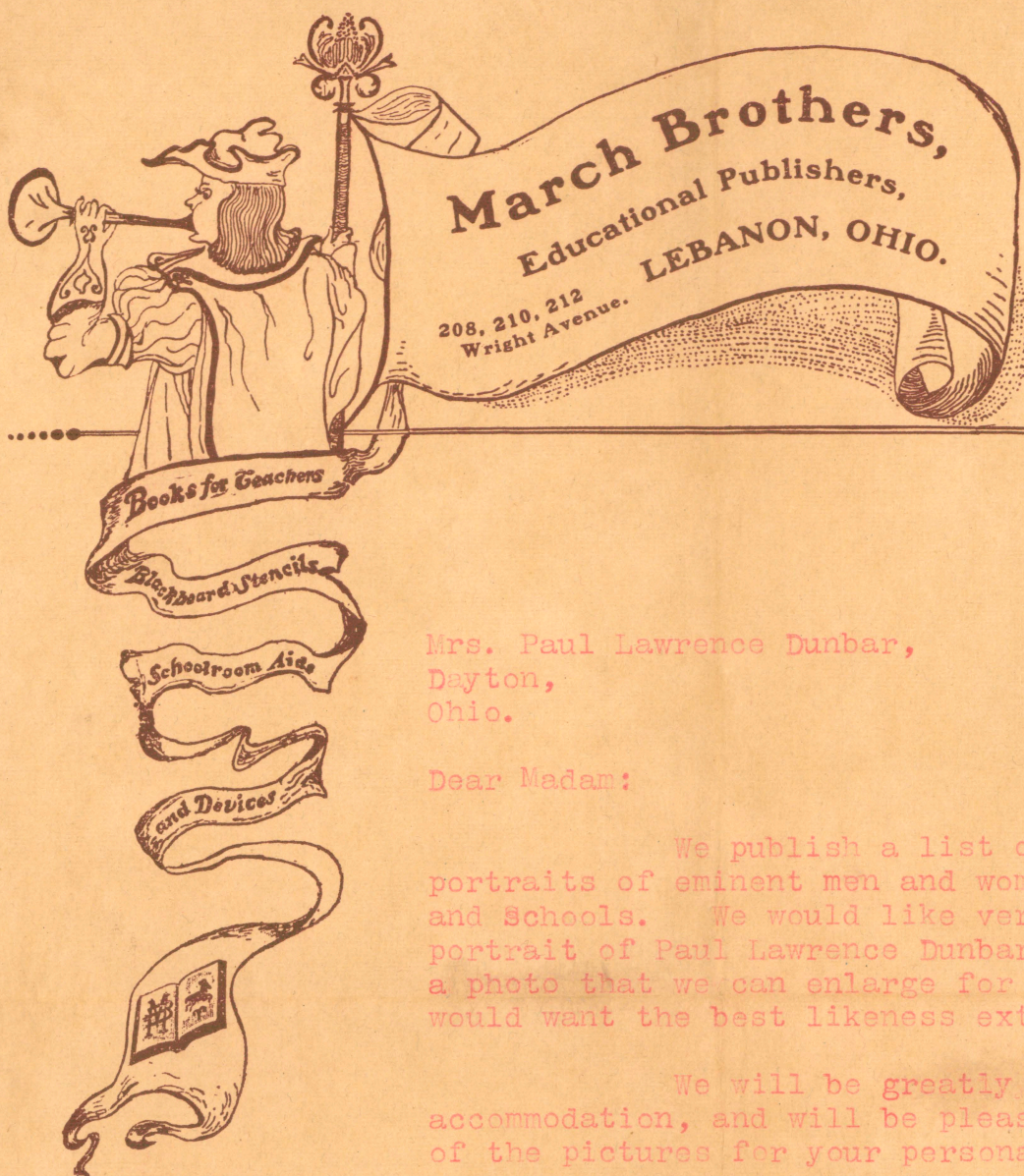
Superintendent.







[1907]



January the  
fifteenth

M C M V I I

Mrs. Paul Lawrence Dunbar,  
Dayton,  
Ohio.

Dear Madam:

We publish a list of life size portraits of eminent men and women for Libraries and Schools. We would like very much to add the portrait of Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Can you furnish a photo that we can enlarge for this purpose? We would want the best likeness extant.

