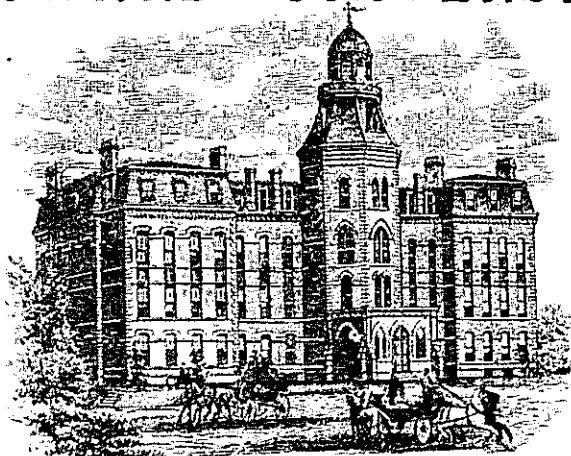


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Dear Mr. Truize:

I thank you very much for the great pains you have taken to write me at such length. I did not mean to depreciate Pastor's Prayer; on the kind of book it is. I am entirely in sympathy with the spirit which inspired it. We need just such a book, & it will well like to be seen. I meant by independence,

that spirit, which leads a white
boy to walk out his destiny, as
though God were in it, & on his
sides: to do just what our Northern
broth' & parents have taught us
to do.

There must be a great scheme
on the African side. It must
have its poets & novelists, its
preachers, & orators & publicists.
What, I want, is something,
which will make them strike
out, & underwrite this destiny.

I see great truth in some
of your fears for Africa: but,
I believe, God will not allow
them to be realized.

Again thanking you for
the favor of your letter, &

wish the best, that you will advise to look on you
the evening, which has come from God for
such a time as this: I am

Yours truly

J. S. Franklin

J. S. Franklin I wish an article on Christianity
making use of your mechanism, as given
in the letters, to our friend & our friend the work?