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KNOXVILLE COLLEGE

KNOXVILLE, TENN..

Mar. 28, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.,
Dear Sir;

I understand that Prof. James A. Bond of Middlesboro, Ky. is
an applicant for a position in the ^{Colored} High School of Louisville, Ky. Bond
made a splendid record all thru his course with us graduating from our
Institution in June 1912. He has been teaching constantly since leaving
school, and has made a fine success wherever he has been. He is a young
man of talent and of character and you would make no mistake in employ-
ing him for a position in your High School.

Yours most sincerely,

R.W.M./N.A.H.

R. W. McGranahan

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May 31, 1918.

Mr. William B. Matthews,
1720 Chestnut Street,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

As there was no quorum present in Atlanta on May 28 we had to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Atlanta University. The date proposed for the adjourned meeting is Wednesday, June 26, at two p.m., in New York City. Will you kindly let me know at your earliest convenience if we may count upon your presence at this meeting at the time and place indicated?

Sincerely yours,

Edward T. Ware

After 5 days return to
President's Office
Atlanta University, Ga.

May 31, 1918

Mr. William B. Matthews,
1720 Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Atkinson College, Madisonville, Ky., Aug. 9-1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthew,
Louisville, Ky.,

My dear Prof. Matthew:

I am informed that there are some vacancies in the Louisville colored high school, and I do here in submit to you my application for a position as teacher.

An account of my preparation follows: in 1908 I completed the course at the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute, Frankfort, Ky; in 1913 I received my degree of Bachelor of Arts from Lincoln University, Chester Co Pa.; and in 1916 I was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the same institution.

While in the Theological department at Lincoln, I was given a fellowship and was appointed instructor in English in the college department.

I am now president of Atkinson Literary and Industrial College, which position I have held since August 18th 1916, during which time I have taught most all of the high school branches and feel that I can give satisfaction in any position you see fit to place me.

I cite the following persons as references: Dr. J. B. Rendall, Pres. Lincoln University, at Lincoln University Chester Co Pa.; Prof. W. I. Wright, also of Lincoln University; and Prof. F. C. Button, state Field Agent of colored Rural Industrial Schools, Frankfort, Ky/

Hoping that my application may receive a favorable consideration, I am

Yours very truly,

J. H. Blair

Atkinson Colleg
Madisonville, Ky.

Aug 9 1898

Prof. W. B. Matthew,
1720-W. Chestnut, Street,
Louisville, Ky.

514 Mye St.
Lima, O.
May 14, 1918.

Prin. W. B. Matthews
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Prin. Matthews:
Your letter of the
10th inst. has been duly
recd and contents noted.
No doubt, you have recd
my letter of the same
date stating qualifica-
tions, etc.

Prof. H. A. Briggs of New
Orleans, La. has my
recommendation.
As soon as he returns

it, I shall forward same
to you.

I enclose herewith
my photograph.

Yours very truly,
Ida C. Harris

47 N. St.
Ind., Ind.

May 4, 1918

Pic

Principal W. B. Matthews
Central Colored High School
Louisville
Ky.



31 Tyler St.,
Hampton, Va.
June, 19th, 1918.

W. B. Matthews, Principle
Central High School,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear sir:-

Your letter of June 15th came duly to hand. contents very carefully noted, in answer thereto, I beg to say that in the year 1910, I graduated from St. Paul School, Lawrenceville, Virginia, later on I went to Pratt's Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y. and finished the complete course in Dressmaking, including drafting, designing, color scheme, drawing, etc., I am also ex-student of Hampton Institute, and U. N. + D Institute of Petersburg, Virginia; after I graduated from Pratt's, in the year 1913, I was recommended to teach

Sewing in the Y. W. C. Association,
Mt. Clair, New Jersey, after teaching
there two years. I was recommended
to teach Domestic Science in
Richmond High School, Richmond
Kentucky, where I'm now employed.

I am enclosing recommendation
from Prof. J. W. M. Russell, if ne-
cessary I can furnish others and
send to you in a very few days,
or can refer you to the following
names. A. D. Bridgers Supt. Rich-
mond High School, Miss Kenny,
Household arts + Science Teacher,
Pratts Institute, also Mrs. Bennett,
Director of Summer Classes in
Domestic Science, Richmond, Ky.

If the above information is
satisfactory, I wish you to treat
this letter as acceptance of the
position as Sewing Teacher in the
Central High School, Louisville, Ky.

