

## West Side Christian Church

Garner Dealey Noland, Minister

6th and Lindenwood Avenues

Topeka, Kansas

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

This letter of apology is sent to you with the explanation as why you did not receive an earlier answer. When I received your first letter I turned it over to the Secretary of our organization to write you. He, being a very busy man, forgot to do so. Which, of course, I should not have done. The President of our organization was making arrangements to have Tom Collins, of Kansas City, make this speech while I was making arrangements to have you.

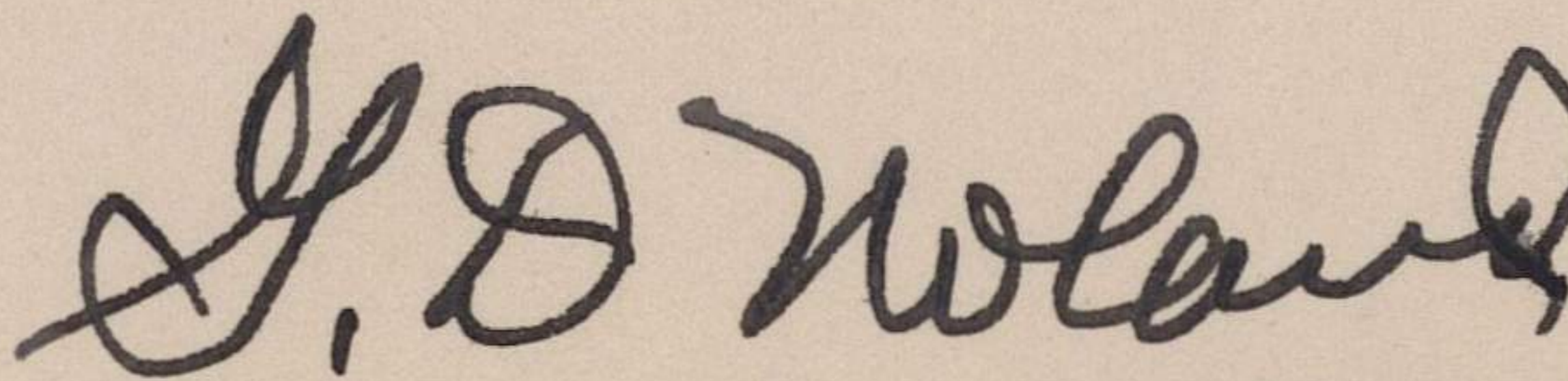
We debated for some time as to which one of us should have our way and finally I gave in for him to have Mr. Collins. I should have written you or checked with our Secretary, but at this time my father-in-law was at the point of death in Iowa and I rushed away and in the confusion the matter was overlooked and it was not called to my attention again until I received your letter right in the midst of our ticket sales to put over the Collins' lecture.

This isn't a very businesslike way for me to do, but if you remember my makeup and know me, I am not very businesslike anyway.

I have talked with the President of our organization and he suggested that I try to secure your services and express to you our sincere desire of having you to open our season of Laymen's League dinners the last week of September or the first in October and we will notify you definitely of this date.

I assure you that our fellows are real anxious to have you and though you may not think it I shall be more than glad to present you to them.

Yours very sincerely,



G. D. NOLAND, MINISTER.

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