

Mrs.
Redding sent
you a very
pretty
silver butter dish

At Home,

Thursday, 12, '96.

My own dear Will:

As I told Annie
to send a boy up at noon I
~~look for him soon~~. I know you
are not very tired but exceed-
ingly happy. We've been
real smart this a.m. I cleaned
up up stairs while Flossie, Mamma
and Miss Hattie took the
basement in charge. Miss
Lyadys sends love to Uncle Will
and says she's keeping her
Auntie's company. Will,
if you can spare me a boy
for a while send me up so
I can send him to Summer
Hill to take some care of
Mrs. Hardaway, Hattie & a
few others if you can't P.K.
Be sure doingly your wife &c.

W. B. MATTHEWS,

399 HOUSTON ST.

ATLANTA, GA.

Wednesday, July 26, 1911.

My dear Wies:

I am up early to write you as I'm anxious for this to reach you before you leave Durham. I wrote Mr. Blackwell a note yesterday and told him that you would probably be in Elberton, Ga. I had a letter from him in the P. M. He has secured a place for me at \$5 per wk. The lady wants to know if I am coming. Now Dr. Carpenter won't begin work on my teeth before the 1st. and I'm afraid by the time he's through it will be too late for me to go in account of Louise's School opening. Please explain to him and tell him that I can give him a definite answer after the 1st. When I know just what & how long Dr. G. will keep me. Tell the lady if she has other applications for this place not to hold it for me as I am so inconvenienced.

Merrick, Helle & Drysdale were over last night for the game. On account of having a reckless partner & poor cards they beat the two games of whist that we played. The little bridge that we played didn't amount to much. I don't call myself dull but I don't know any more today than I did yesterday before we played and I'm certain that I caught on to more than either of the other two.

At our Suppt. left knowing it all and perfectly satisfied that he could play bridge - "There ignorance is bliss & .

I served some fine cheese sandwiches, Peaches & Cake. The cake came from the Enterprise - Lou bought it. They didn't have what I wanted and she selected others, as I had instructed. "Believe me" it was the worst worse cake I'd ever seen. Of course I had the good sense not to eat any, but the guests enjoyed it, so I guess it was O.K.

You have a letter from my Mr. Solomon Bunkley of Woodbury, Ct.

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ATLANTA, GA.

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He wants to take out insurance,
this week, with you, for himself &
his whole family including his
cousin & his uncles & his aunts.
In return, he wants to work for you
during his spare time of which he
has quite a bit. He has charge of
the Royal Night & Daughters of David's
order for regular employment. I am
writing him in this mail that you
are out of the city & will communicate
with him on your return.

Menick said that he was going to
write or telegraph you today. He
wants you to bring something to you.
He is simply "daffy" about Mollie
asked but I don't think she's
given Striby up.

Tell Mr. Spaulding that I say tell
him a letter on your return
and thank him for being so nice to
you while in his town.

I'm longing for Mr. Gray to come
and bring me a letter from you. Lucy
is sleep & will be very disappointed not
to have written you this a.m. She
wanted to write you and send you
a little red rose, a violet & a few grains
of sugar saying; "Roses are red,
Violets are blue, Sugar is sweet & so
are you".

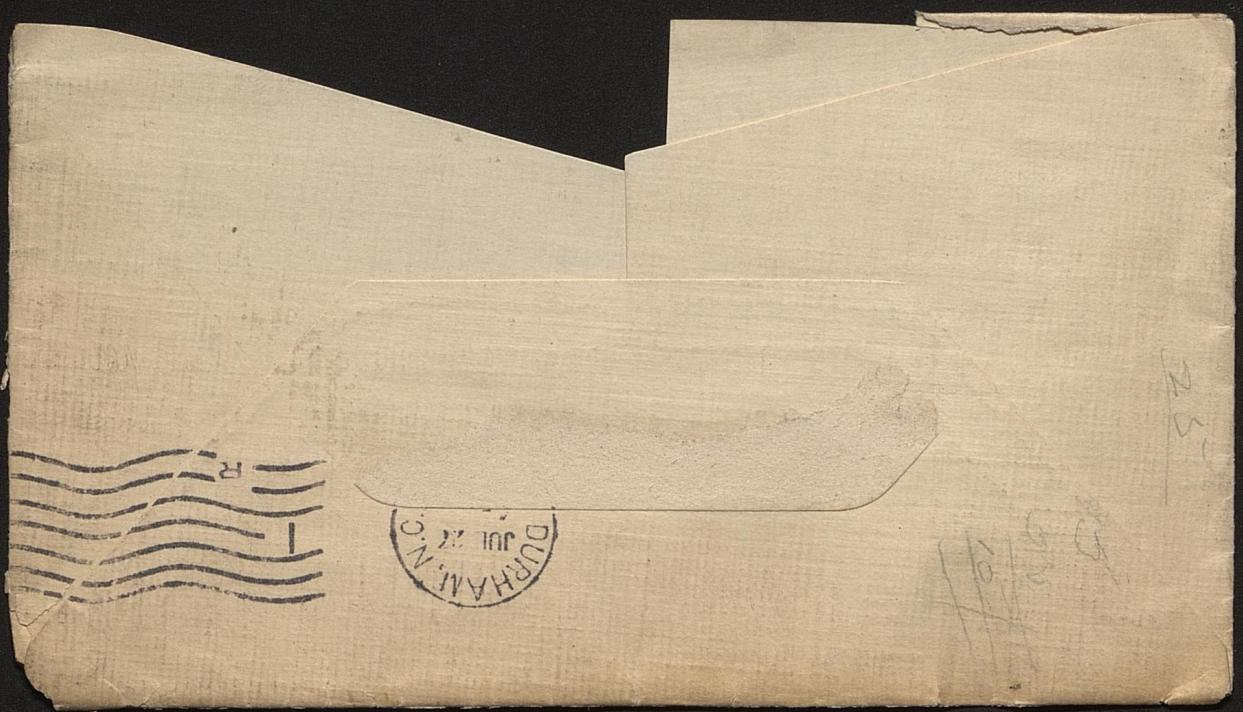
Love to the Shepards & all.

Lovingly yours wife

J. T.

From
399 Houston St.,
Atlanta, Ga.

7/26/11 Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Durham
N. C.
To Mr. C. C. Spaulding.



W. B. MATTHEWS,

399 HOUSTON ST.

ATLANTA, GA.

Oct. 18, 1911.

My dear Wey:

Your letter has just been handed to me. It was a great relief to know that you reached your destination O.K., without getting wet. That was an awful down pour just after you left and poor little you and I suffered mental agony for we were sure you were in it. So stayed about an hour and was quite a "J.W." comforter - he assured us that you could manage without getting wet &c.

I dreamed all night, mon., and all day Tues. I went to the dentist, in the rain and now comes bad news - the tooth that was threatening to split, has done so and he is crowning it. Imagine my dismay when I parted! He had to wire and plug it. Of course I have no money for it. I went to Missy and she is going to lend me \$10⁰⁰ until that she is saving, until the first of the month. I do think I am so unfortunate I have never in my life had such little money with you & mamma.

so far away and in a like condition.
Dr. C. is crazy to do this bridge mostly says
it ought to be done when this lower crown is
taken off as the crown will have to be
torn up later, if it is not fixed at the
same time. I have told him very
positively no. He said that you told him
to go ahead and finish up my worse, I
told him no. I am sure he understands
me. Louise is getting on O.K. I have looked
over a few lessons ahead and so I can see
after her nicely. It is clear but cold today.
Paul Steppen came home yesterday.
Lou & I had letters from Mamma, today.
She says that she is until you soon.

You did not tell me where to write
you so I shall address you care of You
Del. Please give me an address if
that is not correct.

Mrs. Richardson has not arrived, yet.
With lots of love from the two of us Dan,
Your devoted wife,

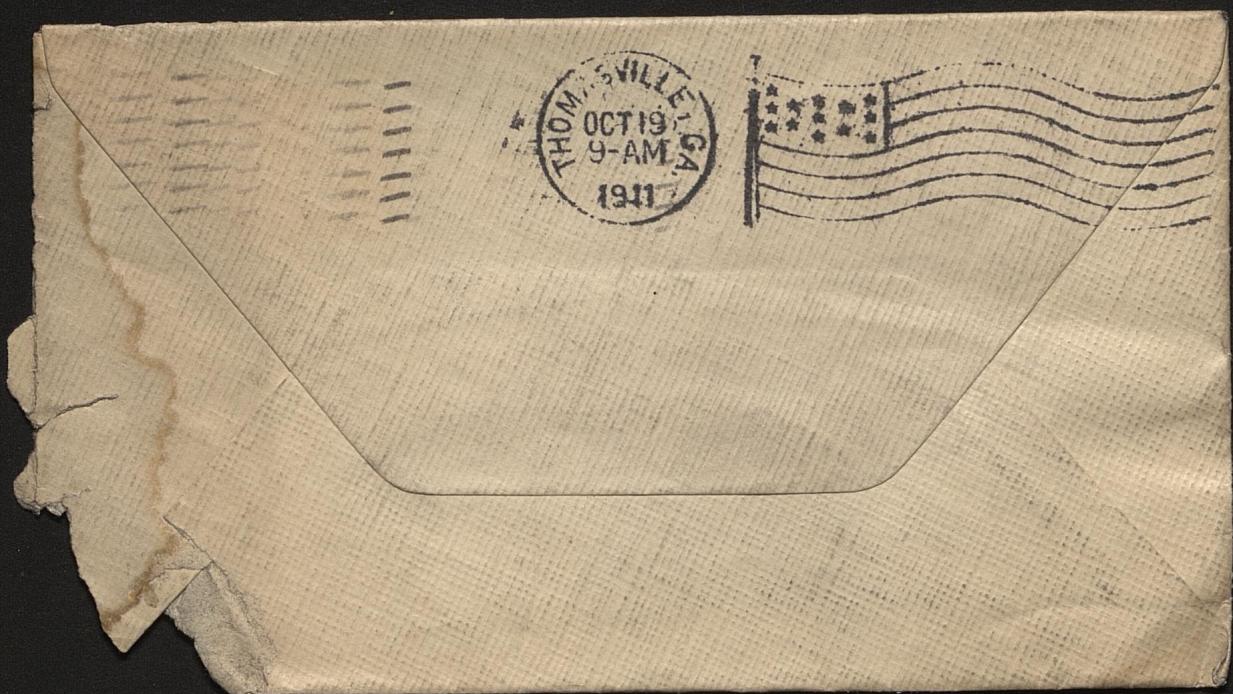
"Joe."

P.S. Love to the little Lester girl & don't forget
about Mrs. Carter's pepper.

From
399 Harrison.
Atlanta, Ga

Oct. 18, '11

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Thomasville,
Ga.
c/o Gen. Delivery.



W. B. MATTHEWS,

399 HOUSTON ST.

ATLANTA, GA.

Sept., 11, 1912.

My dear, dear Will:

I hope that this will find you getting
on nicely with your new work. All day long
as I do my work I am thinking about you
and hoping that you are making good. - At
night my last prayer is for you and your
success.

My hay fever is improving now that the
weather has grown a little cooler.

Town is over run with visitors. I wish that
you were here - Prof. Young came out to
see us this morning. He is delighted that you
are in Ky. Says that he knows that you
are having a tough time but that he also
knows that you will make good.

I have just written mamma a note &
sent her a money order for \$30⁰⁰, the rent
that came today. I sent her \$5⁰⁰ last
week so you see I must be running pretty
close but I shall hold down this end. Told
her to come on home. In her letter this a.m.
she promises to come right away.

Mr. Meekins is here still. He leaves
Sat. I think he is enjoying himself im-
mensely. I know that I will be tickled
to death when Saturday comes. He leaves
then. I am doing the square thing by

him but I am not spending a great deal.
The first few days I was just so sick I thought
I could not make it but I'm better now.
Most of our neighbors across the street have
from seven to a dozen delegates. You are
the only delegate that I want.

Mrs. Indig was over Monday we talked about
you all the time. I saw Miss Walker this p.m.
she passed by home and was most gracious in
her greeting.

You must be careful of your spelling, dear.
I am sure the hot weather affects your spelling
Cordial is the correct spelling of the word
not "cordual." See?

I met Ed going to the office this a. m. as
about twelve o'clock. He had just turned into
~~Houston~~ off of Hilliard. He was up all
night last night. Of course he'd pretend
that he's been out at work but he had it
he was right from his home.

He told me that he was going to bring Prof.
Wheeler over to see me this p.m.

I saw Mr. Perry this a. m. He sent love to you
and would be delighted if you'd drop him a
card.

I went down to Green's to get some meat.
Mr. Green was so nice to me and said so
many, many nice things about you that I
felt very proud of you which of course was
no new feeling for me to entertain for
you. How are your birds equipped?

School? I told her that you would not have left Ga. for a Grammar Sch., but she thought they paid so much better. I told her they did not pay better for Grammar Sch. ans than the Insurance Co.

Saw Ed yesterday. He told me that Cannon had actually paid $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. premium on ins. policy. He seemed very surprised to get it, also saw Mr. Brummett Doster. Doster was elated because he'd heard from you. Ed told me that you had written him a letter & had a circular letter & the incast he'd ever seen. That he was going to use it in the State & had also sent copies to Spaulding who was going to use it up that way.

My dear Will:

Your letter came yesterday and found us very glad to hear from you. I am so glad that your first weeks work was good. I sincerely trust that each succeeding one may be an improvement on the past. Prayer is a wonderful thing and certainly I have prayed hard & faithfully for you and your success and I am still praying. I wish you to do well next week. Our first impressions mean so much.

Went to Mrs. G. J. Hendon's reception given for Madam & Mr. Pendleton & Brewster, yesterday from 5-7 p.m. She had Dr. & Mrs. Penn, Butcher, Palmer, Bullock & a few of her immediate friends stay over for night. Mrs. Hendon is not a pretty woman but a

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very stylish one and quite pleasant. She's a
tall as I am and about my size. She had
on one of the Parisian costumes. Mrs.
Brundley is pretty.

Commenced this letter yesterday and intended
sending it but Louisa got hers ready and I simply
didn't have the heart to disappoint her about
leaving it - Really she don't allow me any
time to write or news to keep. She is so much
and very, how she loves her papa. She talks
about you nearly all day long and writes you
the rest of the ~~day~~ dreams of you at night.

I had a bad night night before last coughed
all night long and was in bed the most of
yesterday. I got up in the p.m. and went out.
Boston gave me some ~~an~~ in tablet
that helped me greatly. I am better today &
plan to go over to Mrs. Ordway's & also call on Mrs.
Duncan from Brinsford, who is stopping with
Hattie Greville. I may go by Mrs. Webster.

Read the paper yesterday - Thanks for it.
I showed it to a few friends. You know how modest
Louisa is, she just begs me not to show it.
I sent you the dependent yesterday & will
send this week's issue as soon as it is out.
Every body, every where seem elated at being
defeat.

I am glad that you sent Dr. Butler the
letter & curriculum of your school. Do you
know what time Mrs. Butler thought
that you had gone to take charge of a grammar

Do you keep well? &
Let me know every thing
about yourself & be sure
to acquaint your self now
on the 24th. Remember
that the town is looking
on and as the new
expenses it, it is up to
you to make good.
You can, you will,
you must.

For my dearest & faithful
son & daughter

I think that Missy is
planning to go to Turkey
next month.

Have you sent Proctor
a card?

I have been a bit inter-
ested to see if he'd make any
mention of your absence
in either his calendar or
monthly Confst. hasn't
have been regularly printed
but not a word of you. But
we don't care, we'll succeed
in spite of him.

We braced Sunday on
the children & their
playing & whist clubs.

Remarked that the parents
had better see that they
get lessons &c. Those remarks
did touch home - ha ha

W. B. MATTHEWS,

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ATLANTA, GA.

I had a card from Gordon
Monday. He went to Houston
by way of St. Louis instead of the way ¹⁹.
What do you think? Matching St. Sch.
is so crowded Mrs. Darder is doubled all
the way. Had to give up her 8th grade
sent half to Houston, that is not nearly
full, and then drive to Hill. I would
have hated to leave the Standard of
my school to accommodate numbers.

School troubles in Atlanta, without you,
are just beginning, yesterday a.m.
while on his way to school, one of the
Boulevard boys knocked Wesley Wright
in the head with a rock. He is in
a precarious condition - Dr. Bullard
fears concussion of the brain, & penitent
and loss of life.

Dr. Jones has been suffering with
blood poison in his arm. I understand
that it came near going into his body.

Well, big sister a march on Long -
get up before six & have this letter off
while she sleeps. She'll write you ¹⁰⁰
tomorrow.

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NEGRO LODGE NEAR RIOT; POLICE END SESSIONS

Weapons Drawn at Colored
Odd Fellows Meet in an All-
Night Election Row.

FORCED TO ADJOURN WITHOUT NAMING CHIEF

Fight Is Precipitated by an
Attack on the Character of
Atlanta Candidate.

After a week of peaceful and orderly meetings, the national convention of negro Odd Fellows, in session at the Auditorium, was adjourned by orders of the police at an early hour today as the climate of an all-night session at which a struggle for the chair was marked by drawn weapons. The disorder arose over the election of officers, and when the police interfered the convention was adjourned for 60 days without an election having been reached. The factional dispute threatens to bring on a split in the organization which may have serious effect upon its future.