If recommended, kindly send all
necessary papers for information at
once, as it is necessary for me to advise
my employers of my acceptance or
non-acceptance for the coming term.

Hoping this will meet with
your favor, I am,

Respectfully yours,
Elice E. Fields.

3838 Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

June 17, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt
of your communication of the
15th inst. in regard to special
preparation. In reply, I beg
to state I have done special
work in mathematics - including
the history and development of
mathematics, college Algebra,
plane and solid geometry,
plane trigonometry, differential
and integral calculus, and solid
analytic geometry. I am now
taking a teachers course in the
U. of C., this includes secondary
Algebra and geometry, education
al value, facilities in course,
methods of teaching, correlation,
text books, etc. I studied in the
U. of C. year before last.

I am a married man and
am in deferred class IV A.

Trusting that this information
may satisfy, I am,

Most sincerely

J. Arthur Good.



3838 Wobash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.
June 13, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews;

Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of
your letter forwarded to me
from Williamsburg, Ky. In re-
sponse to your request, I am
sending to you the only photo-
graph of myself I have at
hand and copies of recommen-
dations from

Frank P. Niner, Dept. Educ.,
Louisville, Tenn.

Prince of Chas. W. Cavalier,

Colored City High School -

Knoxville, Tenn.

Dean Kirk Smith,

Lincoln Institute,

Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

Prof. Henry Bleach,
Blunswick, Ga.

Dr. Wm. H. Franklin,
Rogersville Tenn.

I thank you for your
finesse in letters of recommen-
dation from

Dr. R. W. Mc Branch,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Saph. F. A. Casper,
Middlesboro, Ky.

In reply to your other
queries, I have to say that I
can teach the classes in
mathematics. Three years
of my teaching experience have
been exclusively in that department.
I had always hoped to teach
English or History and my
collateral study and reading
has been for the most part along
this line.

I should like to hear from
you at the very earliest in
regard to this work. In case of
appointment, if not too late,
I should like to enroll in one
of the short courses at the
University.

Awaiting an early reply,
I am,

Most sincerely,

J. Arthur Lord.

Great Eastern Casualty Company

55 JOHN STREET, NEW YORK.

Williamsonburg, Ky, June 13/1918

Prof Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to my son Jas. A. Baud is before me. His address is 3838 Wabash Ave. Chicago, Ill. I am taking the liberty of sending you his picture.

He is now principal of Middleboro High School, Middleboro, Ky. I am sure he will accept a proposition from you to work in the city schools of Louisville, Ky. He has an B. S. degree from Knopville College and last year did special work in the University of Chicago and I think is doing work there this summer.

Yours truly,

H. W. Baud.

H. W. Baud
Williamsburg, Ky.

June 3, '18

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+ pic

Prof. Matthews,

Central Colored High School,

ninth and Chestnut Streets,

Louisville

Kentucky



Knoxville, Tenn.
June 12, 1918.

To whom it may concern:

This will certify that J. A. Bond has taken my courses of Education in Child Study, Methods, and Psychology and in these departments stood first in an exceptionally strong class. He exemplifies the modern school man. I can recommend him without reservation for service to any one, desiring a trained man.



Respectfully,
Frank P. Miller,
Dept. of Edu.,
Knoxville College.

Swift Memorial College.
Rogersville, Tenn.

June 12, 1918.

To whom it may concern:

The Honor,

Prof. James O. Bond, has taught
with us two years in the
department of languages and
history. He has the happy
combination of ability to instruct
and entertain. By training
and temperament he is
fitted for the occupation of
teaching. I can recommend
to any person or organization
that needs a superior teacher.

Respectfully -

Wm. H. Franklin.

Pres.

Lincoln Institute,
Lincoln Ridge, Ky. -
June 12, 1918,

To whom it may concern:

It gives
me pleasure to recommend for
service J. Arthur Bond of Williamsburg,
Ky. I know his parents personally.
He comes of good stock, I can
recommend him unreservedly.
He is a scholar, a Christian, a man.

Sincerely -

Kirke Smith.
Dean of Lincoln Institute

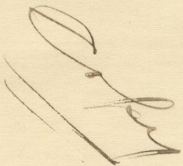
Coburn

Selden Institute,
Brunswick, Ga.
June 12, 1918.

This is to testify that Prof. J. A.
Bourk taught with us one year
and during that time endeared
himself to members of the faculty
and to the student body. He is
a man of winning personality
and quiet demeanor. We regret
that he must leave us but wish
for him in his new field of labor
unbounded success which we
are sure he will achieve.

