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*Bainbridge, Ga. 8/17/12.*

Prof. W. B. Matthews,  
155 Auburn Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir and Bro:--

While there was nothing significant in my last letter, yet I am always pleased to get a line from you. I think I shall be in your city very soon en route to Cartersville where a big Pythian celebration of Turner Brown #214 will be held Thursday the 29th of August. I am invited, and may take advantage of the opportunity to be present.

But I am writing you now to say that I am needing two lady teachers in the public school. I want one who can teach music and also the text book, and the other the text book only. Salaries \$27 and \$30 per month. If you know of any one please put me in communication with them.

Faithfully yours,

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*Bainbridge, Ga. 5/23/13.*

Prof. W. B. Matthews,  
1720 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir and Bro:-

I am just in receipt of a letter from Prof. Jno. W. Gilbert of Augusta, to the effect that he believes that June 23 will be too late to begin the audit of the books of the Grand Lodge office and make a full report by the Grand Lodge, which convenes July 8th. He asked that I allow him to begin the audit July 12th and associate with him Rev. C. L. Bonner. I wrote him that you had instructed me that you would be here in the state to begin the audit of our books June 23, and I would not give my consent otherwise until I was advised by you. Gilbert also stated that he understood from other parties that it would be impossible for you to leave your school work, but I am now writing you to that end.

I am pleased to inform you that everything is running along smoothly. the political pot is not boiling quite as strong as it was some months ago, but we will look for it the 1st of June. The good Doctor has not yet consented to enter the race. I think he has given some of his friends to understand that if he sees the ghost of a chance he will enter. Write me.

Faithfully yours,

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*Bainbridge, Ga. 4/9/14.*

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

My dear Prof. Matthews:

Your letter received just as I am leaving for Waycross, Ga., where I go to adjust some matters in Fernando Lodge.

Tis needless for me to say how very glad I was to hear from you. I shall write you fully on my return home.

I am writing just now to ask if you know of a competent stenographer that you could put me in touch with. I need some one that has had a good literary training, and is able to get out from 30 to 40 letters a day if necessary; in other words I need someone that can wrtake dictations rapidly, spell well, and punctuate well. My trouble with those I have had is, if they were well up on one thing, they were poor in another. Kindly look around and see if you can find such a person for me. I am in a position to take them at once, if we can make satisfactory arrangements. With very best wishes for you and yours.

Fraternally yours,

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*Bainbridge, Ga.*

3/ 9/ 16.

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

Dear Sir & Bro.:

Your communication of Feb. 22d came to me through due course of mail, I would have answered ere now but I have been extremely busy sending out Proclamations from my office, writing the Deputies urging them to take hold of our Booster Campaign. Even now I am pressed for time, but simply snatch a few moments to write you in order that you might know that I am in the land of the living, and on the firing line.

I am proud to know that you endorse the wisdom of our course in launching the Booster Campaign for 5,000 new members, and the advice given me to keep the ropes untangled is the victory point. I try to adhere strictly to that and in that way I keep the entire machinery in pretty good working order. Immediately following my Proclamation announcing the Booster Campaign I had Boss to send out a letter from his office to the Deputies and lodges in the State, and then next a letter from Turner's office, and also one from Macarthy's office, then one from Cohen, and then another from mine, and now I am in receipt of a communication from our good friend and brother Dr. Stoney asking that the Past Grand Chancellor be allowed to share in the Booster Campaign by sending out a letter to the lodges. We have got the woods burning, and things are hot. Turner wrote me that already since Feb. 15th, he has passed upon 1,000 medical certificates. You see, as the little boy

W. B. M. #2

said "We are going to have 5,000 new members or nearly so". Enclosed find a Booster Campaign Letter that is going out from my office this week. What do you think of it?

I am still proud to inform you that peace and harmony still reign in our Order. The political sky is still clear, no visible signs of opposition.

Referring to our good friend Dr. Stoney, he is to be the guest of the Savannah Pythians Anniversary Day, and he writes me to send him a tabulated report showing the growth of the Order under my Administration that he might pay me a deserving tribute on Anniversary Day.

Well, you might say to the boys of the old Blue Grass State that the Pythians of Georgia are in peace and harmony, and that the Order is in a healthy and prosperous condition. We have organized about twenty new lodges since the Grand Lodge at Savannah, and the money for the organization of two more lodges that will go up next week. To be explicit with you, I have two lodges that will go up on the 17th of this month and the money has already been paid.

I hope that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will be able to settle its trouble. I think I saw through some paper where S. W. Green, S. C. had visited Kentucky and the trouble of the Pythians had been allayed through his timely interference. You know about it.