Yesterday was the last day of the convention, and the delegates continued their work far into the night. It was late in the day when the election of a grand master, head of the order, was reached, and the delegates balloted and argued until far after midnight. There had been circulated an attack on the character of Benjamin J. Davis, an Atlanta editor, who was a candidate for grand master, and the delegates divided into his supporters and those of E. H. Morris, of Chicago, president of the order and candidate for re-election.

Morris was presiding, but shortly after midnight left the chair and took the floor in his own behalf, turning over the gavel to Henry Lincoln Johnson, registrar of deeds at Washington, and a prominent negro politician. Johnson is deputy grand master of the order and next in line to Morris.

Police Forced To Intervene.

It was close to 4 o'clock, and the battle had been waging for hours, when Morris, finding his contentions overridden by Johnson, in the chair, attempted to resume the gavel and preside over the convention. Johnson refused to yield his place and the whole convention was thrown into disorder. The yelling and hissing caused such a scene that Policemen King and Smith, detailed to duty at the Auditorium, ran to the rostrum, ordered Johnson to yield the chair to Morris and forced the latter to declare the convention adjourned. One knife was drawn by a delegate said to be an assistant secretary for North Carolina, but the policeman took this away from him and also took the heavy gavel from Johnson. No arrests were made. The adjournment was taken for 60 days, in which time a campaign for votes will be waged by the rival candidates and another convention called in the Atlanta Auditorium, provided the negroes can get that building again.

Morris at first attempted to have the convention adjourned sine die, it is reported, which would have left him at the head of the order, but Johnson, who was presiding at the time, put over a motion for a 60-day adjournment instead.

Johnson declared today that Morris, while on the floor, endeavored to have the votes cast in a way most favorable to him, and delegates from Georgia and Mississippi led a vigorous protest against this.

RICHMOND BOOSTERS

URDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1912

Bell Rings on That Old HARD HATS

PROCLAMATION:

To all good and loyal subjects of Fashion, monarch of these United States. Greeting:

Tomorrow, Sunday, September the fifteenth, being Derby day, you are commanded to tie these to a haberdashery and cough up thy good simoleons for an autumn lid.

Subjects discovered in the public streets beneath a crown of straw will be taxed while at a distance scorned by joyful Atlantans and kept weather-beaten summer lids are hereby declared confiscated, outlawed and at the mercy of the mob.

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By HATTERS UNION NO. 4144.

Prime Minister.

Take notice, good citizens,

The bell rings on the straws tomorrow.

But this is pay-day, and there is yet

time to prepare against trouble.

Atlantans venturing forth in the

Peachtree parade tomorrow in the

POPULAR MUSIC AT SUNDAY CONCERT AT PIEDMONT PARK

Delightful airs will mark the first free concert at Piedmont park tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and the selections rendered by Wedemeyer's concert band will range from marches from grand opera, popular music from "The Chocolate Soldier" to a paraphrase of "Home, Sweet Home."

Music at Piedmont on Sundays is a new feature which will be continued this fall if the crowds attending justify the street car company's expenditure of money to get the band.

A selection from "La Boheme," an overture from "Merry Wives of Windsor," and the bridal chorus from "Loosengrin" are among the grand operas selections to be played.

Popular waltzes and a few choice pieces from the popular plays of the day will complete the program.

DISMISSES COUPLE IN COURT SEVENTH TIME

TULSA, OKLA., Sept. 14.—Splitting a six-foot board in two and handing each of the principals a piece as a souvenir, with instructions to go home and live in peace, Justice J. Slack dismissed the case against John Thomas, a wealthy resident of this city, and Mrs. Missouri A. Thomas, his wife, charged with assault and battery.

The board had been introduced as evidence by Thomas, who claimed his wife used it on him. Recently Mrs. Thomas brought her third suit for divorce, charging extreme cruelty. She sued him three times for breach of promise before they were married three years ago.

WILKES COUNTY'S AGED TAX RECEIVER IS DEAD

WASHINGTON, GA., Sept. 14.—Ed Beard, tax receiver of Wilkes county, died at his home eight miles northeast of Washington yesterday, following an illness of six months. He was 75 years old and is survived by his wife and eight children. Of his family, with the exception of Mrs. J. W. Bush of Winterville, on account of his age and declining health he refused to stand for re-election in the county primary last spring. The funeral will be conducted with Masonic honors this afternoon at Danburg.

MISSOURIAN WAS "SHOWN" TO THE TUNE OF \$7,000

OMAHA, NEBR., Sept. 14.—Albert S. Hanna, of Marysville, Mo., complained to the Omaha police that he had been swindled out of more than \$7,000 on fake returns from a mythical horse race, the hoax having been perpetrated in Omaha last week by a trio of confidence men. Hanna has filed suit for \$3,000 against the men, all of whom gave fictitious names. His attorney attached a small sum of money which was in an Omaha bank to the credit of the swindlers.

HARD LUCK STILL TRAILS SISTER SHIP OF TITANIC

PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND, Sept. 14.—The hoodoo which has followed the White Star liner Olympic since she was built still follows her. The liner arrived here today from New York with one of the blades of her port propeller missing. The accident occurred at sea Wednesday night and caused fright among some of the passengers, who took some time to rally. The Olympic was late in getting in.

The liner was to sail for New York on Wednesday, but the trip probably will be abandoned to get her in dry dock for repairs.

ARMY ORDERS

From
399 Peachtree St.,
Atlanta, Ga.



Mr. W. T. B. Mathews,
1416 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Key.

W. B. MATTHEWS,

399 HOUSTON ST.

ATLANTA, GA.

Sept., 22, 1912.

My dear Wilf:

Louis, Aunt Patsy and I are all in your study writing to you while the rain pours down on the outside. It has been raining since last night. Sam & I were caught in the rain at Florida's last night and had to spend the night. Assig, Bert, Grandpa and Courtney Thomas were out. We played until 11:59 P. M. waiting for the rain to stop but it wouldn't so we had to stop before Sunday.

Ed was to have called on me this p.m. but I suppose the rain cut him off. He says that the new rate is not out as soon as it is he'll write you policy. Says that Mrs. Jeter is not coming back to the office.

I had a letter from Dr. Shepard Wednesday asking me to find a boarding place for Miss Eva Whetted who is coming to Atlanta to work for Cannon. I got a place at Mrs. Landrums, I think however that Cannon is going to take her at his home. What do you think? Ed was planning to put her at Mrs. Jeters. She was in Boston

New York. He says he thinks he'll
pull through his trouble O.K.

Say you forgot the program but I
look for it in Bruce's letter tomorrow.

You'll get this letter Tuesday and I hope
that it will seem a part of me coming
to spur you on. When all is over, I'll
tell you a dream that Dig had about your
reception. Be sweet, I'm betting on you
to clear for the Louisville folks. See?

Letter from Mamma yesterday saying
that she was quite busy & tired come
when she came. Nothing from Matilda
but Mamma writes me that he says that
I am a very fine housekeeper.

Hope was very much interested in our change
of horses. I saw him & Dr. L. R. Carter together.
The little Wright boy is better. Mrs. Wright
told me that Mr. Wright came in from the
lodge the other night dying laughing at
Ganser. Says he is frightened to death that
when he gets up before the men he forgets—
every thing that he has to repeat & just stands
up and trembles & stammers. Both of the
Ses have visited me today. Will write you
another letter soon this is just to bring my love
luck for Tuesday night.

Fondly & devotedly your wife, Dig.

W. B. MATTHEWS,

399 HOUSTON ST.

ATLANTA, GA.

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My dear wife:

I sent you a letter yesterday, that was
unfortunately delayed by a prolonged visit from the
Penns. I am writing now to catch Mr. Gray
before he comes. Mr. Thomas came to see me
but I don't think we will trade. He wants the
house Oct 3d, and then I find that he is
planning to build in the spring, out on W.
Ashby St., by Driskell. Several people are here
every day to rent so I don't imagine that the
house will remain vacant long. Then too,
if I let him have the house I would, my
thoughts I could not stay out doors until he
got to open. Mammon urges me that he
will be here early in next month. I don't
think so and now she says as soon as
she makes her fare she'll come. I am
going to write her today but as to sending
money I'm not going to send another penny
for fare, if she asks for it I'll send the
money for her note. You know what a
sacrifice I must have made to send her
what I sent. I did it because I thought she
would come in to us, but it's all right.

She says she is quite frosty & cold up there &
she must soon come or try coal. She is not
going up her place, simply out because she
has no idea the Pauser is stay long with us and
she is too human now, I can't keep
turning away money in the a.m.

Mr. Pace is dead. Went to his sister, Harry
Pace's mother and died there in Cornington.
He was buried several days before we knew it
to Alford - Poor man he is better off.

Please don't forget the tax notice sent it to me.
Bills due on the 15th of Oct.

I have open Wednesday. I am glad the
Loring is closed this week. She is rather
free so I'm giving her medicine & trying
to keep her quiet.

We went to the moving picture show last night.
It was prof. Carter & Clara & children, Knox &
Flindt & children, Ambrosia, So., Lou & I went.

You will write you a long many letter. I am
trying to catch this next mail. Frank Badger
is back in town. Henry Grans wif is expected in
the city soon. I understand that she's been in the
hospital all summer. I hope I'm going to hear
from you & the reception today. Yes I believe
the Lord is going to continue to bless us & that
we'll pull together & I trust enjoy the latter end of
life, neither with a second partner but together. Long life.

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ODD FELLOWS BUILDING
ATLANTA, GA.



Prof. W. M. Matthew
1720 N. Chattnw.
Louisville
Ky.

399 Houston St.,
1 Decatur, Ga., 10, S. 72.

My own dear wife;

Your letter to hand yesterday found me awaiting its arrival, out on the porch, in the evening, and I was real chilly too. Fall seems to be here alright.

Well A. U. opened yesterday and believe me I have had a time with your daughter. She has cried and done everything else because I wouldn't buy new books for her.

Ardian Bits has loaned her two books, history & literature. I have of her a latin grammar & I am to buy Charis Caesar. This a.m. I paid her tuition, music fee & bought two more books all together \$2⁵⁰. I borrowed \$3⁰⁰ from Ambrosia until monday or what I could do this. Nothing has satisfied her. I came very near whipping her but I hasn't so far and I'm trying not to.

Here are a few vital - our yard is full. I don't think I'll have any trouble renting our house. A woman has just left here who wants it. Mr. Thomas is still after it & there are others.

When the money comes I shall pay \$37.⁵⁰ to Dr. C, \$30.⁹⁸ Taxes, \$10⁰⁰ on Insurance. That will leave about \$40⁰⁰ to get Louise shoes, pay some on grocery bills, pay Ambrose and keep the rest to run the house & for emergency. I am sending you a letter that I just rec'd from Mamma. It looks

like she's going to expect \$620 for rent.
\$800 for me and keep on her tabs.
If she does I don't see where I'll get it.
One sprig of my using the rent. I'll
have to pay cordside something this
month, we owe him \$93.85. Mr.
Thomas says he will be back to see
me about my house tonight and
may pay me \$200 the first month's
rent, to hold the house, provided he
can arrange to stay where he is until
I am out. If he does it will help
me wonderfully. Oh, yes, I am going
to pay W. Lumber Co. \$300 & your
bill at Dr. Stalts. Next month I'll try
and get a few things & pay for repair
work.

Ellen has rheumatism of the back.
She is very feeble. I understand that
Missy will get \$45 per month as
Ass't Librarian at Tees/Ridge. What
of this interest on the 11th?

Let me hear from you soon.

Thanks for the papers - they look
fine. I very hope I'll be with you soon to
help sustain the splendid reputation
that you are making.

Lorraine's letter will come tomorrow. She has
it started but not finished.

Be sweet,

Lovingly & devotedly Your wife,
Joe.

Sat. 5th p.m.
10, 5-12,

My own dear Will:

This is just a line, all that Lou will allow me in her letter, to say that I rec'd your letter & the check, yesterday.

Thank you for both. I went to town this a.m. and after being referred to the Bank Cashier, was allowed to deposit the check. He asked me not to draw any more of it than I could keep as they could not get it from Louisville before Wed. I gave a check for \$30.98 taxes and have the receipt, paid my gas bill 9.08 the West lumber Co., \$7.50 on insurance on this place & made a check for \$37.50 for Dr. P. but he was not in his office. You told me to pay you life ins. It falls due on Oct. 17th until you have until Nov. 17th in which to pay it? The inclosed card calls for your attention.

Mr. Allen sent a man out to make a bid on the plastering, today.

Dr. Slater & Mr. Rucker both heard from you Fri. We went with the Ruckers to the moving picture show, yesterday. It was good. Albert, Johnny Robinson & Washington have just left. Lou has started off nicely in school. Every body is begging to have her left hand board in, but I tell them Never.

Thought of you today & do hope that you made a good appearance & speech before the Teachers.

I know you'll be O.R. at the Y.M.C.A., then
rest a while, if you can.

I hope that mamma will be here soon!)

Did I understand that you were going to
write to Woodsicle and get him to hold
Mamma's acct over to the first of the
year? Tell him of your work & that you
are anxious to move your family & can
then begin the first of the year & pay him up.

Why not send Ellen & Glenda cards?

Ophelia is boarding in & seems to like it.
The Bills are very kind to us. Adean is
lending Louie two books, would not accept
any pay - Charlie one, that I'm to buy &
Sof is lending her one - That covers all.
Louie found 10¢ on the walk at Schuf
today.

Write for another letter soon.

Fondly & devotedly yours

J.W.

So many went out to G. C. from 7th Gr.
that Mrs. Jones went up & saw Webster &
put them all to the bad. Webster raised
the standard to 75 & Grade Carter was
the only one who passed.

399 Houston St.,
Atlanta, 10, 8, 12.

My own dear Will:

Little Lulu and I rec'd all of your letters yesterday and you may be sure that we were delighted to hear from you. I am very, very sorry that you have or I hope now that it is had, a sore throat. Oh dear, take good care of yourself for you know that I am busy and can stand all things until you are ill and then I am useless. You need me to see that you do not expose yourself and I hope to be with you soon.

You asked me about the check. The only trouble that I experienced was that the Asst cashier asked me not to draw any more of it than I could keep before Wed. as it would take that long to get the money here from Louisville - I paid taxes \$30.98, Dr. C. \$37.50 Insurance on 399, \$7.50. I am waiting until morning and then I am going to town and draw enough to pay some back that I borrowed to run me until Wed. and to run the house on. I shall have to pay my water bill also. I paid my gas bill \$108, Sat. but didn't have enough to pay water bill then.

I have rented the house to Mr. Thomas. His rent is up on the 3d. of Nov. His wife will let us stay here with her until we can get off. He never stays at home, I find.

I think they will buy my shades and chandelier in the back hall, kitchen & bathrm.

I am not sure. I shall leave my books in
the kitchen. I am going to try to sell the
range, refrigerator & such things.

You speak of having us come to you the
later part of next month. How do you plan to
arrange? You know it will take a good bit to
pack & ship. Do I pay for shipping at this end?
Then our r.r. fares will be about \$37 berths
will make it about \$50. You'll have to use
your book fund & replace out of Dec. money
won't you? I must tell you the truth, I am
crazy to come to you. I forgot to tell you that Mr.
Thomas says that I need not have the basement
fixed up now, so Mr. Allen can look after
that for us later. His wife is going to keep
Aunt Patsy right on for company for her.

I am going to give Aunt Patsy my coat, thinking
that I may have left. I am glad that she will
be on the place for you know she will look after
my interests. Is the front porch to the
house that you will get large enough for my
swing & porch chairs?

Louise is doing finely in school. We went
with Knox, Florday & Little F. to the side show
of Ringling Bros. last night. Had a good time
looking at the crowd &c. I had Louise's old
shoes fixed up and they'd made a good pair
to start in so I'll get her new ones the
first of the month and they will do to come to you.
Julius stays at an Ice cream house & bring
us cream once & twice a day. He has just
passed & left a whole lot. I wish you were

here to enjoy it. Mrs. Flippin and I
have it all to ourselves - All the children are
in School.

Had a letter from Minnie this a.m. She
says that Ling has had an operation for a
growth behind his ear. He is getting on O.K.
Celia seems about to have a nervous breakdown.

Your neighbor J. R. Jackson whipped
his wife, who by the way was sick in bed, one
day last week and a few days before
your other neighbors the Lemmons sat out on
their front porch and had a cursing match.

Preston, Matt & Johnny has a
disagreement last Fri. Johnny & Matt
cursed him out and Johnny swore out a
warrant for disorderly conduct.

Dr. Peters arrayed himself against
Preston with Johnny, Dr. Holsey lined
up with Preston and paid the fine \$5.75 -
I'll tell you all about it when I come.
You may be sure that I am truly glad
that I'm about to get away from such
low down negroes.

Louise will write you soon,

With lots of love and kisses I am

Your own dear,

Jre,

This is some of Lou's Kodak work.

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My dear, dear Will:

Your letter was my only comfort today. Thank you for it - It is all that has sustained me. Missie & Aunt Julia left for Justicee today and I am afraid that Louis is going to be sick. She complained of the aching in her knee joints. You know she has had that ever since she had the fever, when the weather is damp. We were out in the damp Sunday at the Memorial for Mrs. Adams and she was in the rain going to School yesterday. I rubbed her well and she came home this p.m. with the headache. She also has some fever. I gave her a hot bath, rubbed her and gave her medicine and put her to bed. I sincerely trust that by morning she will be alright. I shall not seal this letter so that I may write you of her condition.

