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.

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

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project
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.
4. A man of high character.
5. Should make an excellent minister or teacher. He has the mind for the latter.

AFmS. CRO-NRCR.

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 Hampshire in 1941, a B.D. from Andover-Newton Theological School in 1944, and a Th.D. from Boston 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.