

March 12, 1956

Dear Mr. Crook:

I was glad to hear from you. I have had it in mind for some time to call on you, but have been laid up for nearly two weeks with a miserable cold which has completely upset all my plans.

Bradford T. Bowen's birth, together with the births of several of the other children, was unfortunately not registered at the East Providence Town Hall. I know of only one place where the date of this birth appears in print - Amos B. Carpenter's Carpenter Family (Amherst, Mass., 1898), p. 764. This book gives the birth as 5 Mar. 1891. As this genealogy was published only seven years after Bradford's birth, this record might help. The various Town Public School records would undoubtedly contain records of his birth. Under same cover I return his letter.

I am hard at work on Samuel Newman. I have now over 400 pages of manuscript in work and hope to finish by the end of the present year and to publish the book about mid-year 1957. He was an outstanding divine and a great man with many interesting descendants. I have copies of more than fifty original letters written by the Reverend and his sons.

I look forward to a visit with you in the near future.

With all my best regards,

Sincerely,

RLB/OWM

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