I will be so glad when the time comes for us to be together. I shall bring the things that I have on. I bought Louis a coat for which I paid \$1.25 and I've also got myself a coat. I got a nice black

Cost at Chamberlains. It cost \$35⁰⁰ alterations
\$30 making \$38⁰⁰ in all. I am to go to fit it
tomorrow. Missie let me get it on her
account to be paid for in January.

I went up to Dr. Crawford's office today but
he was out. I shall go again tomorrow.

The picture that I sent of Sol & myself was
taken by Fouin. Sol took these, look on the
back & you'll see where they were developed.

Shall I bring my porch swing? What of
the ax, fork, rake and crow bar, also
step ladder & hose. Please tell me just which
to bring.

I wrote mamma yesterday and told her if
she will not come on now that there would
be no need for her to come here, she could
just leave from that end when I left here &
save expense. She promises to come this week.
I don't expect her.

Arthur King a boy in Louise's & Charlie's
class died suddenly out at G. U. today. He
left home well & took sick all at once and died
in the shop, during class. He was a city student.
Football between A. U. & M. B. S. at A. U. tomorrow.

Mrs. Hayes & Mrs. Kelly were out to see me today.
Mrs. Hayes sent all sorts of love to you.

The Memorial exercise was fine. Towns didn't
do much but Prof. Crozman was fine. Sidney
Worland sang a beautiful solo.

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Saw Merrick today. He says that your
insurance is due & that he'd write you.
He seems a bit sore over Prof. Wheeler's coming
to take charge here, says Spaulding didn't say a
word to him about it, that he didn't know of
it until he saw it in the paper. Said he
was going home in two weeks to see John
many and did not think he'd come back. I
think he is sick & tired of Nelly Astor &
doesn't know how to get away from her.
Louie says hello. The piece in the
Human is certainly fine. I let Mrs. Coate
see it & will let Mrs. India & Mr. Piles
see it. So Roosevelt was shot. Don't let any
disgruntled individuals play any tricks
on you. Well finish in the morning,
Good night & be sweet. cordially yours, J. J.

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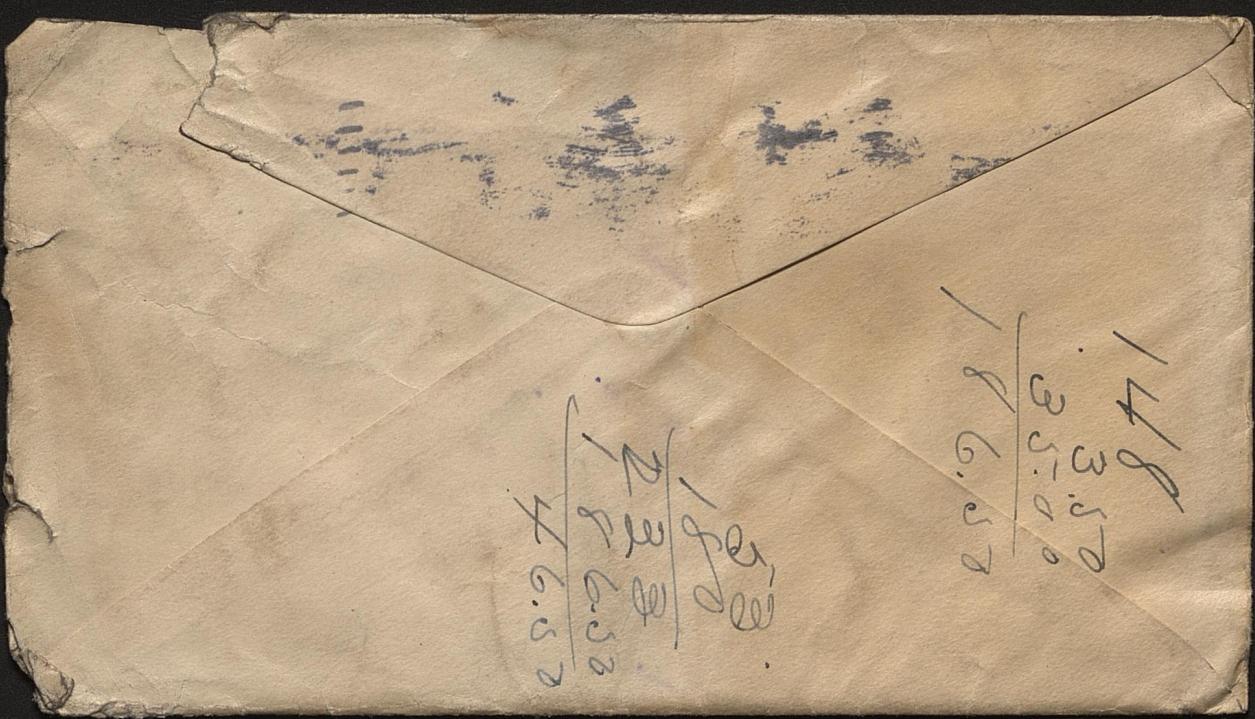
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Oct. 15, '42

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
1416 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Ky.

L. Seem's Oct 15 today.



What you said about her getting her 8th grade back & two extra bachelors. I told her you thought it fine. I hear that Carrie Pittman & Mrs. Jones don't live each other now. Had a falling out about something that Murray Beach who teaches for Carrie seems to have tried from one to the other.

Every body seems disgusted that Missig should have taken Aunt Julia off to Tuskegee as she has done.

I can have my bedroom furniture, dining room

Thursday night,
10, 17, 12.

My darling wife:

I am so sleepy and Loring and her Caesar won't stop studying, she reading almost Utopia and I'm almost crazy. The fire is so good and warm, I'd give a nickel to be able to go to sleep.

Mrs. Rucker says I must be sure to warn you to beware of Mr. Culbre.

Payne writes Bessie that he is a mean, low and dangerous fellow, that

he wanted that school
and will not hesitate to
stop to anything to under-
mine you. Do be on your
guard. I am very, very
anxious to get to you & help
you. Shall I bring our
porch swing? I think I
will dispose of our refrigerator
as it has about gone back
on me, has an overflow
nearly every time, ice is
put in it. The weather
will be cold now & by spring
perhaps we'll be able to
replace it.

So many things to tell
you when I see you.
Louise seems to be O.K.
Dr. Crawford is having me
return to the tonic that
he gave her before you left.
He has given me some
medicine for my cold.
Wants me to be free from
cold when I come to you.
He tells me that in two
years time he plans to
move to Calif.
Emma is back looking fairly
well. Mrs. Indigo asked me

Table and eight chairs
done over for about \$6.00.
I plan to have it done before
I come. I am crazy to come.
Saw Ben Davis & Susie D.
together today.

Dr. Crawford said it would
be O.K. about the note for
me to let him know before
I left & then send him
my address & he'd know
then we'd be able to make
check payable to the
bank each month.

I am anxious to know if you

have found me a house. The Thomas rent is due on the 3d. Where they are and they must move. I'm going to try to stay here until the 10th & then ship my things. It will take them about two weeks to get to you and they did come on. Did have you insurance, 17⁴² Mamma's inst., 35⁰⁰ Bal. My fire insurance 7⁵⁰ Cates

and Green, gas, water and to get David & myself flannels and a few things to wear to pay for packing of things and their fare to Louisville. Do you think that all of this can be done before you die, pay some? Then the 1st for to let Mamma have some money on her debt. Be sweet & write soon to your sleepy but loving wife,
D.F.

~~Please come to see us & tell me how you are~~

Wednesday,

Oct., 23, 1912.

My dear, dear Alice:

This a. m. when I got up it was so cool I hurried out to see what I could get ~~leftovers~~ towards helping us on to you. So much each other. Have you a house? Mrs. Thos. wants as much of mine as she can get the 3d share I let her have it.

I went up to Mr. Allen's office. He will set me \$50 by the 8th of Nov. for 90 days. I'll give him my note. How does that suit? He will go down to the freight office and find out about my freight. Cost, where paid \$2. Mr. Cates says I must get a car so that my things will not be handled so much that is the way they get broken up. I am expecting Mamma early Fri. a. m.

Now if you will only get us a house we can get to you, the sooner the better & I'll be glad to get there. So much to tell you when I see you. I shall ship my window shade, no shade here & no money to buy them ~~see?~~ I don't want any more expense than I have to make. I'd need a kitchen table. Hadn't you best get a bed spring there? Be sure & tell me. Shall I have the furniture done over. Will write a longer letter next time. I want to catch Mr. Gray. Please, please get a house and let me come to you, my "moral" to are getting off. Faithfully & lovingly Your wife ~~goes~~.

Salary that will enable
you to keep up with your
obligations and that as soon
as you catch up the balance
due him you hope to keep it
straight.

Mamma & Aunt Patty
Send love. I shall begin my
packing in earnest next
week.

Louise is O.K., & writing you.
I am sending you as independent
with a few things
therein marked. I thought
you'd like to see it.
Louise wants to know if you
have shown the snap shots
to anybody. Be sweet.

Lovingly, Joe.

399 Houston St,
Sunday night, 10, 27, 12

My dear Will:

All day long I have been thinking
about you and planning to write to
you but this is my first opportunity
to do so.

I was very much disappointed not to
hear from you yesterday but I feel
sure the letter will come tomorrow.

Mamma got here yesterday
a.m. She looks well but seems to
have a first bit of cold in her throat.
The first thing she's done since
she's been here was to come over
in a cab, give her check to the
driver to get her trunk. He in
turn gave it to a drayman who
charged 50¢ to deliver the trunk.
I told her at the time not to do so
but she knew best. Added to that
\$1.50 had to be paid for excess baggage.

making \$120 all of which I
had to pay. I shall endeavor to
do the best I can with her, but
I know you understand and
sympathize.

I am sending you here in a
clipping that explains itself.
Magie White is the Rock St.
School teacher and Janie Bell is
Janie Littlejohn. The third one I
do not know. It is the town talk.
I am so sorry for them.

Mr. Woodside called up at Bishop
Flippin's and asked for your Louisville
address. Louis went to the phone,
I judge that he wants to write you
about the money. Now I tried you
what to write in answer to the letter
that his clerk sent you. Did you
do so? If not answer him

tell him to take your rent
\$300 until he is paid. That
the rent of our present home
will be added to that after I
leave for Louisville. Tell him
that the check for \$25~~55~~
that mamma lets you have
each month goes towards taking
up a note for her and ask
him to mail it as usual
to 399 Houston St. until I
notify him to change, when
I leave the city. Make the
letter a nice one, tell him
that you are sorry to have
kept him out of his money so
long but that you now have
a gift that pays you a

Monday P. m.,
10, 28, '12.

My darling Will:

I mailed you a letter this a.m. but must send a few lines now. First I want to tell you that it was Mr. M^s Bride instead of Woodside who called up Sunday night for your address. I thought it strange that Woodside should call on Sun. night and know about using Bishop Flippers phone.

Next - Mr. Murray is here and really it looks like he is going to get us packed up today. I told him that it would be at least the sixth of the month

before you could get the money
here for me. He says that he
will get my things all done and
out and ready to ship by the
time the money comes.

He says it would cost too much
to get a car that he would pack
and crate properly and nothing
would happen to my things.
Says to send it released & it
would be OK. That I'd have to
pay at this end. I'm going to give
my things about ten days to get them
in; that will have us leave here
about the 20th of Nov. Now all
you have got to do is to get the money
here at your earliest and you'll get
us on time. We are all crazy to
come. Much quite interested.

The third woman arrested
was not Mrs. Williams but
a Mrs. Kennedy wife of one
of the Union Mutual Agents.
They are in a bad fix.

Mr. Gray is coming. Good by.

Lovingly J.H.

crazy to get there. Suppose instead
of coming on the p.m. train we
take a morning train and
get there at night? That will
give us a chance to view the scenery
and you can meet us too. I'd
have to start on Fri. to get there
on Sat. a.m. I forgot to say that
I am going to give Florida my
refrigerator for her kindness
to let us all stay there.

The women were bound over.
Maggie White continues to
lash and boasts that the negroes
are expecting her to lose her
job but not so etc. I understand
that her lawyer is hoping to
get the case thrown out of court.

399 Houston St.,

Atlanta, Ga.,

Oct. 30, 1912.

My dear, dear Will:

I wish you might keep in
here now. Nearly everything in
my house is packed and in
the parlor & dining room.

Your room is empty. My bed
room of everything save my
bed spring & mattress. Lou's room
has her bed, the lounge & the
bottom of her dresser. Your heavy
chair. I am not going to bring it.
Florida will keep it. Peyton
will take the lounge, keep the
desk & safe. I am going to give the
most of Louise's playthings & high
chair to Elsie May & the Allen
baby. I am going to let Louise

bring her three chairs &
some of her dolls and their
clothes. She is perfectly satisfied
with such an arrangement. I came
across your full dress pants & coat
and tried to sell them to "Dad"
but could not. I'll bring them. I am
bringing nearly all of my things as
it will take less to bring them
than to almost give them away &
replace. I am waiting on your
check so that Mr. Murray can
finish packing and move me. In
your next letter will you please
tell me exactly what day you
can get it here. I am anxious
to get out of the house before the
Thomas's move in. Thursday is
the 7th would it be possible for

you to get the check to me
so that Mr. Murray can finish
my packing & get me
moved out on Thurs. ? You see
I can deposit Thurs. a. m. &
you can get your money in the
bank before the check gets
back. If you can't do this
let me know exactly what
you can do so that I can
notify Mr. Murray in time to get
out. Mr. Thomas ^{has} told me
Sat. that any time ^{next} week
would do him to move. As soon as
my things are out of the house
we are going down to Florida's
and stay to give them time to
get to Louisville, then we will be
right on and we are all there.

Be sweet and love
you, Joe.

P.S. Mr. Henry White is
real ill. Mrs. Ryans is
here; Gertrude was here
but has returned to Wash.

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I'm sending you the 2d
publication of the Constitution
Special.

I haven't seen or heard of
Peyton but he assured me
when I saw him that he'd
have everything ready for me
by the 8th.

As to Wardside. Write him
a note the payment and
tell him that you'll be
able in future to pay the
taxes when they fall due
and that you appreciate
all past favors.

Louisa says please send
her the number of our

new home, the name
of the street &c. Who will
you have move you there?
In a future letter I'll
tell you where to find keys,
screens &c as nearly as
possible. If you get a spring
before I get there please get
a National, they are guaran-
teed. Don't try to work too
hard a bed and stove up
will be our greatest needs.
Mrs. Indis & Mr. Pitt
send love. They are certainly
very, very good to me.

Mamma is well and a
great help & comfort to me.
She is wild about the yard
already. Did you send the card
announcing change of
address to the Metropolitan
Co. Shall I send mine also?
About our insurance on
household goods. Shall I
Notify Mr. Dunlap of our
change of address & state?
Is the insurance \$1000?
Well, I must close as I
want to get this off tonight.

As soon as you write
me that my things have
come we will leave for home.

I'm real tired, sleepy &
sick. Will write you tomorrow
promptly.

J.W.

399 Houston St.,
Atlanta, 11, 2, 12.

My dear dear Wilf:

Today has been a strenuous
one for me and night finds
me tired. Got up this a.m. &
went to town to get Louise a hat.
Wore my new shoes and when I
got home I found that one of them
had bursted. Went back to town
in the p.m. got another pr. of
shoes, then Lou & I walked to
Mrs. Indie's from there out to
Peyton's to see his new baby. She
is inclined to be a little blacky.
We are now back home & I
am tired. I've had my carpets -
and rugs cleaned, they are beau-

tiful. I had the hall strips &
Louise's rug dusted but not
cleaned.

In my next letter I'll tell
you exactly where to find
the rollers & keys as to the
furniture. I asked you to tell
me in your next letter if you
would have the check here
so that I could let Mr. Murray
finish my packing & move
me by Thursday. I hope you will
answer the question. I am
quite anxious to get out of the
house but my get my things
but first when you send
Louise's trunk if you don't
get it here before Thursday

send it down to Florida,
124 Howell St. and I won't
have to pay to have it carried
there. Mrs. D. says get her a
job & she'll bring husband &
let him open up a first
class shop.

Went out to a. u. to the
meals last night; they were
good; several teachers asked
after you. Shall I get from a
dismissal or recommendation.
I hope you are not taking
cold. Do you have enough
over? How about your fire,

room or so from Thomas.
Mrs. Flippo was very, very
kind to us before we left,
All send love. I'll write
you exactly when we are
to leave when I know that
the ships are there. Send
the ticket as soon as
convenient.

Sincerely yours,
J.H.

124 Horrell St.,
Atlanta, 11, 7, '12.

My dear Wilf:

I am out doors, taken in
and housed by Knox & Flinck.
Shipped my goods this p.m.
The Thomas are in possession
as you will see the freight
on our ship was \$70.66.

Mr. Murray's bill was 42.75 -
Total \$113.41
I am enclosing the bill of
lading. As soon as the things
arrive let me know. Pay him less
me have \$5. And send
all things for me. I shall
pay your insurance \$14.42 &
take out r. r. fares and
then if there's any thing left

pay some on current
expenses.