Faithfully -

Henry Bleach,
Principal.



Austin High School,
Knoxville, Tenn.

June 12, 1918.

Dear Sir: This is to certify that James A. Bond has worked in our school and has given splendid satisfaction. His knowledge of subject matter is sure and definite which circumstance coupled with ability to discipline a room of pupils makes him a successful teacher. He is an efficient school man.

Chas. Fowler,
Principal.

Copy

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

O. L. REID
SUPERINTENDENT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

6 July, 1918.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

I have a letter from Miss Elsie Fields in which she accepts your offer of June 24th. As her answer has been somewhat delayed I am wondering if you have entered into any other correspondence that obligates you. Please wire me collect on receipt of this and advise me as to whether or not you wish me to close with Miss Fields for the sewing position in your school.

Yours truly,



Superintendent.

OLR-D.



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



Nitro, W. Va.,
Aug. 1, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Principal Central Colored
High School
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Of the positions which you have to offer, I shall be glad to accept any except the teaching of French. While I translate that language rather readily, I seldom attempt to speak it. I have had considerable practice in speaking and teaching Spanish. I also feel thoroughly capable of teaching the other subjects that you mention.

As regards aiding the boys in their various activities, I think you would find me a fairly good hand, except in football.



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



I am asking my wife to send to you references and a picture, which probably flatters me somewhat. Prof. Clifton, Superintendent of Gallipolis schools will probably send you a statement of my services in the schools at home.

Hoping that my references will be favorably considered, and assuring you that if selected to a position in your schools, I shall do all in my power to creditably perform my duties, I am,

Very truly yours,
W. R. Howell,

Barrack 20,

Nitro, W. Va.

IF NOT DELIVERED IN FIVE DAYS

RETURN TO

A. R. Howell

NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA

Barrack 20.



Aug. 1, 1918

*Prof. A. B. Matthews,
1720 W. Third, Colored Central High School,
9th & Chestnut Sts. Louisville, Ky.*

3247 Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.
July 29, 1918.

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
920 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.
My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst., concerning
your need of a Physical Director, has been received.

My services will be available but not
at the salary you propose. I am a married man with
the responsibilities of a family. If you are able
to pay more let me hear from you at your earliest
convenience.

Very truly yours,

J. G. Walls.

July 29, 1918

Walls

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
920 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

1720 W Chest

Young Men's Christian Association.

J.G.Walls,
3247 Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EXPLOSIVES PLANT "C"
THOMPSON-STARRETT CO., AGENT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA



BARRACK NO. _____

Nitro, W. Va.,
July 26, 1918.

Principal Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Mr. James Dunn has recently informed me that you are in need of teachers of English and mathematics in your schools. If the positions are still open, I would be glad to be appointed to one of them.

I am a graduate of Ohio State University, having received the B. A. degree from that institution in 1909.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EXPLOSIVES PLANT "C"
THOMPSON-STARRETT CO., AGENT
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA



BARRACK No. _____

For four years I was on the faculty of Tuskegee Institute, teaching English the first three years there. For five years I taught various subjects in Lincoln High School of Gallipolis, Ohio, my home-town. I was principal of the colored school there during the past year. I now hold a high school life certificate for Ohio.

If considered, I shall be glad to furnish references.

Very truly yours,
Wilbert R. Howell.

IF NOT DELIVERED IN FIVE DAYS

RETURN TO

H. R. Howell

NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA

July 22/18



*Principal Matthews,
Central Colored High School,
1720 W Chest Louisville, Ky.*



over

am forty eight year
old. wife and five
children. Excellent health
Picture taken May, 14-1918

G. L. Anthony

Hokons, Ind. July 19-1918.
Supt. Freed.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Will you need a Director or
Prin. of your Business Dept. of your
Colored H.S. this fall? I learn that a
department of the kind is to be
established. I am a commercial
teacher of years experience, and am
very anxious for work of this kind
in the Public Schools.

I am a Law, and Classical graduate
as well as a graduate from two

commercial schools² Indianapolis,
Business Univ. Eastman College, N.Y.
and Columbus, O. Art and Business
College. Can teach mechanical
drawing and shorthand as well.
Have had several years experience
in Ind. and Ill. as a High School
Principal. I live in Louisville
and would like to become an
applicant for the position named.
Enclosed find photograph and card.
I have some fine endorsements
which I will be pleased to

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I have you see. I refer you
to Prin. W. B. Matthews, who know some-
thing of my experience and success
in the Commercial field. I shall
no doubt be in Louisville in a
week or ten days, and would be
delighted to arrange an interview.
In the interim however, I hope to
hear from you, as I am considering
another appointment. Would much
rather be at home if you can use
me in Louisville Schools. Enclosed
find Card Autograph and Photograph
which are sometimes asked for.

