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O'Connor, Mr R.S. White and many others, and Mr Bennett. I happened to have gone to Ottawa last year just after the House was closed when I saw Mr Bennett in person.

We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Church, the first of our Colored Churches organized in Canada after the run-away-slaves were settled in Chatham. For this purpose we are raising funds for the paying ~~off~~ our present indebtedness and to build a parsonage ~~for~~ which the Church is handicapped without. The inability of my people here to do this add the ~~same~~ need of this, caused me to go outside to seek assistance. As I have said that if you had seen my book and hear me in person, you would have certainly expressed your sympathy with my effort as the others have done. But I now feel satisfied that after reading these facts, you shall comply with my request and send me a contribution as you see fit. The collecting book that I have is one in which I enroll all those who subscribe to this fund to be kept as a memorial of our 50th anniversary. It will be therefore a pleasure to have your name in it with all those whom I have named.

Thanking you for the privilege of writing you and wishing you every possible success in your efforts,

I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

W. Constantine Perry

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