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Mr. Carl Van Vechten
146 Central Park West
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Van Vechten:

On Sunday, June 3rd, the American Missionary Association is opening the centennial observances of the founding by the Association of colleges for Negroes in the South. These colleges are listed above. Howard University was also founded by the Association.

The observances will be launched by paying tribute to the great artist and the great pioneer in the field of human relations--Roland Hayes--who opened the concert stage to Negro artists 50 years ago.

Mr. Hayes will be 75 years old on Sunday, June 3rd, and has graciously consented to provide a recital of art songs and folk music, for which he is renowned, on that day at Carnegie Hall. You will find the program enclosed.

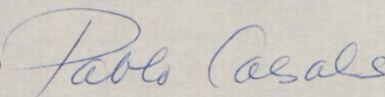
Our reason for writing you is two-fold: We hope you will find it possible to join us on that day, and we should like to invite you to write a letter which will be included in a volume of many letters from friends and admirers for presentation to him on the day of the concert.

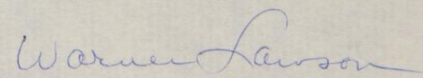
Benefit tickets, which are tax deductible, are available from the office listed above. Regular tickets may be purchased at the Carnegie Hall box office.

Your letter to Mr. Hayes, if you would like to write one, should be addressed to him at the address on this letter and we will take care of including it in the presentation volume.

Cordially yours,

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE HAYES RECITAL & TESTIMONIAL


Pablo Casals, Co-Chairman


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