Saw Mr. Lucius Lee
today. He says that he is
just back from Louisville &
that it was very cold up there.
Says he did not get to see you
but would be back next up

there next month and
would certainly come to see
you.

Louise and Little Florida
have just gone to bed, mamma
has turned in, Knox has
just beaten me the rest in
high fire and now has Florida.

Write me the next trip
and be sure to put on
your flannels.

Ellen, Florida and all
send love.

I hear that the shop lift-
ing cases are about to be
settled in some way,

Let me hear from you
soon.

I feel real sorry for Aunt
Patry after telling her to
Stay & keep her room. Mrs.
Thomas says she'll have to
see Thomas about it. They
paid me \$25 and she's to
bring the remaining 60\$.
Do you remember a
fellow by the name of Jones
who used to work for Mr.
Delbridge? He is to rent a

Had a nice letter from
Missig the other day. Shall I
get a dismissal for Louise?
She is well, fat & happy and
is anxious to see you and hear
what you think of the growth of her
hair.

Spaulding & Merrick, Sr., were down
the Monday & Tuesday. I did not
see them Mrs. Rucker told me
they were here. The insurance
Commissioner put the Company
out of business some time about the
new year that they'd failed to comply
with Spaulding told Mr. Rucker that
they had everything O.K. now & that
Mr. Wheeler was one of the most expensive
insurance men that they had and they
were sure Ga. would be O.K. now.
Until soon & be sweet, I'm mighty glad
you're out from them. Love you,
Dot.

124 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Nov. 9, 1912

My dear, dear Will:

Your letter to hand last night.
Glad to hear from you. In this
time you have my letter with
the bill of laden, telling you of the
cost of things. I am going to
pay your insurance, Monday \$4.42
and I will have about \$5.7 left.
There are a few other things that
I'll be compelled to get out of the \$7.
I haven't made up any sort of
payment this month. I would like
to pay him a little something.
Peyton let me have \$5.00 and said
he'd try to do something more before
I left. I am to see him Tuesday
a.m. If he lets me have \$2.5 more,
I shall pay you \$1.0 and bring \$1.5 along
as well for expenses.

I hope that the people will get out of the house on time for I am very anxious to leave here on the 20th. Now as to the placing of my things - Unless you are going to be there when Mr. Guy Smith unpacks my things I'd rather you'd leave every thing until I get there and then Mr. Smith and I can unpack and place. All you need do is to have the beds and the range put up that will give me a place to sleep & eat and I can manage. I am very, very, very anxious to get to Louisville, for more reasons than one. The trunk key came O.K. You forgot that

I kept one of the trunk keys so you need not have sent this one but it is alright now that it is here, do all that you can to hurry the folks out of the house & let me come please.

When my things come please be sure and I have the rake shovel and spade carried around to the back & not through this house. Now don't say I am superstitious &c and not do so. I am but I do want you to humor and heed this request for I am anxious to start off my Louisville under a favorable star.

124 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga., 11. 12, '72.

My dear, dear Will:

Your letter to hand yesterday. I was so glad to hear from you. I do hope that you'll be able to tell me in your next that the folks are out of the house. I really want to leave here on the 20th. Things are O.K. so far but for many, many reasons I feel that I must come then. I have been paying bills as best I could. Had to pay for some sewing, your insurance, freight, packing &c. Haven't paid anything else. I am to see Mr. Allen tomorrow and I'm going to ask him to try & let me have \$25 more, if he does I can get through O.K. and have a dollar or so left over. I am

Compel to spend about \$10 more
on Louise & myself. I am having
the kitchen fixed at home - Had
to, instead of papering I'm having
the old paper taken off and the
wall tinted. Repapering would have
cost \$6⁰⁰ and I am told that the
heat & grease would take it right
off. The other will cost \$3⁰⁰ &
I'll get the paper in Louise's
room fixed as well. We are
having regular summer weather
here. I don't know how long it
will last.

Hope that you are having
O.K.

The trunk came today & I
shall pack soon.

We are to spend the day
with the Penns Sat.

Little J. was out of school
with a cold but is better today
and was able to go to school.

Maggie White pled guilty
at her trial yesterday. I don't
know particulars as yet.

We are crazy to see you. I
feel very, very tired but of course
there is no way to rest here
but I hope to be with you in
our own home where with
Mamma's assistance I may rest.

With lots of love & kisses from,
Your devoted wife, J.A.

Thursday a.m.,
11, 14, 12,

My dear Will:

This is just a short note to catch the mail so that you may have this, tomorrow.

Louise & I both rec'd letters from you, yesterday and you may be sure we're delighted.

Has the things arrived or not? This is what I want to know— Shall I leave here for Louisville next Wednesday provided you will me that the things are there? I am very anxious to get them but of course do not desire to pre-empt the things.

Shall I take Louise out of school tomorrow Fri. or shall I send her on? If so I'll have to pay

You run over and
accompany me.

Must leave now, am to
go up & see about the
Kitchen walls that I'm
having done. Mr. Harris
is putting in a cess pool
that you intend fixing. It
will cost \$1.75 the Kitchen
\$3.00 making \$4.75. I've got
to buy gloves and a few
little things. Mamma & co
are OK & send love.
Hoping to see you soon. Dear
Always yours, etc.

more tuition² &c which I haven't.
Mr. Allen says that he will
let me have the other money
Monday or Tuesday, in the
strength of that I paid Green
\$10⁰⁰. Your bill to the 1st
was \$24 and some cents, we
haven't added a great deal to
it. Now if you don't do
any thing else sit right down
and answer this letter & telling
me about leaving Atlanta
provided my things are there.

We are to spend the day
with Mrs. Penn Sat. or Sun.
The 12 Club will entertain
for me at Mrs. Hope's
Tuesday night. Write

124 Howell St.,
Atlanta, Ga.,
11, 19, '12.

My dear, dear Wies;

All of your letters have reached me O.K. In this time, I sincerely hope that the old woman is at least moving. We plan to leave here Thursday morning at 6⁵⁵ o'clock I think we arrive there about 8³⁰ or 9³⁰ p.m. You can look the schedule up at that end. Louise, Mamma and I are very anxious to come to you—
Mamma I must say is crazy to come.

I am going to get Mr. Rucker to look after reservation in the drawing room for us,

If he gets it off. - If he
doesn't we can manage
all right travelling by day.
However, I'd like for Louise
to have the experience in
the drawing room.

We had a lovely time at
Mrs. Penn's Sunday, where we
spent the day. Of course they
dined in their usual lavish
manner and the bill o' fare
included most every thing.
Last night Florida & Clara
played Knox & me, our
parting game - I cannot
wait to see you to tell you
about it - Knox and I
simply ran away with

them - We didn't let them
beat a game. You may be
sure that Clara was sick.
They served us nicely &
we all enjoyed ourselves.
Tonight is the 12 Club
night, tomorrow I pack &
tell dear old Altan a故事
and then bright and early
Thursday a.m. we travel
towards you. Will you
be glad to see us?

We went out to a U. yesterday.
Got Louise's dismissal and
told several故事. They
certainly hated to give her up.
With much love & the hope
that we may see you soon Sam,
Lovingly your wife, Dore.

172QW.Chestnut St.,
Louisville,Ky.,
June,23,1913.

My dear Will:

Of course I am sending you my first effort on the type writer. When I made my first start , imagine my surprise to discover that I had forgotten all of the hasty but careful, instructions that you had given me. Knowing how you would tease if I failed to make good I put on my thinking cap, and here is my first effort.

This has been a miserably gloomy day. It has rained nearly all day. I have been so sick and blue that I could not do anything. At first I decided that I was sick but later I found the cause of my depression- The p.m. mail has just passed and I had letters from Sol and Albert. Solwrote me startling news. Knox and family have just had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation. It seems that some one attempted to rob their gas meter on the night of the 21st. They broke in the basement, broke a pipe leading to the meter and there was such an escape of gas they had to leave without securing the money. About 12:30 Knox and Flo smelled gas, got up looked in the kitchen, found the range in perfect condition, decided that the fumes were coming from the street and went back to bed. About 4:30a.m. Knox awoke almost overcome with gas, called Florida and she was unconscious. He staggered in the next room, called Ophelia and fell unconscious across the bed. She jumped up and had presence of mind enough to throw up the windows and call for help before she fell unconscious. The neighbors rushed in, carried them up to the Graves' residence and called Drs. slater , Cater, Howell and a nurse. It took two hours work to bring them around. When I read the letter and realized what a narrow escape they had , well you know just how I cried. I forgot to tell you that Little Florida was the only one who was not affected. It completely unnerved me , I have not yet got over it.

You will observe several erasures in this letter- They are occasioned by the fact that I do not as yet know how to make an apostrophe. Kindly instruct me in your reply to this as I may not be able to work it out for my self.

Louise and mamma both send love and both are crazy to use the machine.

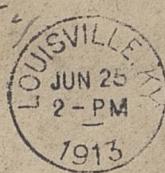
Everything seems quiet in school circles. I am waiting for the appearance of the News see?

Bertha sends lots of love to you and says she is doing her best to keep me well. Send her a card while you are away. Her number is 1131 W. Chestnut St.

Well be sweet and write soon to ,
Your devoted wife,

Jac.

From
1920 W. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.



Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Americus,
Ga.

To Gen. Delaney.

After the concert Dr. Wedderburn took us all to the Parfair & treated us.

Mrs. Jordan told me she had a card from Roland Hayes saying that he saw you & Mr. Smith in N.Y. I think that Mamma is some better.

I hope that you have done well and that you are prepared to come home soon & pay me my money that I very much need.

Dad & Mamma send love. Wish you were here today, provide you'd be willing to put up with blackberry soup for dinner for that is all we have.

Be sweet & come home soon,
Love to the Allens.

Yours truly, J. H.

1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
July, 12, 1916.

My dear Will:

Your letter to hand yesterday and I greatly enjoyed it. Did you get the last letter that I sent you at Albany, containing one from your Lyons Ave. Tenant? Instead of receiving the rent check this morning I rec'd a notice telling of leaves, falling plastering, steps &c at 200⁰⁰ per month. You can imagine just what an awful fix that put me in for I have just about a dollar and was depending on the rent to run me, pay water bill, gas &c.

The First quartette sang here at the S.M.E. Church last

night. Had a good but not crowded house:
about $\frac{1}{3}$ white - at 50¢ per ticket.

Gruis & I went. Rev. Harris had Lota,

Thirty-Fifth Commencement

Willie, Wilhelmina, Mabel Still, Lorraine
Beale and all the young girls of his church
and others, with the exception of Louise &
Roberta, to act as ushers. I mean at some
time to let him know that I noticed it.

Everett looks fine. Arthur Evans called up
this a.m. and asked to bring Foster, the
bars singer, to call about noon. It has been
pouring rain since about 11⁴⁵ and they hasn't
got here. However, should they come Lou & I
are dressed to receive them and I have some
chocolate cake & peaches that I may serve.

Phoebe Purse is in the city for a few days.
You remember she was in Gruis's class &
lived with the Stevens.

How many cards did you send Sadie? She told
me you sent one - You needn't bother to send
any more. However, she seems O.P. but I am not
particularly hunting any body. See, I'd be glad
when you come home. I really want to see &
talk with you.

I forgot to say that Mrs. Speed was out last
night & that Bertha & I had the lime shore then, the
Harris' not with standing.

11720 W. Chestnut St.
FROM

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 12
1916



Mr. W. B. Matthews,
51 1/2 S. Broad St.,
Atlanta,
Ga.
% Mr. P. A. Allen,
Atty.

Mamma is just fairly.
While I don't see much improvement in her condition
I don't think she's any worse.
Dr. Wpedee says she is better.

Poor Mrs. Simmons has had
to give up her work. Could not
stand it on her knee. She
Dr. says she'll have to have
an operation. She is now in
Chi. I feel very sorry for her.
Dr. W. is planning to go off
for a rest about the middle of
the mo. He looks like a walking
skeleton. Really he's something
terrible to behold. Write soon,
Sincerely, Dr.

1720 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
July 1, 1916.

My dear wife:

I must say that it is
as hot as mud and if you
can't read this letter it is
because it melted before I could
get it written.

I am enclosing a letter
from Gohlston, Lyons Art.
You had a letter from Mr. Jones
this a.m. inquiring about some
scale pans that he thinks went
to you by mistake. I called
him up and told him you
were not in the city &c, &c.
He is most gracious, said

he knew it, please not to worry
you about it, she may write so as
to get the matter before you do
that you might look after it on
your return.

Thanks for cards sent from
N.Y. Mrs. Whedbee was very
pleased with them. So glad you
think of her. Roberta spent
the past week with us. She is
here now. Mother says she
must come home today but
she doesn't want to go.

When do you plan to come
home? We will certainly be
glad to see you.

Your minute book came by ex-
press, this a. m. It certainly
came thru quickly.

Love to Katie. Be careful &
don't do any talking to Roscoe
Simmons even tho he does
appear friendly.

I understand that Mrs Lattimore
has tuberculosis of the throat, has
lost her position in Cinc., & has
gone to her sister in Birmingham.

The report that you
sent to Wash. has been
returned asking for other
figures. I wrote a cable
to say you were out of
the city for a few weeks &
would look after it on your
return.

Rosco Simmons says he
will see you in Albany
Thurs. I sent love by him.

Thursday, 7³⁰ p.m.

7, 7, 16.

My dear wife:

I am just in from Mrs.
Wither's whisk - As usual her
crowd was large, service poor
and the folks made lots of
fun.

We are all fairly well.
Mammie not as well as I
make her were. She hasn't
been out for a week until
tonight she's fine, in car, to
text meeting. Dr. Whedby

comes to see her once or twice
a week. Hope you had a short
letter from me in Boston.
Roberta is spending the week
with us. Lou says she'll write
soon. None of your mail is
of special significance, I'm
sending such as I think
might interest you.

When will you be home?
I'm mailing check for next
after that I have only water
and coal bill. Is there any
rebate on the coal? It is
\$3.60.

Love to Katie & her husband.
I hear she is not so well.

Write soon to

Your devoted,
(her) J.P.

I have at last seen the article given you, Rev. Harris & Mr. Blue in last week's issue of the Ledger. It is too contemptible for anything. Mrs. Harris is hot about Mr. Harris & taking down. I have nothing to say even tho you are accused of being so ignorant that you can't say the multiplication table twice the same way and a number of other things much worse than that. I am going to the "J." to the Dawn Fete tomorrow night. The church has a reception Wed night. I am to help serve tomorrow night & will go with me Wed night. Thurs. p.m. I am to go to a whist given by Mrs. Withers.

1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
July 3, 1816.

My dear Wife:

Your letter came this p.m. Found us well and glad to hear from you. I had already decided to have a letter in Boston for you when you got there as Mr. Ware had just sent you a card notifying of meeting, time, place &c.

I will have your mail in Albany when you get there. None very important. The invitation people have sent you another bill for a small balance. I sent their letter on

to Savannah to you so I suppose in this time you have written to them and explained the shortage in invitations. You have one or two communications from Hines an application or so and a letter from Emmett Scott saying that he cannot recommend any one man to do all that you want but can recommend one for molding & blacksmithing.

Letter from John Hope asking that you suggest some ways of holding boys in school.

Our first entertainment was in every sense of the word a success. I carried Louise.

Mrs. Johnson's which was a very enjoyable affair Miss Parks and I tried for the guest prize & I had the pleasure of drawing it. It is a very pretty cut glass syrup pitcher.

Louise is going out to Carrie Oliver's to a picnic tomorrow. Just now she is quite weak for you for having carried off all of the black polish. She remarked that she couldn't conceive of anything quite so selfish, though I might give you lots of love for her. I am going to let her go to the drug store & get some which you surely must pay for, when you return.

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Sadie & I made tutti frutti today. I have five jars for my part.

There are to be two picnics tomorrow one at Hamod's Creek another on the Reevee Road. I'm not going to either, thank the Lord. I have just baked a cake for Mrs. Evans and one for myself.

Mamma is getting better. She sends love & misses you much. Take good care of yourself we love you if no one else does.
Lovingly, D.P.

Rev. Harris & Blue, written
up for not having colored painters
do their work. Something about
the High Sch. also. I'm going
by the library to see what.

The office called up for you
and then asked how they
could reach Miss Martin.
I don't know what they
wanted.

Write soon & take good
care of yourself.

Love to Wright,
Prof. G. D.T.

1720 W. Chest. St.
Louisville, Ky.,
June, 27, 1916.

My dear wife:

Your letter came this a.m.
Glad to hear from you and
that you are faring P.T.
It is exceedingly warm here.
The Fish Club party was
quite unique, enjoyable &
thanks to your wife and her
work. We had a lawn
party served chicken salad &
crackers done up in bon bon
boxes, tied with the school
colors and punch throughout
the evening. I had a track

game for fun of amusement.
Young Perry won the prize - a fly swatter
Gave the school song on gold paper
for souvenirs.

Today the Barnabas have
their outing at the Blind Asylum.
I judge it will be very pleasant. Bertha
is going with Miss Alex. Sady
the Mayzeeks. I don't know who
else. Lou & I are going to the
pictures - they come cheaper.

Mrs. "S. O." has a whist tomorrow.
I plan to go. I bought a black silk
skirt, dues & got Lou a white
wash skirt. She has taken my
net dress with black dots & I
have nothing to wear. Ain't you
sorry for me.

