

Buffalo June 1 -
Very much interested
in noting a reference
to the Negroes in
an late No. of the
Bases -

I enclose you his
corrections as
printed in the
Chicago Standard

Yours truly

O. R. Gifford.

— Rev. Johnston Myers, the new pastor of Immanuel church, Chicago, some time since, in an interview with a reporter was made to say something which was construed as reflecting upon the colored people. In a letter to the *Chicago Record* Mr. Myers declares his position in the matter for which his opinions had been criticised:

"This is my position in detail with reference to their uniting with white churches: If there were a colored Baptist church in the vicinity of the church of which I was pastor I would certainly advise all the colored people to unite with their own church. If they came to me and asked me for baptism I would send them to their own church and to their own people, not upon the ground of Christian charity nor a lack of Christian charity, but upon the ground of expediency in Christian work. They can be more efficient in their own church. It would be a disadvantage to them to belong to a white church and for many reasons it would be a disadvantage to the white church. If there were no colored Baptist church within convenient distance I would then certainly baptize them into the white church. I am sure I shall be in Chicago, as I have been here, a firm friend of the colored people, and, I hope, a wise friend."