Yours truly, P. L. Anthony
205 N. Buckeye, St. Matthews, Ind.

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

E. O. HOLLAND
SUPERINTENDENT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

20 July, 1918.

Principal W. B. Matthews,
Central Colored High School,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

I am enclosing an application from R. L. Anthony.
I have written him that it is not definitely determined that
there will be a commercial course at the high school next
year.

Yours truly,

J. L. Reid
Superintendent.

1309 P. Street N. W.
Washington D. C.
Aug 5th 1918

Supt. of Public Instruction,
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir: -

Hearing that the draft has made
some vacancies in the Colored High
School, I am making application for position
as teacher of Mathematics and History.

My qualifications are A. B. Indiana
University, 1913 - A. M. Columbia U. 1914
Candidate for Ph. D. Columbia University 1918.

I have had three years teaching ex-
perience; two as head of Dept. of Mathe-
matics A. & M. College, Tallahassee Fla.
One in Indianapolis Public Schools.

I have had eight months experience as
Educational Director of Army Y. M. C. A.
Camp Meade Md.

Thanking you for what ever consideration
I may receive, I am,

Respectfully,
Byron K. Armstrong.

Louisville Public Schools

O.L. REID
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
SUPERINTENDENT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

Louisville, Ky. August 8, 1918.

Mr. W.B. Matthews,
#1720 West Chestnut,
City.

My Dear Mr. Matthews:

I am enclosing an application that you may
wish to consider in the event further vacancies occur.

Yours truly,

O.L. Reid
Superintendent.

OLR:H

Louisville Public Schools

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug 8, 1918

*Byron
Amstrong*

Mr. W.B. Matthews,

#1720 West Chestnut,

City.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

August 14, 1918.

Principal W.B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of inquiry of August 2nd, I regret to state that we have no one to recommend as a teacher of blacksmithing and molding. We have had some colored students who were qualified in this work, but at present there is no one available.

Very truly yours,

Geo. L. Roberts,

Head, Department of Education

GLR/LBR

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug 14/18

~~Ramsey~~

Prin. W. B. Matthews,
Central Colored High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

1720 W. Chestnut

MAX LOEB
MARQUETTE BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 12, 1918.

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

The colored population has increased largely since the war in many Northern industrial cities. Colored attendance in the public schools has grown correspondingly. How best can the race antagonisms be avoided which so often spring up when the two races are brought into close juxtaposition - especially when white and colored children are in attendance under the same teachers and in the same classes?

Do you think it wiser, when there is a large colored population, to have separate schools for white and colored children?

If the separation came at the desire and upon the initiative of the colored people, would the sympathetic understanding of colored by whites, and vice versa, be heightened, or would such a separation increase prejudice and antagonism?

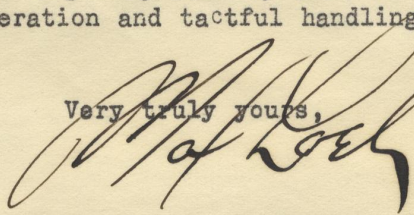
Do you think it wiser to have separate classes for colored and whites, with colored and white teachers, in the same school rather than to have separate schools?

It seems much wiser to have separation (if any at all is necessary) by voluntary action rather than through the operation of law. How, in your opinion, should a separation-movement, if under any circumstances it is wise, be begun? By conferences between white and colored leaders in the district? By recommendation of the Local Board of Education? By withdrawal of colored children, upon recommendation of their own leaders, from attendance at schools which are predominantly white, and their attendance at schools where the colored children predominate?

If you think any separation in public schools is unwise, what measures, if any, would you suggest, to make less difficult the relationship of the races in the field of public education?

Your answer to the above will be held strictly confidential. The problem is a highly important one and demands an intelligent solution, satisfactory to both whites and colored. As a member of the Chicago Board of Education, the seriousness of the situation was forcibly impressed upon me. You, as a leader, among the colored people, can help materially in working out a constructive program which will result in greater sympathy and understanding between the races. There is certainly now every reason, when white and colored are fighting side by side on the battlefields of France, for mutual consideration and tactful handling of the difficult problem.