Mamma is home today for the
first time since you left. Dr. Shedd
brought her stockings & put them
on her this a. m. I forked over
 $\$5^{32}$ for them. He had a time
getting them on her, her legs were
so swollen.

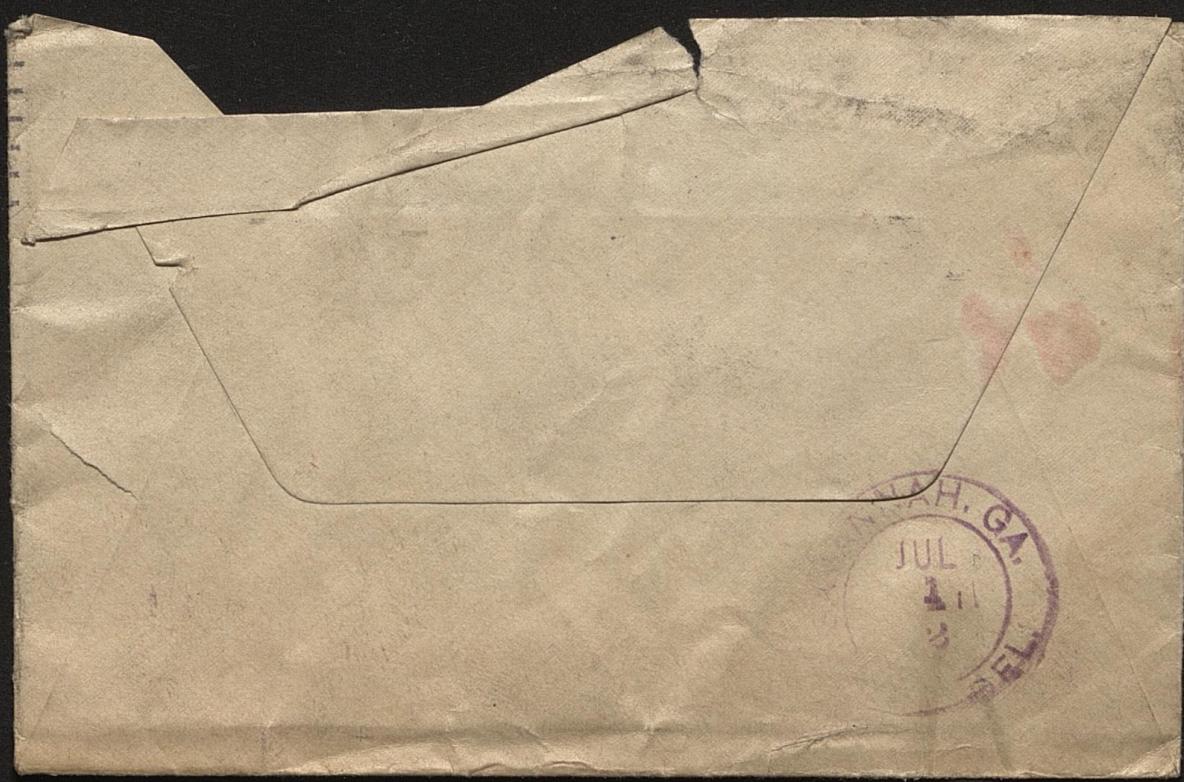
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1720 W. Chest
Unionville,

June 29, 1916

Mr. W. B. Matthews.
Savannah,
Ga.,
Gen. Delivery.

JUL 1 0 1916



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Went to the Segregation Meeting last night and reported \$10²⁵ for you. Sadie collected \$4²⁵ of that. Mrs. Guy Smith gave me \$1⁰⁰ Cassius \$1⁰⁰ Mr. & Mrs. Green \$2⁰⁰ & Mr. Moxley \$1⁰⁰. Next week I hope to report the other. Mr. Hunter has \$0⁸⁰ on his book. Jackson nothing & returned the book. I made him promise to give - You see your work would not have been much had you depended on him to carry it on for you. Sadie has more promises I have several. Chipley will give or collect \$5⁰⁰ & Marie promises to help. They divided the pledge cards up and different ones of the Committee will collect them. I took \$5⁰⁰ with & they will go to your credit.

1720 W. Chest.
July 2, 1915.

My dear Will:

In this time you've had a letter from me, sent in care of "Boss Warren." The clippings that it enclosed are causing me grave concern. Herein I am sending you an editorial & a news item that appeared in yesterday's Courier. Wednesday's Times said that one of three things was probable: Either the Board would accept Mr. Holland's nominee, a Louisville man would be nominated or Mr. Holland's resignation would be handed in. Of course that last can-

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and that Mr. Holland will leave. On discussing it with me, I laughingly remarked that you'd better get in touch with your old friends in Ga. for Mr. H's leaving would mean that you'd soon follow. Do you know that he was very enough to agree & think it very wise of me to be looking ahead? Then he seemed to catch himself & tried to talk about how safe you were etc. He didn't fool me. He was on a special running to B'ham. So to go to San Francisco next week and is to send me a card. ^{has had} Mother says work hard and pray.

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dition almost stopped my heart from beating. Every body save Mr. Holland has given out a statement for the papers. He has nothing to say. I do hope and pray that the matter may be adjusted and he will not leave for you know what that will mean for us. Next Tuesday night is the time of the rush meeting. I'll keep you posted on anything that I may find out.

I saw Bill Evans yesterday & he's the happiest man that you've ever seen, over the situation. He feels confident that the majority of the board are right.

some one from Howard Univ.
I am paying Steward's Louis hat,
Telephone & Water bills also
Louis' teeth bill, today, after which
time I'll have no money.

You have a bill for \$5.90 from
Crutcher & Starks. Receipt from
Mr. Manly for book money.

I'm sending you herein a program
of commencement that you may
give to the Hunts, if you like with
Louise's kind regards.

Hoping to hear from you today
I am, Your devoted wife,

P.S. I'll send you next letter to
Joe.

51617 bbf

Last night the committee turned
in in actual cash \$76.64 making
cash in hand \$141.69 - That is not bad
is it! They are going to send \$100
to head quarters, today.

You can send your contribution &
rent check as you suggested.
Rev. Harris reported \$27.75 - of that
Sam Woodson had \$18.75. Mr. Fins-
ley \$3.50 and Harris the other which
consisted principally of \$2.00 from
himself & wife. Mrs. Whedbee had
\$1.00 in cash - five from Mrs. Speed,
the other five from Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Speed gave Mr. Woodson \$10.00
of his. Isn't she generous?

Mamma is improving slowly
but my, how trying she is to me,

from Mildred Greenwood,
yesterday.

I believe I ⁷ told you every thing
that has happened. There is no
important mail. Two applications
for teachers places in your school.
One from Mr. Craft. - He's a
Harvard man & has had a
special course in engineering &
in Chi. and sends all sorts of
references including Tuskegee
where he taught a year. Has
had three years experience. I think
he must be from Charleston.
The other is for a position in
your Commercial Dept. from

^{6.} Dsn't want me out of her
sight and everytime she sees me
she hungry & gone too - As the
same they are both much company
and comfort to me.

Walls has been to Cin. &
back & Bishop Caldwell is here.
Dr. Jones of New Orleans is here.
Mrs. Emerson entertains tonight.
You are invited. Louise & I plan
to go. I am also going to Mrs.
Marietta Pickens to a concert
this p. m.

Miss Stewart is much better &
has a present for Louise also
Mrs. Crutcher. She need a
string of pearl beads from Mayme
Westmoreland and a handkerchief

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I'll send you next letter to Albany so as to reach there about the fourth, the sixth to Macon and thence to Savannah. Is that correct?

Write me all the news.
Be good and think often of

You dearest,

Joe.

P.S.

The enclosed clipping
may be of interest to you.

1720 W. Chest.,
Louisville, 6, 30, '15

My dear Will:

Your letter this a.m. found us expecting it. We were very glad to hear from you but sorry that the mosquitoes are so annoying to you.

The paper has not come - Did you forget to send it?

I took pills Monday night - and was not in form to carry the girls to the dentist's yesterday - Bertha carried them after which all came to my house and in a down-pouring rain we had an excellent cabbage dinner. I made Lou's heart glad by having corn bread, for her.

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Louise's teeth are to be finished up, Friday a. m.

Sadie has several dollars in hand. Mr. Chipley says he will either collect or give his. I am going to help Misses Jackson and Hunter up, before reporting tomorrow night.

Mrs. Pettyjohn has gone. Left early Tues. a. m. without saying goodbye to anyone.

Alzadia Singleton is planning to entertain Louise's class next Wednesday, p. m.

Mamma is improving slowly and tries me greatly by eating up everything that I put up for myself. ha! ha!

She had aⁿ very nice letter from Mr. Proctor, today and a very pretty silk shirt from Mr. & Mrs. S. O. Johnson, yesterday. She asks how much money did Mr. Holmes give you to buy a present? Further, she says please send it to her and let her buy exactly what she wants, herself.

So far your mail has not been important. The diploma of which Mr. Clare Conkle has come, also some literature and a letter from Prof. Hawkins of Baltimore, a receipt for invitations from the St. Louis firm and one from Mr. Frazee for payment for coronet.

1720 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.



Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Americus,
Ga.
c/o Mr. B. W. Warren.

I'll certainly be glad to see you as I have much to tell you.

I hope you'll get a little rest after you get home for I know you must be tired out. I had a letter from Mrs. Irving yesterday and she told me that Mr. J. was suffering with Bright's Disease.

Love to all and hurry home.

I'm sorry that my letters hasn't come as often as you wished but I havn't known how to estimate the time of their delivery and didn't want to have them miss you.

The rent check came. It was for \$46.20. This is one month behind and one of the Horse St. tenants didn't pay. Stop in & see Mr. Woodside & call attention to the fact that mamma is paying three water bills on two meters and have it corrected. That rear house is only me know. With lots of love from,

Yours, Dg.

1720 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
July 15, 1913.

My dear Will:

I wrote you very hastily last night on my return from the picnic. I am writing you early this a.m. before beginning washing.

We are all well and find it very nice and hot. Mamm Blue & Ellen left at 2:30 this a.m. on their trip.

Since you'll be home Fri. I am saving the news of last week instead of sending it. There is a long article in the High Sch. purported to have been written by one Dr. Etta Green Potter. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that it is the work of Jim Harris as the young woman in question hasn't sense enough to have written it.

I understand that Mr. Lawson has been to Dr. Bloom and is trying to get the Dr. to open up his case

for him. Dr. Blomm does not want to do so. Rev. Harris told me that Mr. Lawson told him that you reported that he did not co-operate with him, which he said was not true. Said Mr. Godschalx told him Harris told me that he told Lawson that he put himself out and had nobody else to blame etc.

What have you found out about Glazener and the place? Mamma suggest that in looking up records you see if it is not a fact that he brought back in there after she died. She says he brought from Hulsey. I told her I thought that she ought go to certainly to one night have Brown take that fence down from across her property and stand guard and see that it was not put back. What do you think?

As to a loan - I think it unwise to borrow more money at the present figures. Of the \$1000 that

falls due in Nov. can be extended I think we'll have to do that and just save up and be prepared to pay them off as they come. We'll pay yours the next year, mine the following and mamma's the following - Soon we'll be rid of a lot of little debts. Then too, I don't think it wise to attempt to buy here for the present. To my mind the situation is too uncertain for I think the common element is going to combine to defeat Mr. Holland and the present school board and you know what that means.

What of Semon?

Long to Florida and family also Ellen & her folks. Give S of a dime and ask him to send me a snapshot of my house.

1920 W. Chest.,
Louisville, Ky.,
July, 14, 1913.

My dear Will:

I am in receipt of two letters from you - One a registered letter - Thanks for both especially the latter.

We are just in off of the S.S. boat picnic. We are dead tired. The excursion was a success and the crowd fairly orderly. Will tell you all about it later. Mrs James Welch, Ballard, Whedbee and I were together.

I was introduced to Mr. Jas. Harris, St.

We'll be so glad to see you.
I am writing hurriedly to catch

the mail. Scottie left
yesterday - will be back later on.

She hasn't as yet told her
mother of her loss of job.

Yes go to see Missie & Aunt
Julia. Don't talk too much
about our falling out to anybody,
anywhere. See?

Give my love to Aunt Julia.
Love to Mrs. Flippin tells her
to write to me.

When you come home please
bring a box of Dr. Crawfords
pills for Louis and me. We
take the T. J. C. mild.

Love to Florida & family.
Must hurry to catch the mail.
Will write you again tomorrow.

Lovingly, J.P.

*Send to Mr. Mathew
M. J. Lemon*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The University of Chicago
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

The Board of Recommendations

Chicago, July 2, 1913.

PB
Superintendent E. O. Holland,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of June 26th asking
for information in regard to Mr. J. G. Lemon.

Mr. Lemon has not registered in this office, but
we will give you the following information from his record sheet.

Mr. Lemon took his bachelor's degree at Atlanta University in 1902
and came here in 1903. In 1904 he took his bachelor's degree from
here. During this period he took one course in physics, one in
chemistry, and was allowed credit for two courses in chemistry and
two in geology taken at Atlanta University. In 1905 Mr. Lemon again
registered here in the Law School, and remained here for two quarters.

Yours very truly,

Mary Osborne Hoyt
Assistant Secretary.

MOH/c

Louisville Public Schools
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
LOUISVILLE, KY.



M. W. B. Matthews
Savannah, Ga.
Box 5794

1720 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.,

July, 9, 1913.

My dear Hubby Will:

I did not hear from you yesterday,
possibly because I had three letters the
day before. We are always delighted to
hear from you.

In this time you have my last letter.
This leaves me feeling much better
physically and otherwise. Louis and
mamma are O.K.

I went down to pay the rent, yesterday.
Rev. Harris and I had a long talk. He
promised to have everything that I want
done around here next week. Wants
everything fixed before you get home. Knows
that he hasn't done right &c, &c.

We discussed the school situation.
He talked very freely and asked not to
be quoted, except to you. I let him
believe that he had my confidence
and so got a great deal. Of course it
is no news to know that Scoville is trying
to be reinstated. She has talked with him.
Is very bitter against you. Styles you
an ignoramus, mult and a number

of other uncomplimentary "animals?" He told her that she'd make poor progress pursuing such tactics. I don't know what else he said to her but he told me he thought they system would be better off without her. Mr. Morris is not taking up her cause, neither Rector Fugerson as was so reported. Rector told the Evans that he was sorry for her but had not been to Mr. Holland or anybody else and could not go. It seems that he hates Mr. H. I didn't tell Rev. H. where I got the information but I told him about Mr. Cooper's remark backed up by \$1000. He was perfectly disgusted and said that Cooper represented nothing or anybody. Dr. Whedbee says it may take \$1000 to run you but they'll find that merit which amounts to more will keep you.

When you come home I want you to avoid Scotty and be particularly careful as it has ^{been} suggested to me that she'll probably attempt to draw you into some sort of public encounter. I dreamt that I whipped her back & at night, next day I heard that Mitt had passed through Louisville & spent the night with S. on her way to Chg. to study music.

3.

Rev. Harris is awfully bitter against Mitt and frankly told me that he would do anything and every thing that he could to have her not only put out of the system but run out of town.

I am sending warrant from the Board for you \$20~~or~~ to do as you like with it.

Will be glad when the rent check comes. Has only about \$3~~s~~ in bank. Told Bowman-Summers yesterday.

When you go to Atlanta I wish you would please bring me two bottles of W. F. Fitch's Hair Grower & Dandruff Remover. They do not keep it here. Mamma says please bring her some Durango Rhumatic cure.

Yesterday I went to pay my grocery bill. Came back by Bertha's and spent the day. Louise & Mamma came down the p.m. Dr. brought Soda for us and at night we walked up to the park by the P.O. and heard the band concert. More than a thousand whites were there, we seemed to be the only colored.

We enjoyed it very much. Went back to Bertha's and Dr. Had bought us a nice melon so you see we had a big day of it. Got home at 11:30 p.m.

Loring is going to a party at Marie Davis today, she & Rosetta.

Mr. Chipley & Miss Parks & Cassius Smith play cards here tonight.

The Parks have brought over in front of the DuValls.

Why don't you send Bertha some cards, a letter or something 1131 W. Chest. Sady is 1702 W. Chest. Mr. Mayzner told mamma that he had written you a long letter telling you all about school affairs.

Mr. Harris told me the first expression that I had from Mr. Lawson. viz: Mr. Godschalk told him that you reported that he died no ^{co-p} part. Rev. said he didn't know about that but told Lawson that he had only himself to blame. He said he knew it. If he could have taught me more year he'd have been O.T. Harris gave me his opinion of Mr. L. but he is sorry that he is not. Somuch to tell you when I see you. See Mrs. India as soon as you are in Atlanta. How shall I address you. Longly your wife, Mrs.

her a prescription. Of course I had to pay for it and she hasn't used it once. She's been out and buying cooking oil because she won't use lard &c. We're had a big fuss & she threatened to go to Moos. and I told her to go. She dresses and goes out in the heat all times of day prowling around. Thurs. she was too weak to move when I commenced to clean the house. After I was well on with the work she walked out to go to Mrs. Bullock's a minute. When she got back it was 5 p.m. Had only been to Mrs. B's a short while I later picked out of her that she had been to Marie Jackson's, had lunch and a nap. So many things that I tell you when I see you.

