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great pleasure in assisting him. The doors of Pittsburgh's largest hospital swung easily to colored men Sunday, and I feel safe in saying that prejudice will not soon cut a figure in hospital work in Pittsburgh. I send you the letter that I have just [received] from the young Doctor in Pittsburgh in reference to the trip, he was one of my Internes last year. I hope that this will find you well, Very Sincerely Yours,

D. H. Williams

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<sup>1</sup> Should be K. for Alonzo Homer Kenniebrew.

From Edward Thomas Devine<sup>1</sup>

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My dear Sir: You are no doubt aware that there are several fraudulent collectors who regularly visit Northern cities in the interest of schools and colleges for colored persons. In some instances there is a small school to support the claim, and in other instances the institution seems to exist only in the person of the canvasser. We have been compelled to report unfavorably to our members about several of these institutions, but we do not wish to appear antagonistic to negro education or to prevent charitable contributions for its support.

It has occurred to me that it would be of advantage for us to have a list of perhaps eight or ten good schools, in different states and affiliated with different religious denominations, that can be vouched for by those who are familiar with the actual work done by the schools. I do not mean necessarily to exclude small enterprises, provided they are honestly and efficiently conducted, and it would be of great service to us if you could send us the names of a few such schools known by yourself to be worthy of commendation, and if you could put me in the way of securing similar information from any Southern state with which you do not happen to be acquainted. Possibly you could have the entire list prepared for us by some one upon whom you could rely.<sup>2</sup> If so this would be very greatly appreciated and would enable us to serve the cause of progressive and intelligent negro education in a more positive manner. At present we have only the satisfaction of knowing