Very truly yours,



MAX LOEB
343 MARQUETTE BUILDING
CHICAGO

Aug 12, 1918

Mr. W. B. Matt
1720 W. Chestnut
Louisville, Ky.

3838 Watson Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.
Aug. 12, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Referring to
your communication of a pre-
vious date, I note you say
that I shall probably be asked
to teach mathematics - this to
be definitely fixed when the
Faculty is made up in the fall -
indicating as I see it a pro-
sibility of my teaching some
other branches. This I should
prefer, either Latin, or English
and History, or Civic and Social
science. I could regulate my
past work in any of these departments
as my courses with the exception
of this summer have been in
these fields. If, therefore, an

arrangement can be made after
this fashion, without a disarrange-
ment of your plan for the year, I
should be for it.

Please to inform when
school opens.

Sincerely -

J. Arthur Cook.

429 N. Race St., Princeton, Ind., 8-3-18.

Prof. W. B. Matthews

Ninth and Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

In reply to your kind letter of recent date, I wish to state that had I known your needs earlier in the year I could have qualified by a systematic review at summer school. But for the past seven years I have been teaching Latin and my French has been neglected.

However, if you do not fill the place in a satisfactory manner this fall and need someone next year, let me know and I shall bend my efforts that way.

The only college man I know, who could fill the place is, I think, in France.

I shall send you references in the near future.

Very truly yours,
W. H. Langford.

Next Meeting at State College, Orangeburg, S.C., July 30-Aug. 3, 1919.

National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools

Silas X. Floyd, Secretary

1025 Twelfth Street

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(Ky.).

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 28, 1918

Professor W. B. Matthews,
Principal Central Colored High School,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Prof. Matthews:

I thank you for sending me the name of
the president of your State Association. It
is a great favor you have done me, and I appre-
ciate it.

I hope you will find time to come down
to South Carolina to our annual meeting this
summer.

With thanks and best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Silas X. Floyd
Secretary N. A. T. C. S. and
Editor National Note-Book.

Tuskegee Institute,
Tuskegee, Ala.

Aug. 21, 1918,

Mr. W. B. Mathew,
1720 W. Chestnuts, St.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Mathew:

I guess you have received my night letter by this time. I sent the night letter immediately after receiving your letter.

Now, I think it will be wisest for me to write you concerning this matter. What if the New Man Power Bill passes? Then I couldn't be any service to you because, I would have to leave for Camp at any time, which I am sure the bill is to pass. I should say, if the bill passes it will be best for me to remain here as I am working for the government. By staying here, perhaps

I will be able to work
with you next fall. I beg
to keep in touch with you.
I shall be here at Tuskegee
Institute teaching the soldiers.

Thanking you very very
kindly for ^{your} offer.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,
H. F. Thomas.

after 3 days ret.
Box 62 Tuskegee const. cell

Aug 21, '18

L. D. Drake

Mr. W. B. Mathews,
1720 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville,

20/2 Capeyouse

Ry.

Lou. Ky. 9-30-1918

Prof H. B. Matthews

Dear Sir,

I received a letter from Mamma this morning. She is anxious to accept the position you offered her but she can not be released from Hopkinsville, under 3 days notification with out they can get some one in her place. If it is possible for you to get a substitute she will be delighted to come + if you will let her know just what subjects you want her to teach

she will be prepared when
she comes. If you will only wait
until she is released we will
be very thankful indeed.

I trust that this will be
alright with you, I trust
that I will have a favorable
Answer

I remain

Yours Truly

Miss J. C. Buckner

809 E. First St.
Hopkinsville,
Ky.
Oct. 1, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews.

My dear sir:

I received
a letter from mother
stating that you wanted
me to teach English
and History.

Now Prof. I did special
work in English and
would be delighted to

accept the position to teach
it.

I am trying to get some
one who can take charge
of my place here and
most likely can be released
at least by the middle
of next week from here.
Perhaps sooner.

So if you can get a
substitute to hold the
place until I get ^{there}, I would
be very gratefully indeed.
Yours truly
Wanda Suehner
kindly let me
hear from you.

for your kind consideration.

I am now teaching French Latin and English and really enjoy my work very much indeed.

As you know I am under contract and cannot be released from here without thirty days notification to the Board of Education.

Now if they can get some one to take my

place sooner than that of course I can be released.