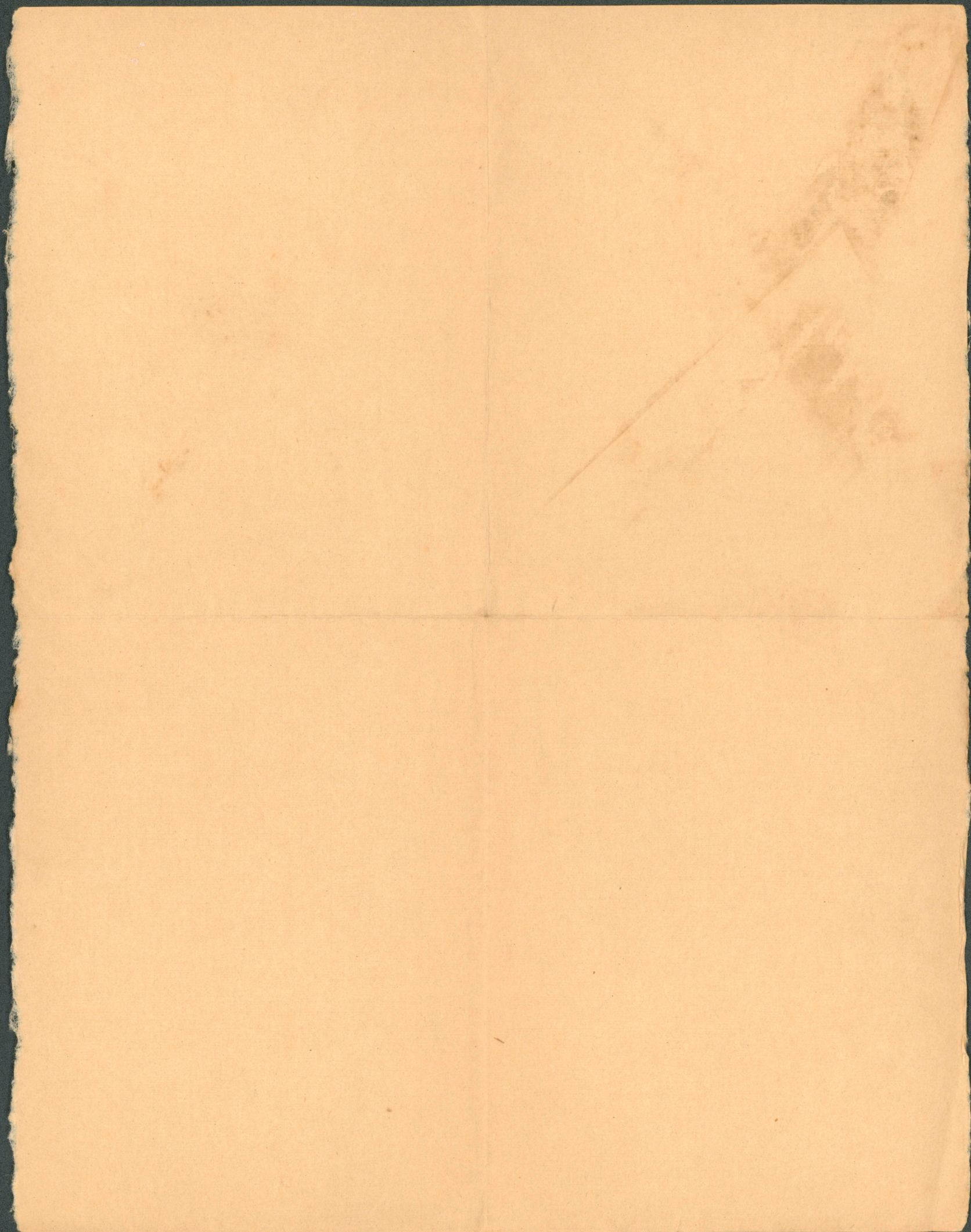
We will be greatly obliged for the accommodation, and will be pleased to send copies of the pictures for your personal use.

We enclose stamped envelope for reply.

Yours very truly,  
March Brothers.

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From James Shook

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Juniata College,  
Huntingdon, Pa.  
Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
1907.

Mrs. Paul G. Dunbar,

Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Madam:- Your esteemed favor of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. duly received. Thank you very kindly for the favor. I think I will have no trouble in securing a photograph from Mr. Baker. I do not blame you for not wishing to dispose of your manuscripts: I lost a dear father two years ago, and I cherish every little relic he left.

I am sure it gives me pleasure, to know that you know of, and appreciate my humble efforts to keep green the memory of a man so great and good as Mr. Dunbar. I expect, after I get out into my profession as a teacher to be able to do more. I think I am conscious that his work and life need no eulogy of mine.

His life has been a great inspiration to me, in my struggle in the world. I come from a poor home and a large family, worked my way through a high school, and have earned with my own hands the



money by which I am educating myself. And will  
graduate without owing any money. So that I am  
in position to appreciate Mr. Winbros work and  
life and to take inspiration from it.

