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### Correspondence - Itimous Valentine and Ralph Gardner

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Itimous T. Valentine  
Lawyer  
Nashville, N. C.

March 25, 1948

Hon. Ralph W. Gardner  
Attorney at Law  
Shelby, N. C.

Dear Ralph:

I have received the clipping from the Cleveland Times of March 19, which contains the photographs and article concerning the O. Max Gardner Memorial Student Union for Gardner-Webb College. I enjoyed the article and pictures immensely. I know that this splendid institution, its faculty, student body, alumni and friends will derive great pleasure and benefit from this splendid building, as they have from the other contributions made by your family. Such a monument to an illustrious statesman is a living and lasting example of his greatness. While he and I did not always see eye to eye politically, his contribution to the State and Nation was most enviable. My association with you in India increased my personal attachment for you and your family to a marked extent. I hope as time goes on, we may be more closely associated and together have some share in the future development of our fair state.

Another thing of special interest about this article is the fact that it disclosed to me that my old room-mate, Phil Elliott, is President of Gardner-Webb College. As you and the people in that section of the state have already found out, Phil is one of the finest and most able men which North Carolina has produced. Under his leadership and with the backing of such men and women as compose your family, this institution is destined to play an important part in the future of this State and Nation.

I hope I have a chance to see you before we are very much older.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Your friend,

(signed Itimous)

Itimous T. Valentine

ITV/mt