Therefore I am asking you to kindly notify me immediately what subjects you would want me to teach and whether you can get a substitute until I can get released from here so that I will know what to do with regard

3838 Woburn Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 27, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir: Since my telegram
to you, thru a combination of
circumstances I have accept-
ed work with the government
to begin Oct 1st. I regret exceed-
ingly that I was not able to give
you notice for I know the
difficulties under which you
labor in that regard. Will you
please to send my check to
me at Williamsburg, Ky.

Thanking you for the courtesy
and kindness I have received
from you. I am,

Most sincerely,

James A. Doss

J. A. Bourk
3838 Walnut Av,
Chicago Ill.

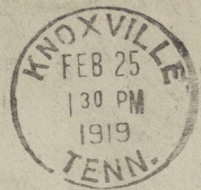
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Prof. W. B. Maltherus,
920 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Ky.

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Prin. Colored High School,
Louisville ,
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(Under the auspices of the Board of Missions to
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Church of North America.)

KNOXVILLE COLLEGE

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Feb. 19 1919

Principal Colored High School,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Will you please send us in the space below the names and addresses of all the colored teachers in your school. We also the names and addresses of the members of your senior class. We wish to send them some literature, especially relative to our summer school. Kindly add the names and addresses of any others who may be interested. Use the reverse side of this sheet if necessary.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I am,

Very sincerely,

J. Kelly Giffen President.

Name

*-----

Address

June 27, 1919



Mr. W. B. Mathews
1720 W. Chestnut
Louisville



Louisville Ky
June 27/19.

Mr. W. B. Mathews,
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
City.

Dear Sir:—

While at leisure
concluded I would make
known to you that I am
studying as I promised
to do. And will be ready
for the examination
in September next.

Would inquire of
you if I will be required
to cover the same matters
as in the former examination.

'B'
Of course not the same
identical question.

Despite my daily
occupation I am devoting
some time to my lessons
and striving to be promot-
ed. And if you will
give me another chance
I assume you it will
pull through alright.
Not at the top perhaps; but
in that direction.

Thanking you in
advance.

Truly yours,

Wm. F. Howne
#1504 New Main
City.

Ans.

J. S. Hughes
837 ave a
Norfolk.

Feb 6, 1919

Principal Colored High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

837 Ave. A,
Norfolk, Virginia,
~~Jan. 24~~, 1919.

Feb. 6

Dear Sir:

Having completed a four year degree course in the Teachers' College, Howard University, and am now teaching in the Colored High School of Norfolk, Virginia, I should like to apply for a position as teacher in your High School.

I have taught and am teaching first year Algebra, History and Civics.

Hoping to hear an early reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Julian H. Hughson

E. H. WEBSTER ✓
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GA. *

Jan. 26, 1919

Prof. William B. Matthews,
High School,

Louisville

Notes to

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EDGAR H. WEBSTER,
PRINCIPAL OF NORMAL DEPARTMENT,
PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE,
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 26/19.....190

Professsr Wm. B. Matthews,
Louisville Kv.

My dear Mr. Matthews:-

Replying to your note of recent date, I would say, that I think your appreciation of Rufus McKinney is well-founded. It is not always that a student from abroad measures up to the statement of his teachers. Perhaps this is natural. You wrote to me of McKinney before he came. And because of your interest in the boy my own was awakened. And I have the feeling that he is a real student, who shows the student character by accepting a task as a duty to be performed and who sets himself to its performance. I think he has pleased us all by his gentlemanly manner, and those evidences of character which betray themselves in the little matters of life quite as much as in the large. He is a boy that I shall be glad to see reaching out for a university training, as you suggest. Harvard or U. of C. or elsewhere.

Your alma mater is full to overflowing...the S.A.T.C. is a matter of history, and we are getting down to normal conditions. It was an interesting experience, one fraught with its own peculiar difficulties, but interesting and valuable. I trust that this note finds your own work progressing happily and successfully.

Cordially and truly yours,

Edgar H. Webster



"WITH THE COLORS"

*Jan 25
1919*

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Principal Central Colored High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

9th & Chestnut Streets

1312 "W" Street, North West,
Washington, D. C.
January 25, 1919

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Prin. Central Colored High School,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Prof. Matthews:

I was this day discharged and plan to be in Louisville real soon. I shall be ready to take up work according to the plan which we discussed when I was at home Christmas. I am expecting to do some good work in Chemistry and feel that as a result of my experience in the army as a First Sergeant, I can have much better discipline than in my other years as a teacher.

