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Paul L. Dunbar  
 Dayton, Ohio.

My Dear Sir:

On behalf of the members of the West End Club I wish to thank you for the pleasure afforded us on Wednesday evening by a rehearsal of some of your poems.

I have heard a number of comments from members present and all express themselves as not only greatly pleased with your composition and delivery, but surprised that one of your years should produce such beautiful poems.

Those who purchased copies of "Oaks and Ivy" express great pleasure and profit in reading the same.

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I have for some time felt that since  
 nature has endowed you with such  
 gifts that you should have an oppor-  
 tunity of acquiring a thorough edu-  
 cation so that you may be fitted  
 for future work.  
 If you feel that by your own efforts  
 that you will not be able to enter  
 college I will be one of ten persons  
 to loan you \$500 per year during  
 the time you may wish to spend in  
 college. I think I can procure  
 four others in Toledo to do the same  
 and do not doubt but that they are  
 just in Dayton who would be glad  
 to join us. Let me know how  
 you feel about such a plan.

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If in the future you should wish  
to come to Toledo again by  
giving me due notice I will  
make your trip even more pros-  
perous than was the first.

Trusting that you will continue  
your efforts and meet with  
the success which you merit.

I remain, Very truly yours,

C. A. Thatcher