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Pine Bluff Ark 7" 16" 95

Judge Alex Lovejoy,
Mayville N.Y.
My Dear Judge and friend,
It has been along time
since I have written to
you. I am well and doing
moderately well. My trouble
that I wrote you about
some time ago is all over
and amicable adjusted.
You have done so much
for the poor colored man
in the South. Until we
look to you for leader
ship as the children of
Israel looked to their Moses
Judge: I know your good
heart as I know my own
the only difference is my
heart is within me and
with me and I know
yours by what has come out
of it for no man liveth
that has said and done
so much for us as you
have and children learn
to look to their parents
for daily provision as
we do to you.

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(2) Judge. Listen to this letter and give ear unto my prayer. I am one of the trustees of the Arkansas Colord College located at Little Rock. We struggle to build this College as hard as ever the Romans struggled to some Rome and conquer other territory for its Maintainance. We paid $5000. for the ground - this price was from blood and sweat money drained from the plow handles - hoe handle - Work bench - Wash tub and all the vocations of life that are followed by an oppressed and poor people - that are dependent upon their Muscles for support. After we paid for the land and then - we built one house on at a cost of $15000 - and had six teachers forging ahead with the work of teaching over young men and women - some mes creants went at the dead hour of Midnight and set fire

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3 to it and born it down
to ashes - Destroying the
house - all the desks that
our good friends in the
North had given us - fine
Patents black-boards - Clocks
Chemical aparatus printing
Press - Newspaper - founts of type
Stands - jobers - type Writers -
Kitchen furniture - beding and
all that goes to make up an well
arrange School - The fire
was set at the front door
Where the stair way led up
to the other or upper stories -
With evident intent to burn
to death the teachers and
30 or 40 young girl students
Who refused and sleft above
And these were only smoken
by the heat of the flames -
When the President - Wife
and Children had to jump
to the ground - so did the
girl students - Same
Crush - their back-bones -
legs - arms and so on -
All of these Dis bill fell
on the College board
of trustees to pay -

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4. Judge these are good
people and deserve the
help and sympathy of every
thinking Christian Woman
and Man in the World.
We could not get assurance
for more than one half
of the value of the house.
So we had $4000 on
it insured and got that
from the Company with their
sympathy and good
will. Now Judge you must
not grow wearied with us
and impatient when we
come to you with our
complaints and woes - for we
have so learned to do
from the kindness
you have shown to us
as a people. We come
to you in the name of
Him who is over all -
beg of you to help us
with means to rebuild
our College - let it be little
or much and in any
you may designate. This
is no childs play

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(5) You have an advantage over us that we cannot attain for the present and for a long time to come — Your career so grand — so well known among the grandest people on earth — You may not believe me yet it is a fact — Our White people in the South have little or no practical religion of Christ. What they do for the Negro is done by mere force and to convince the people of the North that they are trying to do Christianity — (Giving) Our people, colored, are not doing and acting as they did of ~~yore~~ Yore — We are a Caming people and are Making Wonderful Strides here in this South land — All we need is to be helped to get up the Present Mountain of Sin, that the opposition is continually forming against us — The Northern White people have been deluded by the Southern White Press to believe that we are not entitled to their sympathy and aid —

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6. They do not want us to be any thing above and beyond slaves and surfs for them. But if we can have such Godlike people as you and your dear Wife to aid us, to speak for us, to ask our friends in the North to aid us. We will yet come out over all the obstacles thrown in our footway. I wish Judge We could get you to help us by making an appeal to the people of the North for our bout College - for Money, desks, lumber, brick, books any thing that will aid us on to prosperity and the completion of our School - Think before making any reply - Pray over this Matter and ask the Master and He will guide and direct you in all the Way. I am Your Friend.

A. M. Middlebrooks
Trustee