"O How oft depressed and lonely,

All my fears I cast aside,

When I but remember only

Such as these have lived and died."

Thanking you once more for the favor and  
for your kind wishes for my success, I am,  
wishing you a happy life, Very truly yours

James A. Shook.



[March 5, 1907]

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

Allie:

Bully !!!

WHEE-E-E-E!!!!

Major.  
Water  
"Minor"

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Mrs. Alice Moore Dunbar,  
Wilmington, Del.

Dear Madam:-

At the suggestion of the author, Mrs. Lida Keck Wiggins, we mailed you several days ago a copy of "The Life and Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar" just issued. Enclosed is a descriptive circular. We shall be pleased to have you examine the work and if you consistently can, be good enough to send us a written opinion at an early date. The book promises to become very popular and have a large sale.

An agent in Dayton, Ohio sold 28 copies the first day. One lady from Des Moines, Iowa, writes that she secured 18 subscribers the first eight hours and has prospects of selling a copy to every member of the Womans Literary Club, white, the officers of which have already placed their orders.

Dr. Adams, Editor of "The Advance" Chicago writes, "I considered Paul Laurence Dunbar a genius bound in ebony."

It gives us pleasure to be able to present you with this volume containing all of Mr. Dunbar's poems together with his best short stories, and an excellent biography.

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
J. J. McNamee & Company  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Enclosed for you are two copies of the report of the Committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York, which was adopted by the Convention of 1901. The report contains a full and complete statement of the facts and circumstances connected with the proposed amendment, and also a full and complete statement of the reasons for the adoption of the same. It is believed that the same will be of great value to you in your consideration of the proposed amendment.

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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# March Brothers

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April the seventeenth

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Mrs. Alice M. Dunbar,  
Wilmington,  
Delaware.

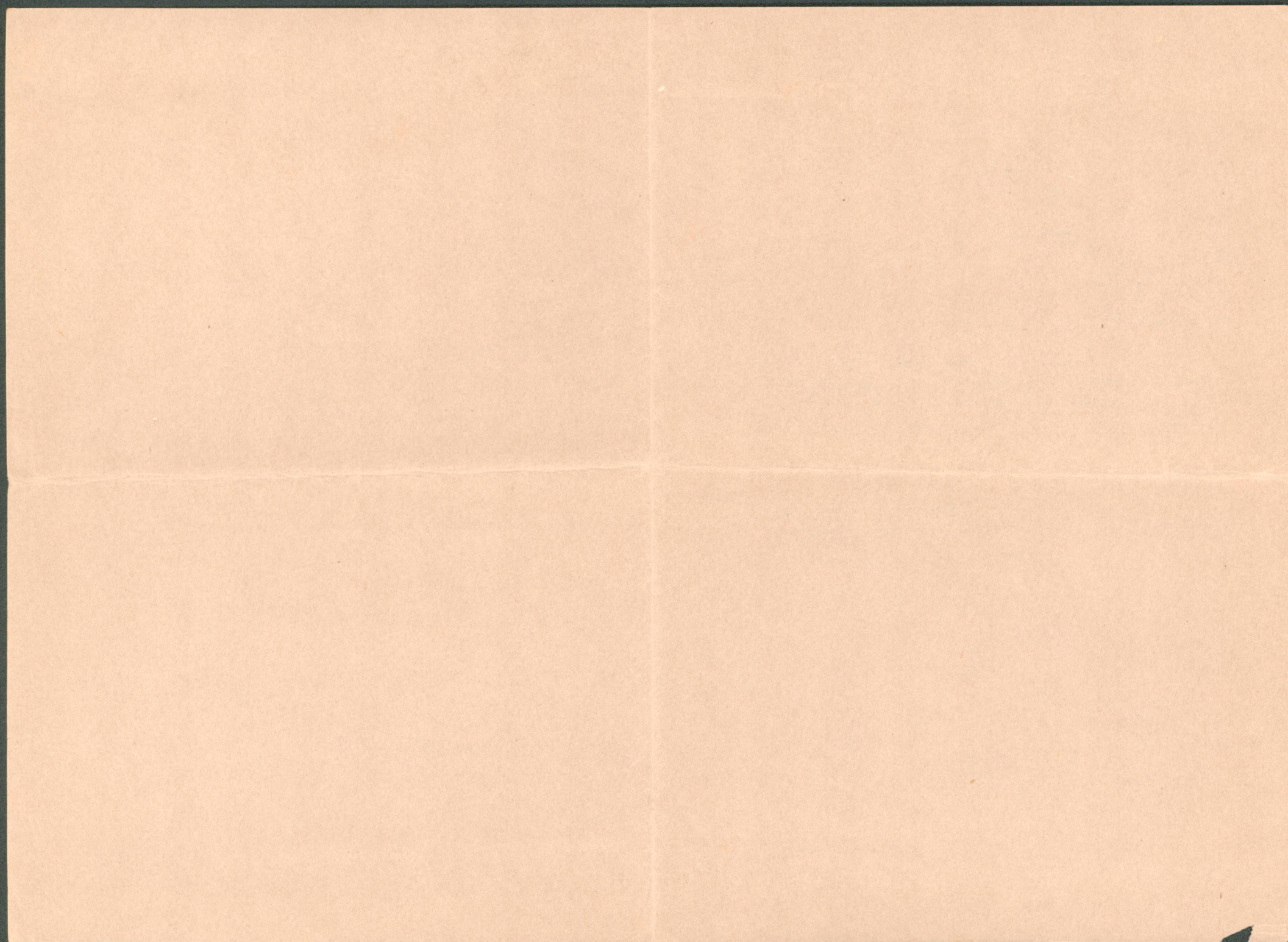
Dear Madam:

