In Memoriam

1 April 1939
Atlanta, Ga.

Eight years after the death of A. D. Williams, his influence remained strong in the family. His widow, his daughter, and his three grandchildren published this poem in his memory in the Georgia Baptist, the official publication of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia.

Eight years ago you left us,
And the wound has never healed
From the shock of your sudden going,

And the loss time has revealed
We are striving hard to meet you
In heaven some sweet day,
Where we may dwell together once more
As the ages roll away.

Mrs. J. C. Williams, wife,
Mrs. Alberta Williams King, daughter,
Christine King
M. L. King, Jr.,
A. D. Williams King,
Grandchildren

PD. Georgia Baptist, 1 April 1939.

To Martin Luther King, Sr.

18 January 1940
Atlanta, Ga.

Three days after his eleventh birthday, King, Jr., uses a child's typewriter to write to his father, who was preaching at a two-week revival at Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. "Mother Dear" is his mother, Alberta Williams King. "Mama" refers to his grandmother, Jennie Celeste Parks Williams. The ward was a residential subdivision of Ebenezer Baptist Church's congregation. "Uncle Jim and Aunt Essie" are King, Sr.'s younger brother, James Albert King, Jr., and his wife, Esther King. "Miss Rutland" is Miss Carrie Rutland, a member of Ebenezer Church and a neighbor of the King family on Auburn Avenue. "The Ray family" refers to the family of the Reverend Sandy Ray, a friend of King, Sr., since their