Bertha + her family and mine went out to the Sheppard's Thurs. Stayed until 8³⁰. Had a most pleasant time. I certainly got in some good work and found out many things that I'll tell you all about.

1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
July 12, 1913.

My own dear Will:

Your letter to hand yesterday. We were glad to hear from you and to know that you were O.K. How did the election turn out? Did Ben succeed in landing Dr. S.?

So you are in Atlanta once again! How does it feel to be at home again? Give my love to all the home folks. Be sure to see Mrs. India and give her a big hug and kiss for me. I had a nice letter from Emma + one from Mrs. Madison, yesterday. Give our love to Aunt Julia.

Louise is getting O.K. again and I am better, our greatest trouble now is constipation.

Had a nice letter from Little Flinda yesterday.

Don't forget to bring us Fitch, glue from the little man on the Whitehall St. Viaduct. He stands right at Viaduct Place, leading from

Whitchall into Broad St. I think
I told you that mamma wanted
Durangs Rhumatic cure.

I haven't written you as often
as usual because you were
moving about so frequently that I
didn't want letters to lag &c, then too
your letters have come so irregularly
it has been hard to keep up with
your movements - For instance,
thered be a lapse of two or three
days and then I'd get three letters
together. Then another thing, you
don't answer questions - Now I'd
have had this letter in Atlanta
when you got there had you told me
where to send it. Even now I am
guessing after an address. But
everything will be lovely and
forgive me if you'll come home soon,
safe, sound, well and happy.

Soon after all repairs &c, Flazner's
fence etc. Taely with Mr. White and
find out what Flazner has had to

say to them. Be careful not to
tell her anything you know she
creates terribly fancy tales out of
the slightest remark.

Go to see the Ruckers and tell
Mrs. Annie to answer my letter.
Be careful what you say about
the Paines see?

Say to Mrs. Flippen tell her to
write to me. Say to Mrs. Jackson
that I'll write soon.

Gig Aunt Patsey a dollar and
tell her that Louise sent it to
her that it one out of the \$20
that she won on her essay.

I'm glad you are coming home
soon. Mamma is a great trial
at times. Her head has been troubling
her. So worried with it so that I had
the doctor come out and see her.
When he got here she told him
that it all came from her eyes
that her glasses were not properly
adjusted &c. Now she had told me
that it was caused by stem pains.
He told her to have her eyes tested
and glasses changed and gave

Love to Mr. & Mrs. Allen, also
the children.

The S. S. has its picnic on the 14th. I suppose that Louise and I will go. Mamma says no water for her. I'm going to bake cake &c in a short while. Louise has a free ticket. The 15th is the last day for water. I am going to pay the bill if the check gets here in time. Mrs. Mc Bride caught me a gas stove for \$4.00. Do you think it advisable to get it or do you think I'd be running a risk to buy a gas stove, second hand?

Rev. Allen & Blue leave on their trip Tuesday a.m. I am rather weak for Mr. Allen. He is Scottie's right hand bower and is always running over here trying to pick something. Has even tried to get information from Sadiq. She promptly "cussed" him out.

I hear that Scottie plans to leave town next week. I haven't heard the result of their last conference with Mr. Holland. He was to give them a hearing on the 10th.

Mr. Little is back in town, he knows everything from the wires touched in Rome down to the point of you being an "ignoramus" and a "nutt." See? So much to tell you when I see you, but then I suppose I won't be able to talk for Lucy & Mamma.

Write me real soon and come to me sooner.

Dont think that I neglected to let it be known to the S's that the Coopers had \$1000 to spend on reinstating Scottie, and if she were not you'd have to go back to Ga. next year.

Fondly Your wife

Do send card, some gift box. To Bertha's address is
1231 W. Chestnut.

From
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.



Mr. W. B. Maueus,
61 1/2 So. Broad St.,
Atlanta,
Ga.
% Col. P. A. Allen.

W. B. MATTHEWS,
399 HOUSTON ST.,
ATLANTA, GA.

1720 W. Chest.
Louisville, Ky.
July 9th 1913.

My dear Will:

Yours of the 7th to hand this a. m. We were glad to hear from you. I had just written you care of Gen. Del - so if you haven't call for the letter by surf and do so as it contains a warrant for the \$20 due you by the board.

Sadie told me that Scottie had called Mr. Murphy up for a conference at any time or place that he might name. He was taken so by surprise that he named yesterday, 10 a. m. at the library. Went off thought the matter over and would not go. Mr. Blue called him up and reprimanded him for not coming. He told Mr. Blue after consideration he had decided that he'd have no conference with Miss Davis except in the presence of a third party as he did not care to be misrepresented then besides she'd have to apologize to him for her past conduct before they had any conference at all. Mr. Blue was hot. In the meantime, Mary ^{Be} was getting ready to leave town & has gone without

seeing her at all. What think ye?

Louie & Roberta have just gone to Marie
Davis'. She is entertaining, having a house
party from 1 - 6 p.m.

Miss Peyton & her mother called this a.m.
Nothing further as the postman is coming.
Be sure & tell me where to write you
while in Atlanta.

Lovingly yours,
J.W.

From
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

July 9, 13

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
~~B. Atlanta~~ Brunswick,
D. R. Butler Ga.
% Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias.

family, Mrs. & Miss Cottin and
several others called Sun.

Mrs. Oliver tells me that Scottie was
an applicant for Prin. of High Sch.
last year and has been after it
this year.

Saw Miss Stewart, she asked after
you. Send her a card 621 So. 8th St.
Miss Evans is 1702 W. Chest. Mayfield,
1701 W. Chest. Mrs. Welch is very
attentive.

The enclosed card speaks for itself
regarding it. I had a letter from
Florida today. They certainly had a
narrow escape.

Please try and write to me I think
this as little as you can do after leaving
me here in a strange place, without both
Granny.

Waiting to,

Your dearest:

P.S. Lou says that Uncle Herman reports that the weather
was mild.

1720 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
June, 30, 1913.

My dear Hubby Will:

Your letters came today and found
me feeling very much neglected. Do you
know I hadn't heard from you since
Thurs.? Louise had a nice letter & an
enclosure on Sat. a.m. I didn't
even get a message - well, such is
life. Louise is sick today. I had to
have the doctor with her. She is un-
well, has cramps in her stomach &
is coming all over everything. He has
begun bed taking medicine and
hope to have her OK in a day or so.
I truly hope so for I am not well & she
is very trying to nurse in hot weather.
The weather here is simply awful.
Mamma is down stairs entertaining
one of her adventist friends. We are
up stairs melting.

Yesterday was the 22d anniversary
of the Cong'ch. We went to 6th-
Services. Mr. King asked after you
in the A.M. Said they missed you
and had only three in the class that a.m.

Had all sorts & kind of company down
p.m. Mr. Cheplay who left as soon as
Mrs. Cynthia Oliver came in. She told
me all about her & Scottie's fuss also
that Scottie went to see Dr. Bloom, who
came home Sat. night, Sunday a.m. &
told him how badly Mr. Holland had
treated her. Sadie was down all the
a.m. Said that Mrs. Cooper was telling
it that Dr. Bloom had offered his
sympathy & protection to Scottie and
had assured her that he'd see to it
that she was re-instated at the High.
Not to worry. Uncle Alex. is to see
Dr. Bloom today and will you be
surprised to learn that he is not to
see him in Scottie's interest? Thinks
what was done was O.K., and is going
to go inform Dr. Bloom. Sadie is to
tell me of his talk as soon as she hears
from him.

Thinking that the Holland Check would
come & bought Louise's hat and
now have no money. Did he
Send it to you? I hate to draw

that little mite in the bank out.
I don't want to ask Rev. Harris to
pay the water bill. I have good
reasons for this. Mrs. Clellan, Dawson
& Dr. Whedbee spoke at the church
last night also Mrs. Harris & Miss
Wilson. None of it was anything.

I hope you will make some sort of
arrangement with you for ~~down~~

I am naked, look worse than any
body in Louisville, - Haven't even a
pair of low shoes to wear. I am not
going out anywhere, any more until
I get something to appear in. I am
tired of looking like a dog.

Loring & I went over to Evans.
last Sun. eveet. They were delighted
to see us and fairly ate us up.
He brought the note and the little boy
was delighted to get his diploma.

I don't think Loring will have to
read her essay, She'll have to go
rep at 9 a.m. July 4th. I hope that
she will be well enough to go.

Mrs. Dr. Adams, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs.
Guy Smith, Mrs. Hef, Mrs. Whedbee &

from
720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

June 30,
1913



Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Savannah,
Ga.

% Gen. Delivery.



has not come. The receipt for the graduating invites came D^r. Another rumor afloat is that you have gone to Georgia to study. Still another, that Rev. Harris went before the Board as a rep. from the Ministers alliance & said the colored people did not need a new High Sch but would be satisfied with the proposed addition. The ministers are up in arms. Be careful what you write on cards. Don't ever written one again to keep my ear close to the ground.

Mr. Ware was at Yale Commencement and spoke very highly of you to Mr. West. I have much more to say but it is late and I'll save some for next time.

We are all well. Be sweet,
Lovingly! J.R.

Tuesday Night.
12³⁰ o'clock.
6, 24, 13.

My dear;

I type up the letter herein, yesterday but so many things have happened since then that I think I'll have to take my pencil in hand before I go to bed.

I am just in from the reception given to the returned Fiskites. It was a very pleasant little affair, at Rev. Harris'.

Miss Shepley was there. She could not do more than muster up a little chilly grin, which I returned in kind. Mr. Chas. Westley was there also. He is a very nice young man. He is to be Prof. of History at Howard Univ., next year, so that eliminates the High Sch. situation. See?

Speaking of the High - Mr. Allen spent the a. m. with me today. Asking after you &c, I find that he & Mr. Blue went to Mr. Holland yesterday a. m. in Scottie's interest. Mr. Holland, according to Mr. A's report, was very impatient with them and did not want to hear them until he learned that they thought that he could have done nothing else but dismiss Miss Davis from the High Sch. They asked that she be made prin. of Mr. Bell's Sch. or that Mr. Peyton be sent there & she given to Normal Sch. Mr. Holland said if she could not get along at Central it was his opinion that her ungovernable temper unfitted her for any other place. Mr. Allen remarked that she had killed herself with Mr. Holland and I

was his opinion that unless the Catholic priest brought sufficient pressure to bear, Mr. Holland was not going to do anything for her. He thinks she has learned her lesson and will work anywhere, for anybody, without further trouble.

She has not learned how not to talk for I understand that she has said that she is here to remain until you return & fight it out, and if she is not reinstated that she is going to touch a wire that will be felt in Rome. So you see she plans to bring her Catholic influence to bear.

She is at Mrs. Cope's.
Mildred left for Macon, tonight.
It rained so I did not get her
money to her but will send it.
So far your check from Mr. Holland

1720 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
July 16, 1916.

My dear Will:

You special to hand this
a.m. just as Lou was leaving
for S.S. She tarried long enough
to know that you were O.T.
and then left.

Thank you so much for the
letter and draft. I want to
compliment you on a good
beginning towards doing the
right thing by me. I won't
ever mind helping you out
if you'll pay back, according
to promise.

It is as hot as mud here.
I hope sorry for you when
you return for I sweat so
that my clothes stick to my
back and my waist are wet thru.

Dr. & Mrs. McIndoe² are coming
over in a short time to take us
for an auto ride, so I suppose
we'll at least get ~~out~~^{off}.

The Ledger had you written
up again last week, this
week I understand Miss Boles
is the subject of their discussion.
I'll tell you about it all when
you return. I am enclosing
some letters. You separate
the importance as you see fit.
I saved my melon and
when we come back I plan
to cut it. You see I want
another ride, ha! ha!
Rev. Harris is in Cincinnati
today. Dr. Whedbee preached
a real interesting little
sermon. It was short and sweet
for which we were naturally

be thankful, this hot weather.
Louise is under Dr. Emerson
with her teeth, five cavities
on the sides - two front ones
that she does not want him
to fix. The next check
came on the 14th.

The First quartette sang in
Cin. last night, I think.
Rev. also hopes to get some
assistance for his Settlement
House from some white
friends there.

Mrs. Harris knocked a
pail of scalding, hot water
over on her foot and scalded
herself very badly, Fri.,
night, so she is in; not
able to walk.

Mr. Ganett is at Harker's

Ferry for two weeks & Mr.
Nixon has charge of his
work.

It rained Fri. & the S.S.
picnic will be at Shawnee
Park, tomorrow. We plan
to go down for the milk & cream
in the afternoon.

We'll be mighty glad to
see you on your return.
Guns I expect close now & finish
when I come back.

Very pleasant ride.
The peaches came this Mon.
a.m. One crate cost 87⁰.

Sincerely
J.P.

to see Carrie Johnson.
I am anxious to hear from
you but most anxious to
see you. I guess I won't
write you again as I presume
you'll be coming home
before another letter could
reach you.

Mrs. Moree is real sick. I
feel unless there is a great
change and that very soon
she won't last long.

Be sweet, be careful and come
home soon. Sincerely yours wife,
J. F.

My dear brief: [1916?]

This is Wednesday p.m. and
I hasn't heard from Louise since
last week. I don't know what
would have happened if I hadn't
heard from you. Thanks for
both of your letters. In this time
you have mine. I am very
much relieved about the fence.

You are quite right about not
giving your place away. Give
my love to everybody and be
sure and find out why it is
that Clara Pitts never writes.
Marie says if you have the time
go to see Mrs. Sheppard at 14 A
Sugan St. and tell her to
write.

^{3.}
Mrs. Oliver invited me to go to
the Fair, Fri. a big bunch. Very
foolish but I don't want to

^{80.} Mrs. Bourquard called up
this a. m. and was disapproving
not to be able to talk with you.
She wanted to talk confidentially
finally told me what she wanted.
I'll explain when I see you.
She leaves for N.Y. Sat. to be
gone until Sept 1st.

Please tell me in your next
letter just when you are
coming home. Love to
the Allens. Be sure and W

^{2.}
I'll be so glad when you come
home as it is desperately
lonely without you.

Mrs. Crosswhite of Fisk is
here at the Barnetts. The
Fisk Club is to entertain
her tonight. I have promised
to go. Mrs. Perry has invited
me to go on a ride with
them at 9 in the morning.
I guess I'll go.

Mrs. Alexander's Garden
Party was very pretty & I
dear. Lil Johnson offered to
take me but I didn't care
to go with my folks.

2121 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.

N.D.
1916?

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
45 1/2 Auburn Ave.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

% Mr. P. A. Allen.

1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville Ky.

June 22-1917.

My dear Will:

As I promised I am sending a letter to Bainbridge. I am not at all well. I got up too soon and so am in bed for a few days. I hope soon to be O.K. As you can see I am getting Louise to write for me.

I am enclosing a letter from Mr Reid which is self-explanatory. You also one from the So. Soc. Congress. You had a letter from the Louisville Tent & Awning Co. about the Tent you all rented. I called Mr Blanton up and I promised to look after it.

They said the rent was out on the 19th inst. and they would continue to charge until it was returned.

Mr. Manly sent receipt for the B. E.'s
money. Your note from Atlanta
came O.K.

As soon as I am better mam-
ma's toenail is to be removed.
Louise is O.K. and my main depen-
dence. Despite our illnesses she
is coming on nicely with the mak-
ing of her dress. I am being beaten
out of ~~I~~ ~~nothing etc~~

Mr. Gilbert wrote you that he
would be in Louisville last night
and wanted you to find him a
place to stop. He was to have been
en route to Owensboro where he
was to speak to-night. Although I

was sick, Louise got her noo
ready for him and we would
gladly have welcomed him but
he failed to show up. He said

he wanted a conference with Rev Brown
or Rev Noble or both. I telephoned
both gentlemen. As for Noble I
really think he was afraid Gilbert
would stop with him. I called and
his wife answered and was to have
him call me. As she failed to call,
I called again; but when she
found that ~~Gilbert would be here~~
she hastened ~~to come~~ home that
Noble was out, very busy and finally
made the impression that he would
probably never be home again.
When I made her understand that
G. would be our guest instead of
her she thought he would be in
about nine or nine-thirty and would
have him call however he never
called. (Smile) As to Brown

I am yours Joe. Tell you what he wrote
I suppose Mr. Hutto
too felt that 'twas best to take no chance
for after finding that you were out of
the city instead of calling up at 9:30
P.M. the 21st he called at 9:30 A.M.
on the 22nd presuming that G. had
been safely domiciled for the night
with no inconvenience to him
(Brown). Such is life. Poor Gilbert
It seems that the Matthews residing
in pl. Louisville
was the place where he could rest his
bones in a free and welcome bed Ha!
Ha!

How is Mr. Hutto? Regards to him.
I truly hope that you are not proving
as burdensome to your brother
Knights as Gilbert did you to have
proved to brother churchmen in
Louisville
Hope you settled the Atlanta

About your rest. I am sure you need rest - why don't you take it at that end? Couldn't you arrange to stay at Americas or some place where you could get good food? I'd like to have you take it up this way but to be perfectly truthful I'd just simply be afraid for you to be off in Kentucky without me. Then you know I couldn't leave Louis and we could not think of all going without mamma. So write me what you think of rest at that end. Otherwise, you'll have to take it right here in Louisville where I can keep my hand right on you every hour of the day and every minute of the night. Sorry to Pejt + Family.
Be sweet & write soon,
Sincerely, Joe.