We have your very kind letter  
of April 15th. We procured a portrait of  
Mr. Dunbar from his mother, and the large  
picture will probably be made soon. We  
will be glad to send copies to you when  
ready.

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Yours very truly,  
March Brothers.







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Mrs. Alice M. Dunbar,  
Wilmington, Del.

My Dear Mrs. Dunbar:-

We have your esteemed favor of the 15th, and we wish to thank you for the complimentary remarks you make in relation to "The Life and Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar" of which we sent you a volume. We are pleased to know that you consider the biography a commendable piece of work.

As to the few minor errors referred to will say that we would appreciate it very much if you would point them out to us. Mrs. Wiggins has already discovered several which will be corrected when the next edition is issued. We could at the same time, make others, if they are pointed out to us. We can easily make corrections of a minor character in the plates, without great expense or trouble.

You say, "The selections from Mr. Dunbar's poems are happily made". It is not quite clear to us why you make this statement in as much as we have the understanding that all of Mr. Dunbar's published poems are included in our volume. It may be that you received the impression that we had only selected certain ones, but we contracted for all of Mr. Dunbar's published poems. Are there any others in existence that have ever been published, and are not included in our volume?

We enclose a stamp for reply and thank you for any information you may give us. The book is selling rapidly and we are glad to hear that the agent in your town is meeting with encouragement.

Do you know of any one in any part of the country, Mrs. Dunbar, whom we might induce to accept an agency? You may know more of Mr. Dunbar's friends than any one else, and could give us names and addresses. Any such assistance would be greatly appreciated.

*Yours,*

Respectfully yours,

EEM-M.

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4/10/17

Mr. Alice M. Barber,  
Wilmington, Del.  
My dear Mrs. Barber:-

We have your letter of the 1st inst. and we wish to  
thank you for the contribution you have made to the  
cause of the poor and unfortunate. We are glad to hear  
that you have been so successful in your efforts.

We are sorry to hear that you have been so  
sick. We hope you will soon be well and able to  
resume your work. We are glad to hear that you  
are so interested in the cause of the poor and  
unfortunate. We are glad to hear that you are  
so successful in your efforts.

You say "The collection from the Barber's poems was  
happily made". It is not quite clear to us why you make this  
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We enclosed a stamp for reply and thank you for any  
information you may give us. The book is selling rapidly and we  
are glad to hear that the agent in your town is working with  
enthusiasm.

We know of no one in any part of the country who  
would be likely to accept an agency for any kind  
of Mr. Barber's poems than any one else, and could give  
us names and addresses. Any such assistance would be greatly  
appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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Sympathy - or the sympathetic  
touch in what we write, is  
as much - at least, I think so.  
The article shows that you love  
both Wordsworth and Milton  
and have learned the true  
inwardness of their companions,  
or of W.W.'s <sup>with</sup> Milton.  
Keep on!

Yours faithfully,  
Cynthia M. St. John

To: Mrs. [Alice M.] Dunbar  
Wilmington, Del.  
From: Cynthia M. St. John  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Ithaca, April 24 '07

My dear Mrs. Dunbar.

That was a most  
interesting bit of study which  
you contributed to Madam Langens  
Notes on W.W. & Milton.

I'm proud of you!

It is so evident - and written  
so beautifully as well as sym-  
pathetically that I admire it  
far more than most research  
work (as I think you'd call it)