I am sure that there will be one ^{on} your faculty who will be delighted to hear this news. I received the letter for the Commanding Officer which you wrote concerning me but found it unnecessary to use it. I wish to thank you however for writing it. The cut in salary of \$65.00 which they gave us on account of placing us in barracks had caused me to grow very anxious on the discharge subject.

Hoping to see you soon and with regards to Mrs. Matthews, I am

Very sincerely yours,

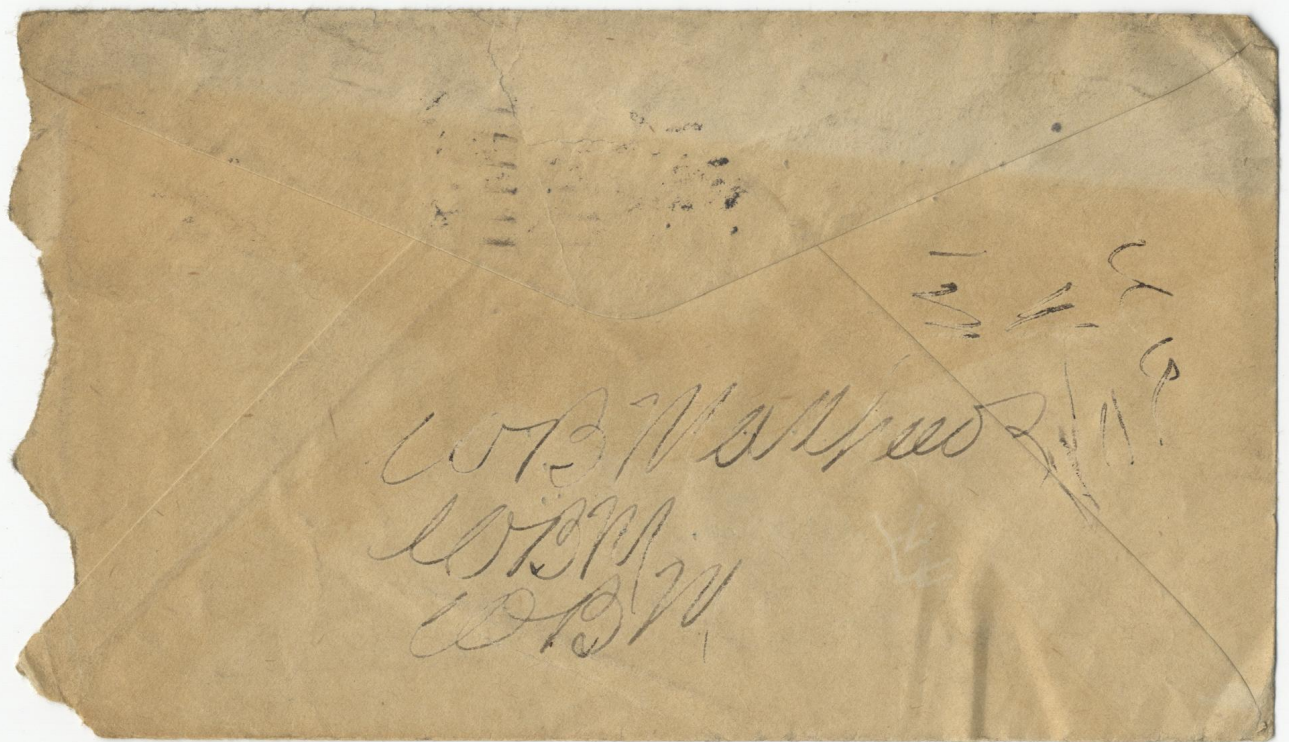
Woodrow Wilson



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Sgt. J. A. Green,
13th Co., 4th Bn (Col)
Camp Zachary Taylor, K

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Central High School,
9th & Chestnut Sts.,
Louisville, Ky.



W.B.M.
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13th Co., 4th Bn (Col) 159th Depot Brigade,
Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.,
January 8th, 1919.

Mr. W. I. McNair,
General Secretary Y. M. C. A.,
3d and Broadway Sts.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. McNair:

In accordance with our understanding of the other night, I am writing you relative to the Secretaryship of the Colored Branch. I desire in the outset to express to you the deep sense of appreciation which I feel for the cordial treatment which I have personally always received in my dealings with you, and for your interest and abiding faith in the Branch. I am especially hopeful regarding your plans for the future of the work, as intimated to me in our conference.