1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
July 9, 1918.

My dear Will:

Your letter rec'd yesterday also special on Sunday, with inclosure. I thank you for all. I am sending you under another cover all important mail. Some of it I have wanted to send before but couldn't seem to locate you. I wrote Reese Co. N.Y., that you were out of the city and ~~100.00~~ not be back before the first of Aug. but I'll send letter on to you as soon as I found out where to reach you.

Mr. Muir sent a self-addressed envelope so I wrote him that you were not at home and I was not informed concerning

^{3.}
be sorry to learn that Dr. Gray
has been transferred to Camp
Sherman. Miss Peigon is
also here but leaving today.

I hope that you'll be able
to arrange matters as you have
indicated, when you reach
Atlanta. Be sure to see Dovie.
She sent me a basket of
peaches for the 4th. I ap-
preciated it so much - Don't tell
her that they were badly
spoiled as I would not want
her to know it.

Tell Ophelia to write to me.
Did I tell you that Roberta was
in French Sick?

Love to the Ruckers. Tell
them that Hart is at Camp
Taylor. He was in to see us
Sunday and looks finer in
his uniform.

^{2.}
vacancies. I don't think you
want him. The others I have
not answered at all.

We are having real cool
weather now. As I write I have
on a sweater & feel none too
cold.

Well, when the day ended
Sunday your daughter had
entertained eighteen girls to
say nothing of a few chance
callers. Truly we had a big day.
The Sammy Sisters are plan-
ning a dance for Sat. night
at the Pythian which means
that I must be there.

Don't worry about the camp,
while it may be ideal for
some. Lovina & I will only
spend the day at some time.

Miss Belcher leaves for
Little Rock today. You will

W. B. MATTHEWS,

399 HOUSTON ST.,

ATLANTA, GA.

July 4, 1920.

My dear, dear Wil:

Just a line on this glorious forth to remind you of the fact that we are here and miss you and still love you, even though we havn't heard from you since you left.

I am looking for a card in the a.m. and after that some of your nice sweet eastern letters - We are counting the time to your return but in the meantime I do hope you'll have the very best time ever because it is to be so short - May it be sweet and hasten your return to your loved ones.

Son had her little party today - It was a very pretty party & regardless of rainy about fourteen were here. Sarah Tanner was delighted. She is to spend the day with Son tomorrow.

Only one mishap at the party - The swing broke & threw Grace Nosh out, fortunately she was not hurt but her dress was ruined.

Please tell Mamma that Uncle Gus was buried today - Uncle Wesley went - Is Rev. Godd in Boston? Of course remember me to him. I wrote my last brief diary letter sep.
Yours truly yours, Omaia.

From
399 Houston St.,
Atlanta, Ga.

July 4, 1910

Mr. W^m B. Macbeth,
3 Davis St.,
W. Newton,
Mass.
To Mrs. L. B. Beale.

I think I had written you that a very good looking room is being built between your building and the administration building. There's much speculation about it in town as to what it means etc. I have been asked if it is for a new teacher, I ^{if} said I imagine it is to relieve an already congested situation. Everett is to go to Chi., Ill. At least is to begin his second six weeks. Bullock has finished and had his marks sent you. He made B. which is classified as from 85⁰ to 95⁰. That was very good, wasn't it? Miss Parks is studying in Chi. I had a card from her, yesterday.

2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.
Aug. 5, 1920.

My dear wife:

Your letter reached me on my birthday eve and I was very, very glad since you could not be with me, to begin my new year, with a message from you. I suppose I spent a very pleasant if not quite happy birthday. Some how, I missed you more than I've ever missed you before. In fact, I was almost blue. I tried to hide it from the others because they seemed so gay however, mother kept wishing for you. Everett started my day off

^{3.}
I had six o'clock dinner
yesterday and had Brian, Mother,
Rosa, Dr. Roberson & Johnson
and Everett. Had a real
nice home dinner with
delicious lemon pie for
desert. Your piece is here
now and I shall eat it
today. I had planned to
invite you last night but
Lula Flint came by and
brought company to call
on us and stayed so late
we had to turn in.

Louise goes on the tennis
Court every morning so you
see she is really getting up.

^{2.}
for me by sending me a dozen
beautiful Kilarney roses. I
appreciated them so much,
they showed such thought &
came as a complete surprise.
Rosa gave me a beautiful
georgette crepe waist. What do
you think of that? I am going
to get a string of pearl beads
with a part of the check from
you and Louise, get a water-
melon and box of candy
with the rest. Mamma
wanted to give me something
but I told her not to do it for
I am asking her to pay
her \$37⁷⁵ this month - my
money's fine. Louise is sup-
porting the family now.

Jit as porter that pays
\$3 per day and carries with
it three meals per day.
Who ever has him hired is
getting the worst end of the
track for he truly eats.

I hope you are studying
and making good but I fear
you are doing much writing
every thing I see or hear
of the folks here, some
one or more large hand cards
from you. Perry is home,
so to Mrs. Thos. Write
when you can, send care.

Fondly, J.W.

Mother's letter to you was the second ^{that}
she's written since her stroke, she wrote me before.

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I am sending you a couple
of clippings in which I presume
you are interested.

Mrs. Russell called me up
yesterday and told me about
seeing you in N.Y. How well
situated you were as to female
company at the Y. W. (Society)

and how nice you were to them.
Rev. Harris is planning a
moonlight on the 9th.
75¢. I'm & I plan to go for
the ride up the river. He
had a picnic last month
but I did not care for an
all day outing.

Dr. Whedby is supposed to leave

was especially anxious that I know nothing about her father's business. Now don't mention that as he has to be very careful.

Say to the Proctors when you see them. If Prof. Yancy is still there, give him my love & invite him to see us. I had a nice letter from Albert. He regrets so much that he will not get to see you. He is working in P. I. and will be in N. Y. before Sept. Bullock is going to work this month in China. He is a

Monday. He's having one of his attacks now and looks quite bad. Say if he isn't better soon he won't be able to travel Monday. I feel quite sorry for him.

I am sending you a letter from an Associated Real Estate Co. I had a letter from Mr. Allen and he said you had written him about selling and that he had consulted several Real Estate men so I think perhaps this letter was one of the results. He also said to me that Ophelia

Had a letter from John Green which I'm answering saying that you are in N. Y. and I'd have no room for his friend.

When may we expect you?

Hurly (Ophelia).

2121 D. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.
July 15, 1921.

My dear wife:

I hope that this letter will reach you at Pine's and find you in good shape.

We were glad to receive your card. I hope your stay has been as pleasant one and assure you that we will be glad to see you on your return.

I am just recovering from a "gas attack." I had to resort to Sal Hepatica and stay in bed nearly all day. I'm better now.

3.
them, much to Lil's
regret.

It is still extremely hot
here. You have a nice
letter of appreciation and
congratulation on my
annual, from John Davis.

Love to Line and family
also Bishop and Mrs. Hurst.

I am to have the other
side of my nose operated on,
Tuesday.

Carried Louise over to Dr.
Hazelwood Wednesday a.m.
She is much better. I might
had to be refiled.

Mammie keeps fairly
well.

Had a letter from Albert.
Evidently he did not get the
Wash. job. Told me that
he's been appt'd of Supervisor
of Colored High & Teacher
Training Schs. for the state
of North Carolina. Salary
\$2250 per year with the
promise of an increase. He'll
be to Louisvile for Mabel, in
Sept.

Miss Kennedy is to go out
to Red Cross next week. Could
get the room she wanted
before. Miss Merritt does
not think she'll be able to
teach in Sept., if all
goes well with her.

S.O. has a niece visiting

2121 W. Chestnut Street,

Louisville, Kentucky,

August 8, 1922.

My dear Will:

This is just a line to say that I am thinking about you and expecting a letter from you in the morning's mail.

Things have moved along smoothly with us since you've been away and I trust that all is well with you. Let me know every turn of the way.

Saturday night Dr. Scott called up about 1 o'clock and asked for you. Thought he heard some one in Harris' house. Finally, he called the police. The patrol wagon and four officers were out in a short time. Nobody around. Mrs. Johnson told me that Mrs. Scott was unduly nervous, had lost her dog the day before and it got on her nerves to be there without him.

Well, we had our committee meeting, yesterday. Had a heavy hail storm just about three O'clock. I went in between showers. Had a short talk with Miss Schmitt before the others got there. She told me that Mrs. Whedbee was very much put out that Mrs. Brock should supplant Roberta and also told her that they had not done right to put Miss Hudson in Roberta's place that she had had very little more training and didn't do nearly so well. Later in talking I found that Mrs. Ballard would have considered it has she known that married women would be employed.

"So mote it be."

Dr. Smith the dentist's wife, or ex-wife I should say, entertained at a luncheon whist, yesterday. All of Louisville's society dames were out in full force. You will recall what happened

to the Smiths , just about this time last year.

When I set out to write I had no idea that I'd write more than one page or I'd have single spaced this letter but you know how it is when I write to you or Louise, I just get "a going" and can't stop.

You had a letter from Dr. Adams, yesterday, in which he is telling you just what transpired in Atlanta in May, and just how to word your minutes. It seems that only two were present and they arranged to re-convene in New York, at his call. He must have received you minutes on the very day that his letter reached here. If he desires the change made, he can make it and when he sends you a copy you can record it in your book.

I forgot to tell you that the book review was great. You should have heard your friend Mrs. B., she was lavish in her praise of it. All for the benefit of Miss Schmitt, of course.

Mrs. Dr. Alexander of New Albany, is having a Garden Party this afternoon. I am not going as I don't care to risk hurting my foot. Cooper and his wife came up last night, brought a big dish of sherbert and then played 500. Wednesday night S.O., Lil, Sadie and the Olivers are to be here for a game.

Mamma sends love and misses you so, particularly at night when the mosquitoes bite, out on the porch.

Perhaps the enclosed clipping may be of interest to you. Do you know the gentleman?

Love to everybody. Tell Ethel to send Louise Helen's address. Send me Ida Ford's. Write soon and tell me all the news.

Lovingly your wife,

"Joe".

I was on the verge of a headache
and came near not going, so
I dared not eat.

Lil Johnson has turned her
hair also Mrs. R B Scott.
Mrs McIntyre is to bra hers.
She is moving out to her
country home today. I sent
you some important mail
yesterday, which I hope you
have received. I have given
Planton the names of 5 whose
application blanks are in
3 more are in today. Mrs.
Muir wrote the board for hers.
They referred it to you.

2121 W. Chestnut,
Louisville, Ky.

July 2, 1925.

My dear Corie:

Your letter just received
and along with it my rent
check. Thanks. Glad that
you are shaping up your
business so nicely. Will be
gladder still when you return

Tell Mary Lou I'll write
her soon in the meantime.
that we'll be glad to have her
back as in August - so far,
since it seems I must have
some one. It is hotter than
it can be here now. Just as

door at the reception, then
Mrs McAfee presented you
to Emma Lee Reif who headed
the receiving line. She turned
you over to Mr & Mrs Blue
then Mrs. Ballard and her
guests, Mrs. White of Zanesville
Ohio & Mrs. Sandridge of Kansas,
Ballards' sister, then ³ Pring.
Bell. I think Mr. Blue had
all of his former tenants in the
receiving line, that's the only
way that I could account for
Blue. Had a waiter &
served good brick cream & cake.

Well that you are not at
home for if you were you
could not stay in the house
for hours goes all over it
clad only in a pair of
transparent teddies. I myself
am down to a union suit
and my Kinord.

Last night was Mr. Blue's
reception. He is so happy grand
she looks the same. The
Committee of Management gave
a beautiful pair of blue &
white plaid blankets. They
had a few nice presents.
Mrs. McIndye was on the

There's something wrong about
Mr. See's requisition. Mr.
King went in once but the
information given did not
suffice. I'm sending him back.
Mrs. King's mother is very feeble.
Write soon.

Love to everybody.

Sincerely,

J.H.

⁵ She finished in 1905. I
think, I'll just keep it until
you return & write her that
you'll send them when you
return. I am enclosing and
affection which you may
need, if Bullock doesn't return.
Louise is going to a party at
Artishia's tonight. I plan to
visit Gathering. Send her a
card from Atlanta, Mr. & Mrs.
Sam Erdson, 505 W. Peachtree St.,
Sincerely, I am enclosing
Parcel Post, six Annuals.

One is is ⁷ clear. He takes
her to School every a.m.
brings her back about noon
and then comes later and
takes her out for a ride.

Rev. Harris improves slowly.
I have paid your doctor's
Ocean Ins. am paying
water bill today and signing
your second will go for
telephone.

I am going to Mrs. King in
a few minutes to send King
back to Mr. Jones' office.

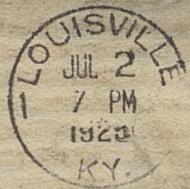
6.
You will owe me quite
a good bit of money when
you return, add this parcel
post to that I sent you.
29 cents.

Give to the Allens and
all Atlanta friends.

Is Stephen coming to
Savannah in August?

Do you want me to
put your money in your
savings or open an account?

Bell visits our Hospital-
ville neighbors regularly.



1925



Mr. W. B. Matthews,
45 1/2 Auburn Ave.,
Atlanta, Ga.

**2121 West Chestnut
Louisville**

but didn't get it.
got to the stores. If you
have all of your business
arranged to your liking.

Sure to everybody. What
of the cemetery lot? I got you
Statement from the bank
in the 1st. I hasn't got much
furniture. You the check for
furniture. Some
your church money. Some
buy pretty furniture at Trunkers
for around \$40.00 - straight chair,
Wicker & Settee. ^{The Haven't finished} ^{the marble top, which}
^{you would consider}
Wrongly,
Drs.

212 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.
July 8, 1725.

My dear Will:

It is just too hot for words.
Mr. Hagan called up to say
that they would be up for
the week end and take us
back with them. Since doesn't
want to go. I decided that it
would be best for us to stay
at home until you return.
I have promised when you
get back to go to Lexington the
week of the conference (4th) and
run over to Frankfort for a
day or so.

3.

and Mr. Hilliard's letter.
Isn't he a peach? There
is a lovely letter here from
Bishop Hurst in reply for
our annual. I shall write
him that you are out of
the city & will answer on
your return.

No news. Mr. Ballards
have company. She is giving
a big whist-dance at Lion's
Garden, tonight. I think
every body except the Brocks &
Matthews are expected. We
should worry.

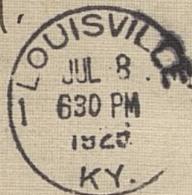
Forsee for a letter today

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Mr. Blue continues to publish
himself the happiest man in the
world - From the losses of his
wife & "family duties" have
just about flaggerblasted him.
I have just heard that one
of your janitors died yesterday.
I immediately began calling
to see if it was Mr. Rogers.
I find that it is not he
so it must be Mr. Hightower,
Mr. Kirkpatrick down in
the 22nd block was on his
way up this morning to
apply for the job.

I am enclosing numerous
applications for you to sign

2121 W. Chest. St.,
Smisville, Ky.



Mr. W. T. Matthews,
45½ Auburn Av.,
Atlanta, Ga.

We
leave
for Albany
on 8th.
letter
from
you

Cornington, N.Y.

Aug. 6, 1926.

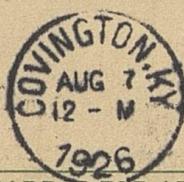
My dear Uncle:-

We reached Cinci

N.Y. and on time. Of course I had the headache by the time I got there. Miss Dorles was also going to Cornington & so we all went together.

The Yanceys had met all trains Thurs. and prepared dinner. Louise had to arrange tickets as as my head didn't permit me to do anything. We deposited tickets, with \$1 each, in the a.m. We leave "Cinci" for Albany at 1:30 P.M. tomorrow.

Have had a nice rest & feel better. We are to go over to "Cinci" to see the Penns this p.m. Mrs. Yancey wants us to stay longer. So hope that you are doing O.K. Since I don't know how you are doing O.K. I'm expecting to hear from you in Albany. Be sure, write often. Yours, Joe.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. W. B. Matthews,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Syracuse,
N.Y.

W. B. MATTHEWS,

399 HOUSTON ST.

ATLANTA, GA.

2.

[no date]
[from Ophelia
Matthews]

I must say that your pastor is a mess.
I went to church Sun. night, with Mr. Meekins.
In speaking of short days at first he
referred to Mrs. Matthews as an old
short mate.

Mrs. Nash is entertaining for Mrs. ^{Dickson} of Washington, tonight. You are my ^{company} Since you are not here to take me I don't think I care to go but I'll go down and call later.

Emma is having a big trip. She was over in Mexico when I heard from her the other day.

I carried Mr. Meekins by the Ruckers, Bullers & Phillips. G. Master Morris is the guest of the Ruckers. Bowen Washington's daughter & her husband passed through Atlanta week before last and were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Davis.

H. L. Johnson is in town looking fine, I am told.

We'll be glad to hear from you just as often as you can spare the time.

Enclosed are writing with some letter from Georgetown S. C.

With lots of love and kisses I am,
(one) Your devoted wife
Ophelia.

The grand ball comes off tomorrow night. I am told that Bryant, Jackson, Tanner and some of the other ministers have put their members on notice that they'll be turned out of the church should they attend.

