

so. But my saying is of little account. God's word says so. J. B. S."

"JUNE 13TH, 1870.

"Ever dear Brother, I wish you to know that we rejoice exceedingly at the success the Lord has given you in Richmond. As the colored people voted by a unanimous uprising to pray for you and help you, so do we. \* \* \* \* These colleges for colored preachers, like the whites, cannot be carried along with real power unless they can have the benefit of permanent endowment funds. We expect you to prove yourself, by God's help, the author and organizer of a great success in Richmond. J. B. S."

"JULY 7TH, 1870.

"As an encouragement to you, let me say that, after applying day after day, by laborious effort, to some forty persons, being turned off shortly and again even rudely, God brought me at length to one of His hidden saints, who said, before I had finished stating the great work, 'My brother, I think the Lord sent you here. I have money and I want to give it. I want to be mainly my own executor.' That person has already paid into our treasury several thousand dollars, and more are coming.

"J. B. S."

"SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1870.

"Be careful to spend no money on bad material