I have given the matter of returning to the Branch as its Secretary prayerful and earnest consideration; and I regret to advise that I cannot see my way clear to accept your liberal offer to return. Trusting that I shall always have an interest in your prayers, and thanking you for the courtesy and liberality of spirit which you have always shown me, I desire to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. A. Green.



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Jan 5, 1919

Mr William B. Matthews

Principal
Central Colored High School

Louisville Ky



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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Jan 5th 1919-

Mr H. B. Matthews

Dear sir.

On returning home coming in
contact with one of the white y.m.c.a.
men after being in close conversation
for a while he ask me what I intended
to take up after I was discharged. he
advised me to see Mr McKeer, about
a position in the y.m.c.a., I thought
it advisable to see some one else, I spoke
to the sec at camp Taylor, and he sent
me to you, therefore if I am competent
for a position, I will try to prove worthy
wherever I am placed, for reference

Dr. C. Parish, Mr W. M. Steward.

Dr W. J. Amiger, Rev W. P. Afford

Rev. R. Reynolds

yours in Christ. Lucian R. Byatt
Anchorage Ky

TO THE WRITER:—SAVE BY WRITING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER
TO THE FOLKS AT HOME:—SAVE FOOD, BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Kentucky Negro Educational Assn

E. E. REED, Secretary
348 Center Street
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Already we have been in personal conference with some of the principals of First Grade High Schools, and we have met with great encouragement on our plans. We doubt not that this will be one of our most enthusiastic and helpful programs.

We want to count on your school, and we suggest that you either hold an elimination contest, or by your own choice or otherwise choose your most representative speaker.

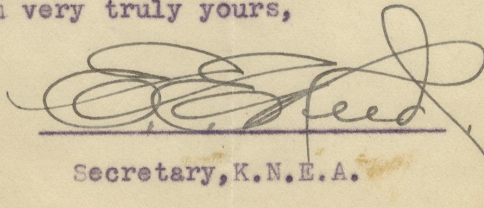
The usual plan for raising money for defraying such expenses may be by entertainment. We think, however, that this is not altogether necessary. School pride, I am sure, will cause all lower grade students, faculty, and friends "to chip in" to pay your representative's expenses to the meeting.

In order that we may know definitely the schools that will be represented in this contest, we are asking that you write at once to the Secretary of the Association sign and signify your intention of having your school represented in the K.N.E.A. Oratorical Contest.

Do no fail to give your boys a chance to match their talents with those of the best boys in the State of Kentucky. To speak before such a body as the K.N.E.A. is the chance of a boy's life. Do not deny him.

I await your early reply.

I am very truly yours,



Secretary, K.N.E.A.

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8 - The association will pay the student's expenses at the meeting, not to exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for each contestant.

9 - Each school is to have one contestant only.

10 - Contestants to be from any grade in the high school.

11 - Contestants to be in good class standing in the school which he represents.

12 - Contestant not to exceed twenty years in age.

13 - Contest to be held on the second night of the association meeting.

14 - Program to be interspersed with music.

15 - No other addresses to be held on the night of the contest.

16 - Each contestant to wear his own school colors.

17 - The general plan is to have the state divided into three districts: East, West, and Center.

All cities east of Louisville will represent the East.

All cities west of Louisville will represent the West.

Louisville will represent the Center.

There should be about five contestants from the East, five from the West, and one from the Center.

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Prof. W. B. Matthews,

Louisville, Ky.,

My dear Prof. Matthews.,

Plans for the 1919 Session of the K.N.E.A. are well under way. The recent great events in World History usher us into a world of New Thought. In keeping with these changes, the K.N.E.A. plans some new things.

Among the new features of our work we plan to hold an oratorical contest among boys of First Grade High Schools. One entire evening is to be given to this program, thus making it one of the most important features of the Association. The idea is to stimulate thought among young people on vital present day questions.

To be brief, we shall get immediately to the points and plan governing the contest.

Rules of the contest.

- 1 - All Four Year High Schools are eligible to enter the contest.
- 2 - Orations to be student's product. (Writing, however, to be supervised by some teacher from contestant's school.)
- 3 - Judges not to be connected with contesting schools.
- 4 - Orations not to exceed eight minutes in length.
- 5 - Orations to bear on some general subject.
Subject selected:
"Influence of Americanism on World Democracy".
- 6 - Prizes will be First, Second, and Third. (State Y.M.C.A. has offered first prize.)
- 7 - The school which the student represents will defray the students rail-road fare to and from the association.

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