

Indianapolis, Ind.,

May 15th, 1893.

Judge Albion H. Torgue,
Dear Sir:—

I am a student of Indiana University, at which institution. I had the pleasure of hearing your well-received lecture: "Yours and Mine." I am one of the few colored students attending that college. My preparation for college was effected in the ward schools, and in the high school, of this city. I worked out and provided my own books

and clothing during the entire course of preparation. I graduated from the Indianapolis High School No. 1., in June, 1890. I entered Indiana University in Sept., 1890, and continued until Christmas of '92; spending two years' and one term at college. I would have graduated in June of this year could I have remained in college, thus completing a four years course in three years. I have $30\frac{9}{10}$ credits, and 36 are required for graduation. I exhausted all my means and could only spend one term of my senior

year in college. If I can possibly arrange it so as to enter in Sept., I can complete my course by the end of the Winter term. If I enter^{at} Christmas, I can complete my course at the end of the Spring term, that is, in June, 1894. I would be pleased to spend the entire year in college, since it is necessary to spend two terms before I can graduate. I have made this long preliminary statement because it is in part necessary to the request which I shall

make. Now I come di-
rectly to the purpose
of my letter.

I wish, if you please,
that you advance me
the necessary amount,
and I will certainly
repay you when I have
finished my educa-
tion. If you advance
enough to enable me to
go but the two terms
required for graduation,
it will be necessary
to loan me \$150.00; but if
you advance enough to
enable me to put in the
entire year at college—

and I certainly desire so
to do— it will require
\$225.00. If you will do
this for me, I shall
regard it as the crown-
ing favor of my life.

Now it is necessary
to say more when making
a request which may seem
to you so strange. I
know what I have said
with reference to my-
self must be verified.
I can furnish you proof
of my identity and purpose
in any form you may
desire. I know! I can
procure, if you wish,

exact, my standing as a student. I suppose the statement just concluded in order that you may know me to be honest and sincere in my statements to you regarding my self and my intentions! No matter in what manner you may provide for me, I shall hold myself bound to refund the amount just as I have promised you.

I have no security to offer you, only my bare word, for I am extremely poor; unless previous sound character be a security. But if you aid me, it will be easy for me to

the sanction of the faculty; and in order that you may be satisfied that the sum is to be spent as I have indicated, you may deposit it with what ever number or numbers of the faculty you choose; such sum to be given to me as actual expenses may require. I refer you to Professors, A. Water, Fellows, Clarke, Briggs, Sanderson, and Benbow, also to Prof. Swain, the late president, any of whom can give you information as to my standing as a scholar, or, to be more

make the amount as a
graduate, for positions in
 colleges of my own race
 will be offered me when
 I can show proofs of
 scholarship, and I can
 then return you what
 ever amount you, in your
 kindness, may advance
 me. Hoping to hear from
 you soon, and trusting
 that you may favorably con-
 sider my humble request,
 I am most sincerely
 yours,

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