Well, respecting the Odd Fellow situation, as the lawyer terms it, everything is in statu quo. Ben is yet at the head of affairs. I suppose you saw through the papers where his nephew, Tommy Mulkey was arrested in St. Louis for a shortage of \$700.00. A later paper says that the shortage is not fully known, as they have expert auditors working on the books and it will then be ascertained just the amount of his shortage. I am sorry for Ben. I guess he thinks that the Devil has set in after him. You know

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it is said that trouble never comes single-handed. Ben like others, has his faults and has not always employed the best means to serve an end. He has been very constructive and is an Odd Fellow genius, and I would hate very bad to see him lose his membership. But my opinion is that in the end he will have to lose it. I think the Courts of Georgia will sustain him when the case comes up Saturday 11th, and Ben will be appointed permanent receiver of the Odd Fellows of Georgia, but I believe when the B. M. C. meets in Sept. the course taken by Morris and the Sub Committee of Management will be endorsed, that means that Georgia will have to acquiesce to the suspension of Ben and Ingram and put them out of office, or Georgia will be dropped from the G. U. O. of O. F. I do not think our membership in the Order will be effected, I am keeping up my dues. I have been in the Order too long and paid too much money to come out. I advise you along the same line.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Matthews and the girl.

Write soon.

Excuse this mixed up letter, I am in a hurry now to get off to school.

Fraternally,

*G. R. Smith*

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

Dear Sir & Bro.:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of July 24th. The same would have received my attention ere this, but I have been extremely busy, rearranging my list of Deputies. Then, too, one of my stenographers has been away taking her vacation, and this threw me back with my correspondence. However, I am getting things in working order now, and I am about to settle down as myself once more.

The Atlanta boys made a hard fight on Ferrell, especially Collier, he seems to have been the leader of the opposition. They made numerous charges against him, in spite of that, I reappointed him. Somehow Ferrell has gotten himself in bad with this District. Yet I have faith in his integrity. It would not be out of place, sometime for you to write him a letter and let him know that he must mend up along all lines, that the G. C. reappointed him in the midst of tremendous influence that was contrary to his appointment, and he must now make good. The Deputy on the Augusta District has been changed, I have appointed a young man, W. C. Jones. I think he is Ok, and will take care of the situation.

Well, I am getting ready for for the Supreme Lodge. I will leave Sunday, August 12th, as I am due in St. Louis Tuesday 14th, to begin auditing the books and accounts of the Supreme Lodge. I wish I had you there to give me my first lesson in auditing the books of the Supreme Lodge.

W. B. M. #2

Well, I will not write more now, as we will see each other in St. Louis to talk over all matters pertaining to Pythianism in Georgia.

Remember when you come to St. Louis, hunt up the Georgia Delegation you must not stop anywhere else.

The route selected by the Georgia and Florida Delegation is over the N. C. & St. L. out of Atlanta to Martin Tenn., I. C. out of Martin, Tenn., to St. Louis.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,

*G. R. Hulls*

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*Bainbridge, Ga.* June 18, 1917.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,  
Ninth & Magazine Streets,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear sir & Brother:-

I have your communication under date of June 15th and read same with interest. Yes, I am leaving this afternoon for Augusta to be in attendance at the Masonic Grand Lodge. Thank you for your best wishes for a pleasant stay while sojourning there. I intend to take in everything that relates to Pythianism and shall constantly keep my ears to the ground so if anything lums up I will know about it, and know just what course to take.

I appreciate very much the kind remarks made by you relative to the performance of my duty thus far this Pythian year and you have my best thanks. I have the utmost confidence in your faith and loyalty to me and my administration and I know you will do what you can to lift high our tri-colored banner so far as you are able.

I note that you ask me to meet you Sunday Night, June 24th, as you are coming by way of Cuthbert. I will do so.

With best wishes for you and yours,

Yours fraternally,

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*Bainbridge, Ga.*

April 15, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,  
Ninth & Chestnut Streets,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir & Brother:-

Your letter under date of April 12th has been received, contents carefully noted. Not having had an answer to my letter until this late date I had begun to think that you had forgotten me. I feel gratified over your complimentary remarks for me and my administration. I am doing the best I can. We have 27 new lodges to our credit thus far, and there is a surplus in the Department of the Bureau of Endowment of over \$105,000 with all claims paid up to May 1st. The Booster Campaign having been indefinitely extended the lodges still continue to increase their membership. Relative to the office of Secretary and Treasurer what you say is right. The rank and file seem to favor him, Bro. Macarthy, but I feel the politicians are <sup>not</sup> going to let it stand united. You know for years they have been clamoring consolidation. I knew it was a political measure but when the opportunity came I gave it to them to ascertain their sincerity and I think at the next Grand Lodge it will be seen that they were not sincere about having the two offices consolidated. It is simply the politician who wants the job. Charley Clark is the man out for the place. He is raising some sand but as you know he is a candidate of long standing and such are not very effectual. Everything seems to be moving on pretty well. The political sky is not as cloudy as it was shortly after the death

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of Cohen, but it may be that the politician will get on the job a little later on.

