To Charles E. Batten

30 October 1950
Chester, Pa.

Dean Charles E. Batten
Crozer Theological Seminary
Chester, Pennsylvania

I have known Worth L. Barbour for a number of years, but for the last three years our relationship has been much more intimate than in previous years. In my dealings with him I have been greatly impressed with his sincerity of purpose, his conscientiousness, and his enthusiasm for the Christian ministry. I feel that he knows what he wants to do and he is settled enough to attempt to do it. He has a very [mark illegible] approach to life, and one which I think beneficial to any young man entering the ministry.

I am not in a position to give quite an objective statement of Littlejohn's academic because of my limited contact with him in that area, however I might say that in ordinary conversational dealings I have found him to be mentally alert and quite open-minded. He confronts issues on quite a mature level. While I have not received the impression that Littlejohn is of superior intelligence, I feel that he can do the work at Crozer on the level of an average student.

Tlc. MLKP-MBU: Box 116, folder 49.

To Hugh Watt

5 November 1950
Chester, Pa.

This letter to professor Hugh Watt at the University of Edinburgh is the earliest extant document indicating King's interest in graduate study. Six weeks after he wrote this letter King was accepted by Edinburgh. He chose to attend Boston University.

Professor Hugh Watt
The Post Graduate School of Theology
7 Mayfield Terrace
Edinburgh, Scotland

I am interested in taking work toward the Ph.D degree in Theology. At present I am a senior student of the Crozer Theological Seminary (U.S.A.), and plan to finish in May of 1951. I would like very much to start my work toward the Ph.D degree in the fall term of that same year.

For sometime now I have had a great deal of interest in Edinburgh, and would like very much to study there. I would appreciate it very much if you would send me an application form, a catalogue of the Divinity school, and...
any information that would be valuable to me at this point. Please let me know
of the possibilities of my entering in the fall term of 1951.
Thank you for your help. An immediate reply would be appreciated.

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Crozer Theological Seminary
Placement Committee:
Confidential Evaluation of
Martin Luther King, Jr., by George W. Davis

15 November 1950
Chester, Pa.

The Placement Committee, headed by Sankey L. Blanton, asked for Davis's
"estimate of [King's] general and special abilities and character, together with any
added remarks you deem helpful to the Placement Committee."

1. Exceptional intellectual ability—discriminating mind.
2. Very personable.
3. Makes good impression in public in speaking and discussion. Good
speaking voice.
4. A man of high character.
5. Should make an excellent minister or teacher. He has the mind for the
latter.

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1. Morton Scott Enslin, Raymond J. Bean, and Charles E. Batten also prepared evaluations
for the placement committee; see pp. 354, 392, and 406-407 in this volume, respectively.

"An Appraisal of the Great Awakening"

[17 November 1950]
[Chester, Pa.]

King wrote this essay for American Christianity (Colonial Period) taught by
Raymond J. Bean at Crozer Theological Seminary. Bean lectured on the
development of Christianity in the United States from the arrival of the Spanish

1. Raymond Joseph Bean (1917-1982) received a B.A. from the University of New Hamp-
shire in 1941, a B.D. from Andover-Newton Theological School in 1944, and a Th.D. from Bos-
ton in 1949. He replaced Reuben Elmore Ernest Harkness as Crozer's professor of church history
during King's last year at the seminary. Bean remained at Crozer until 1959, when he became
minister of the First Baptist Church in East Orange, New Jersey. In 1966, he became pastor of
the First Baptist Church in Manchester, New Hampshire.