Our expenses have been heavy, both from the Supply Department and Endowment Department, but in spite of the increase of expenses our cash surplus in both departments will be higher than that of last year. I have had to increase my office force. I have four girls now instead of three, and all are kept busy. This is brought about because of the increase in volume of work in my office. I was not authorized to do this by the Grand Lodge but necessity requires this and I was obliged to do this or else leave their letters unanswered and work undone. In the meantime the Government has been calling for stenographers offering them good salaries and the two that I have in my office have had good offers with handsome salaries, a good deal more than we can afford to give them here but because of their interest in the work here they refused these good opportunities and for that reason the 1st of January I raised their salaries \$5.00 each, per month. Of course, this was unauthorized by the Grand Lodge but I thought it best to do this, and yet, in spite of all this increase in salary for office expense and one new girl added to my office and one to Warren's we are going to show a surplus in all departments greater than that of last year.

With reference to my school work, we have 570 pupils enrolled this year and I am preparing a class of five to graduate from the ninth grade. I have been re-elected for the term beginning Sept., 1918. I am kept very busy out to the school as well as in the office.

I have just received an invitation from the Program Committee of the Georgia Association for the Advancement of Education of Negroes to be and appear in Atlanta to respond to an address given by the Mayor. This Association as you doubtless know is headed by Prof. H. A. Hunt, President, with G. A. Towns, Vice-Pres., W.M. Hubbard, Sec., L. S. Ingraham, Asst. Sec., M. W. Reddick, Treas., S. J. Thomas, Cor. Sec. and L. H. Smith, Chaplain.

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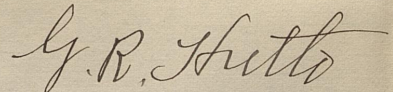
It is trying to emerge itself into the State Teachers Association, which I think will be done. I have not answered the communication as yet. I feel that I ought to accept the invitation and yet, I am so busy in the office and school work, Red Cross, Liberty Loan Bonds, War Saving Stamps, etc, until I hardly have time to make preparation for such a speech, and I don't want to go there and fall down so I am in quandary. I think I will have to go and say something for I feel that my presence and co-operation is needed more than the speech I will make, so I guess I shall have to go there and do the best I can, so if I fall down don't laugh at me.

My boy, Marcus, has just written me that the Faculty at Meharry has just passed upon him and he will graduate from the Dental Department May 9th. I want to get up there if I can to see him graduate.

The auditing of the books will possibly begin about Thursday, June 27th. I think this will give you plenty of time to audit all the books since you don't have to go to Savannah. However, I will notify you later. With best wishes to you all, I am

Yours fraternally,

G.R.H./J.



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Prof. W.B.M.-2

have not been sick a day, so as not to be able to go. I was a little puny three or four weeks ago with dumb chills and a little fever, but I am now as spry as if I was<sup>a</sup> sixteen year old boy. My wife too, has kept in good health. Influenza has been very bad here, the ban is still on. We opened school January 6th, taught four days, then the City authorities demanded us to shut down again. So, I am again on the loafer's list. Don't know when school will reopen. The Board of Education has assured us however, that we will be dealt with properly so far as our salaries go.

Now, with reference to the progress of the Order, will say that we have had some terrible backsets. Our death rate has been quite high; our men have died by the hundreds. In fact, the death rate so far this year has doubled itself. But, in spite of this, the balance sheet of our Endowment is still on the credit side. We have been able to pay off every claim that has come against us and still have a small surplus. It looked one while as if I would have to put in force and effect the recommendation of the Grand Lodge, e. g: that the Grand Chancellor be authorized to levy a special assessment in case of<sup>any</sup> emergency during the war. But, thank God, I have been able to skim along without it.

The Booster Campaign Dispensation is again launched, and the lodges are all working along harmoniously. The old Ship of State



Prof. W.B.M.-3

seems to be sailing in Pythian waters. The Brethren of Atlanta tell us that they are going to give us one of the most peaceful and inspiring sessions yet held in the history of the Grand Lodge. They tell us that we are going to be royally entertained, and so far as Atlanta is concerned, there will be no organized efforts to displace any officer of the Administration. I am planning to be in Atlanta the fourth Sunday inst. d. v. to meet the General Committee on entertainment of the Grand Lodge.

Now, with reference to your being cared for at the Grand Lodge, it is absolutely and altogether out of place for you to even intimate a thing like that to me. Your surprise should come if I fail to look after your interest or place you on some Committee, or use you in some capacity. You have known me long enough and well enough to know that your interest is safe in my hands. I have that same abiding faith and confidence in you. I hope you are also planning to go with us to the Supreme Lodge in Atlantic City.

I am enclosing you the semi-annual pass-word and key to it, also my Proclamation #1. At your leisure, write me.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours in F. C. & B.

*G. R. Shultz*

GRH:MLB

Grand Chancellor.