352/0

1522 McCulloch St.,
Baltimore, Md.,
Aug., 15, 1928.

My dear, dear wife:-

Your letter yesterday glad to get it.
I am sure you are anxious & awaiting
this. Just now I am waiting for Louise.
She finished reading a book and
think she'll soon be out and I'll
put the final to this letter.

The weather is ideal for the convention.
Attended a beautiful reception yesterday.
Paul, Bill, Mrs. Catalan, Mrs. Ray and
a few others. Have seen Birdie & Dr.
Snyder. Dr. McEntyre called up
yesterday. The big card party comes
of today. I am hoping that Louise
will be through in time for us to
make it. It is now 11³⁰ a.m.

I told you about Sinc's car in an
accident. The total cost for the repairs
is to be \$10~~42~~.05 can you imagine it?
Luckily it is covered by insurance.
Yesterday a man came to the house
claims to have been hit when the car stopped.
That is also taken care of by another insurance.
Be secret. Love to everybody. Will finish later.

Well, Rejoice! Rejoice!

It is all over. Louise is P.T.

Gen'l Health fine. Have

Certificate which says in part:

"In good physical condition
except under weight this however
is a family characteristic and
under emphasis should not
be placed upon this fact."

Locating it home, if you
can make a point of seeing
Dr. Whidbee tell him. For he is
all interest. Tell him further
I say that he is the best doctor
in the world that I was proud
of him when his every word was
briefed. She has a prescription
to keep put on weight &c.

We went to the big bridge and
Yours daughter won the 2nd
prize a pair of Green cut
work pillow cases cost \$10⁰⁰

I came near getting one but
got a bad break in the last hand
I am so proud of Louise & happy
over her.

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Saltinor and Naomi and Gas
are here. Have seen Connie Hansen
from Atlanta and Ed & Albert
much to tell you when I come
will see you soon. Be just
sweet & happy and destroy this
letter.

Hurley, Joe,

1522 McCullah St.,
Baltimore, Md.,
Aug. 13, 1928.

Dear dear Will:

Louise and I are just back. She
is to go again at 8¹⁵ Wed. a.m. I'll
write you just as soon as we return.
Today the weather is lovely, cool and
clear. It rained all day Sat and
Sun. Sun. was the coldest day Baltimore
has ever experienced in mid Aug.,
according to the newspaper.

"S.D." + Griffith came by to see us
Sun. night. He didn't know that we
were here was trying to get in touch with
Charlie Wesley. Sid was in bed. They are
spending the day in Fresh. today. Will be
back to Baltimore Tues. The Drs. Convention
opens tonight. Minnie makes the welcome
address for the women. There's a reception
tomorrow, another Thurs. Card party
Wednes. Dance Thurs. + Fri. So you see
there'll be much doing. Since my had an
accident with the car yesterday. Hitting for
it, skidded in the rain, ran into a
signal post. Car is in shop today be ready
for night. Got to a/c. I'll write you
Wednesday again. Some already looks cool

better and is eating like a nail-splitting man. Ling will be back tonight. I helped him out with his Classical work Sat. and will probably do more. Love to all. Be sweet.

Sincerely, Joe.

2124

1522 McCulloch St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Aug. 11, 1928

My dear Will:

This is Sat. a. m. and "we are here because we're here." Linie left for Christie Ld. Md. this a. m. gone to preach & dedicate a church will be back Mon. Linie and I went to the station with him and then out, closed on Sat. during July & Aug. so we are to go at 8 a. m. Monday. Linie write you afterwards.

We are having a lovely time. We have loads to tell you.

Aunt Julia looks fine and asked specially about you. It is quite hot here but a rain last night and this a. m. helped some. Haven't seen the Doctor's thought I'd wait until after Monday to call up. Linie has a new car. This is an 8 cylinder or is it cylinder - You see I don't spell well at any rate it is a high powered 8 some thing Packard and looks good to the world.

I do hope that you are getting along O.P., and that all is well with you. Sorry to everybody and look for another letter after Monday. Springly yours, Joe,

re Cullen St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Aug 11, 28

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Mr. W. B. Mathews,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Sorisville,
Kyg.

1522 McCulloh St.,
Baltimore, Md.,
Aug. 10, 1928

Dear, dear Dad:-

After a very hot but pleasant trip we are here where it is hotter & pleasanter.

We plan to go out in the morning. See unto you again.

Sonnie sends love & will write later.

Linus and family are all well & send love.

Be good and take care of yourself & "don't worry."

Fondly,
me.

My dear father:-

We arrived O.K. Had lots of fun on the train. There was a very talkative woman to whom mamma gave several "looks" over

I slept most of the way up
All have asked about you
and wished you could have
come. I wish so too.

We are very happy and
believe mamma will get
a good rest which she very
much needs.

Her Hay fever started on
the train yesterday, but doesn't
seem to be troubling her.

Uncle Sime told her to
tell you that you are right
Louis Clark was his class-
mate.

Well we are going to see
Florence's family.

Mamma is perspiring
and clinging to her fan.

Write me.

Lovingly

Louise.

~~102~~ Mc. Culloch St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Aug 10, 28

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Mr. W. B. Matthews,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Ky.

Fred is sick with tonsilitis but got
up for the wedding anyhow.
Sister Johnson has her hair dressed.
The swimming pool opened up
yesterday there was a throng of
people out. The paper said
2000. The Mayor & Park
Commissioners were present.
The Mayor & Col. Callahan
made speeches. Wilhelmina
was the first person in the pool.
She swims like a fish and
attracted much attention. George
Butter who was in high sch. last
year was in also and I couldn't
tell you how many boys. One
bad feature a man, one of
the colored primarily, was

2121 W. Chest. St.,
Princeton, Ky.

June 24, 1928

My dear wife:

We are just back from
Abbie's wedding and I thought
I'd write you and tell you
about it, then too, I know
you would want to hear from
home before the week was out.

Well, to begin with it has
rained tad poles all day yes-
terday and today. I went to
the Lyric Theatre to see the
Thief of Bagdad and got
wringing wet coming home.

time. Hazel Jones came from Cincinnati to play and Mrs. Walls sang beautifully. Rev. Stewart assisted by Dr. Collier married them. Clarence's sister was one of the bridesmaids. She is to marry at noon tomorrow. The church was beautifully decorated and packed with people.

Her presents are beautiful and numerous. They have the third floor of Bishop's home. It is beautifully fitted up with kitchen, dining room, living room, bed room & bath.

They received in the parlors and served in the yard.

It nearly broke my heart to have to leave Mr. Carr and have him take us to the wedding, particularly so when I tell you that Elvira went with us. Of course they are perfectly lovely with their car and equally of course, I had to pay her taxi fare.

Abbie's wedding was beautiful. She looked very sweet and her attendants as best they could being who they were.

Yours "Pessye" and Dr. Lattimore's party were present. She looked as pretty as a picture.

Abbie's marriage was right on

If you inquire on Howell
let your present tenants
know that they will have
the refusal of the houses
when completed.

5.
drowned. It seems that they
did not miss him until 9³⁰
P.M. when they were closing &
discovered his clothes. Frankie
Parrish one of the Life Guards
dived for him & brought the
body up. David Barnett
rescued two others who were
with cramps.

We miss you ever so much
but hope that you are well
and happy and that things
are moving on as you wish.
I forgot to say that you owe
me \$100 in the Clement
present. I gave pillow cases to you.

Give him some instructions
for keeping you straight.
Everybody inquires after you.
Don't forget to pay your
N. S. Insurance. Notice
for the Inter-Ocean Casualty
came in today. I paid
you Standard life yesterday.
Be sweet & write soon.
Fruing sends love to you &
all the others. My special
love to Mrs. Allen.

Lovingly, Joe.

Gray

Artishia is here talking
over her wedding now.

Mrs. Grimes has a party
tomorrow, it is to be 5 o'clock.
Suey & I both plan to attend.

The Pratt Catalog came
today and I am sending it
on to the girl. Saw Blanton
at the wedding and he's
fit out the marks. Dudley's
bank has come from Drexel.

Well, how is Atlanta?
How are the Atlanta folks?
Tell Mrs. Allen I expect to see
her in a few days &

2121 W. Chest St.,
Louisville, Ky.
Aug. 10, 1927.

My dear Will:-

Your mail and letters from home
came this a.m. Glad to hear from both
of you. The time is not as long as it has
been and you will be home.

I am enclosing a letter from Bertram
written for Henry Carter declining the job,
if you don't find some one pretty soon I
fear you'll have Perry & Ellis. Why not
send a message to Dr. Adams and get
Joseph Pierce's address. You remember
Dr. Adams recommended him highly
last year and Louise + I knew him
when he was a small boy. Louise later
at A.Y. Last year he hadn't had ex-
perience but he's had some now.

I am glad that your work is going so
well. See to Jim + Mr. Allen.

No news. Craft Ch. boat picnic today.
I hope this will be successful. Rev. Harris
told me he had heard from you.

Is Buller Wilson there? Have you
seen many George Jefferson Reed? My love to
her. I am hastening to get this off so
that you get it in the a.m..

Farew.,
Joe.

CENTRAL COLORED HIGH SCHOOL

Ninth and Chestnut Streets

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug. 14, 1927. 192

W. B. MATTHEWS
Principal

My dear Will:

Your letters rec'd. Glad to hear from you. I hope that your work continues to move on smoothly. Will be glad when Pege gets there so you'll have company. Had a letter from Louise and sent her a package. I think she is OK, but will be glad to get her home again.

Went to a whist in honor of Mrs. Ladd, yesterday and I am going to a reception for Mr & Mrs Wood this p.m., at the Parish House. Given by Mrs. Wm Johnson.

Gues you heard of the accident that Mrs. Sned was in last Tues. The, Mrs. Lil Brown & daughter of Indianapolis were motoring to chin. The girl was at the wheel & killed instantly. Mrs. Sned & Mrs. Brown are both injured. Mrs. Sned's condition is so critical that she cannot be moved.

The little girl who went home with Mrs. King had typhoid fever and is dead. Her mother left Wednesay for Culbert. I feel very sorry for them. Mrs. King's baby is not a month off as yet.

Everything is quiet around here. The Woods and Johnsons send love.

I am enclosing important mail and the \$50⁰⁰. Sorry that it is not in less as you asked but I had to get "G.P." to get it for me as I ~~was~~ having a bad headache and did not want you delayed. I am better now and hope to go to the reception, this P.M.

Send to find when you see him. I'll be mighty glad to have you at home again. Finisly, dear. (Per)

Dr. Meddice was down to see you Tues. p.m.,
Said he heard that Fred had declined the job and
wanted it for Ellis. I told him that you were not
here but that I was sure you had offered it to
another young man, whose application stood
next to Fred's.

Mrs. Helm Bruce died this a.m. less
operated on twice last week.

I went to see Deake, Mon., he is better and
his mother was to leave Tues. He shows that
he has been terribly ill. I hope that he'll soon
be O.K.

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CENTRAL COLORED HIGH SCHOOL

Ninth and Chestnut Streets

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug. 8, 1927 192

W. B. MATTHEWS
Principal

My dear wife:-

I wrote to you yesterday and sent some mail. This is just a line to enclose important mail. Perhaps you can get a line from me while there for Mathematics.

Had a letter from Louise this a.m. She is O.P. If you write to her send letter to 31 Tyler St. Hampton, Va. She is in the Mts for the week end but will be back in Hampton in your letter gets there.

Mrs. Harris has returned. The McDintyres leave for Detroit, Fri. Mrs. Conneration.

Mrs. Lessard of Ballenger is being extremely entertained. I'm going to a SD for her Wednesday night when you can. It is a little cooler here. Sorry Mr. Allen can't come this way. Your flat check was for \$25⁰⁰ only. The new tenant hasn't paid, (Robinson lied. He at
presently you info, {Your letter else it would have been returned}).
Joe,

2121 W. Chest. St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
Aug. 7, 1927.

My dear Leila:-

I mailed letters to you last night
but this came in special, this morning
so I am sending it on. I have written
to Miss Miller saying that I was sending
her letter on to Chicago and that
you turned probably until her from there.

It is as hot here to day as I
have been in any place in which
I've ever been and hotter than I hope
to find it in any place to which I
may go.

Mrs. Harris returned last night,
the Rev. is taking a day off by way of
celebration and so Dr. Acton will not
preach this a.m. It is much too hot
for me to even think of going out.

I know of no news since I last
wrote you.

Mrs. Speed is better.
(Have you seen Lucy?
Unlikely. Finally, Joe.)

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PRESIDING

1522 MCCULLOH STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

1915 DUMAINE STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Dear wife:

Your letter just received. Glad to hear from you. This will probably be my last letter before coming home so I'll try to give all instructions. Glad to see's are being so nice to you. We are having a lovely time. Ling & Minnie motored us up to the Sesquies yesterday and we had a wonderful day. Tomorrow Minnie is having a reception day. Tomorrow Minnie is having a reception day. Gibson has been to see us and in my honor. We are to see the High St. & Swimming Pool before leaving. Friday Ling & Minnie are going to motor us over to Washington and we will spend the night with Mrs. Hilger and leave for home late Sat p.m. I'll try and get home in time to make your meeting. If we get in at a reasonable hour Sunday night I'll wire you ahead so that you may meet us. If we make the 2nd A.M. Monday train, we'll get a taxi and come on out to the house and hope to find you there. Whenever we get there, if the hour is seasonable you may meet us if it is not we will come to you.

Please have the following supplies in: Bread, Crisps, potatoes, rice, 1 lb. baked ham from Zapp's, fruit of some kind, 1 pkg of Kellogg's bran. If this better reaches you in time let Rev. Harris get me some oranges Sat a.m., if he will. You get a few tomatoes.

I don't want to cause you any undue alarm but I am afraid ourselfs with wife have to be

removed as soon as she gets home and
she may be out of school awhile. The whole
side of her face is giving her trouble. Cecil is
spraying her mouth and says the tooth
is the cause and it should come out.

Call Dr. Johnson and tell him just what I
have told you and nothing more. Don't try to be
alarming or excited, or exciting, just let
him know so that he can arrange an
appointment. She'll go to him as soon as
we get there. Sent you a card from Phila.
yesterday

Lots of love & hope to see you soon,

Sincerely,
Mrs.

BISHOP A. L. GAINES
1915 DUMAINE STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA.



Mr. W. B. Maukens,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Ky.

1532 McCulloch St.,
Baltimore, Md.,
Aug. 29, 1926.

My dear wife:-

We reached Baltimore last night and have met us at the station. All were glad to see us. We had a very good time in N.Y. and it could have continued but I was glad to get out for it is truly one place where you can spend and I think you know spend well enough to know that she will bankrupt any body. I have much to tell you of N.Y. When I see you. I heard that Anna & Mildred Marshall were there but did not see them. Saw Alton and he's having a big time. Dr. Shepard was in N.Y. called at the F.W. to see us but we were out. Went to call up Sat. a.m. but if he did it was after we had checked out. We checked out around noon went shopping and to the matinee before leaving N.Y. at 5⁰⁰. My hay-fever has started but so far is not bad. Mrs. Amanda Gray Hilyer wants us to come over to Wash. for a visit to her before leaving. We have not been to Phila. may run up for a day, I don't know. Personally I care nothing for Dr. I would like to go west to Wash. for Fri. & Sat. leave there Sat. night and get home Sunday night. In any event we'll be home not later than Sunday night. After you receive this letter perhaps you need not write again for if we go to Phila. & then to Wash. there won't be time for the

letters to reach me. If it is necessary
to send me telegraph to Sime's address &
he can reach me Mrs. Tilley's address
is 1823 Vermont Ave., Washington, D. C.

Florence, Cecil their baby and Joe &
her four boys have been to see me.
They all look fine. Little Wesley is
just like his father.

Sime has bought another cemetery lot,
had a monument erected and is going
to have Cecilia and Joe's ten babies moved
on it Monday at 3 o'clock.

Aunt Julia looks fine and I think
she is as happy as she can be out of her
own home, without Uncle Wesley & Missie.

Julian Thomas, her husband, and Aurora
were here last week. They are returning to
N. Y. I missed them. One of Sime's
West Indian ministers & wife are here.
They were stopping here but Sime invited
them down to Florence's when my telegram
came. No other news. I hope to see

You next Sunday night which is the
best news I know. I will write you
cards to until I get there and keep you
informed as to my movement so that you
may reach me if you need me. Sime says
she doesn't want to change her room at school
with love from both of us. I am yours, Joe



Mr. W. B. Matthews,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
~~At~~ Louisville,
Ky.

Thursday, A. M.,

N. Y. City.

Aug. 26, 1926.

My dear friend:-

Quite unexpectedly I find a few
spare moments and they are yours.

10⁴⁵ A. M. Bruce is just getting up, I made
the Cafeteria for breakfast at 8³⁰. But
Myers and we had breakfast together.

I then went through the Y. W. and it is
wonderful, I shall open about it when I come.

Spent yesterday in Jersey City with Ella.
She has a beautiful home and they
did everything for us. It rained all day
and I didn't get to see Mrs. Cole & a
few others as she had planned.

Went out to Columbia, yesterday a.m.
It is a wonderful place and I was
glad to have the privilege of walking
through. Some looked after her
work. Her Prof is an nice teacher
and she arranged through the office &
will follow up with a letter to him.

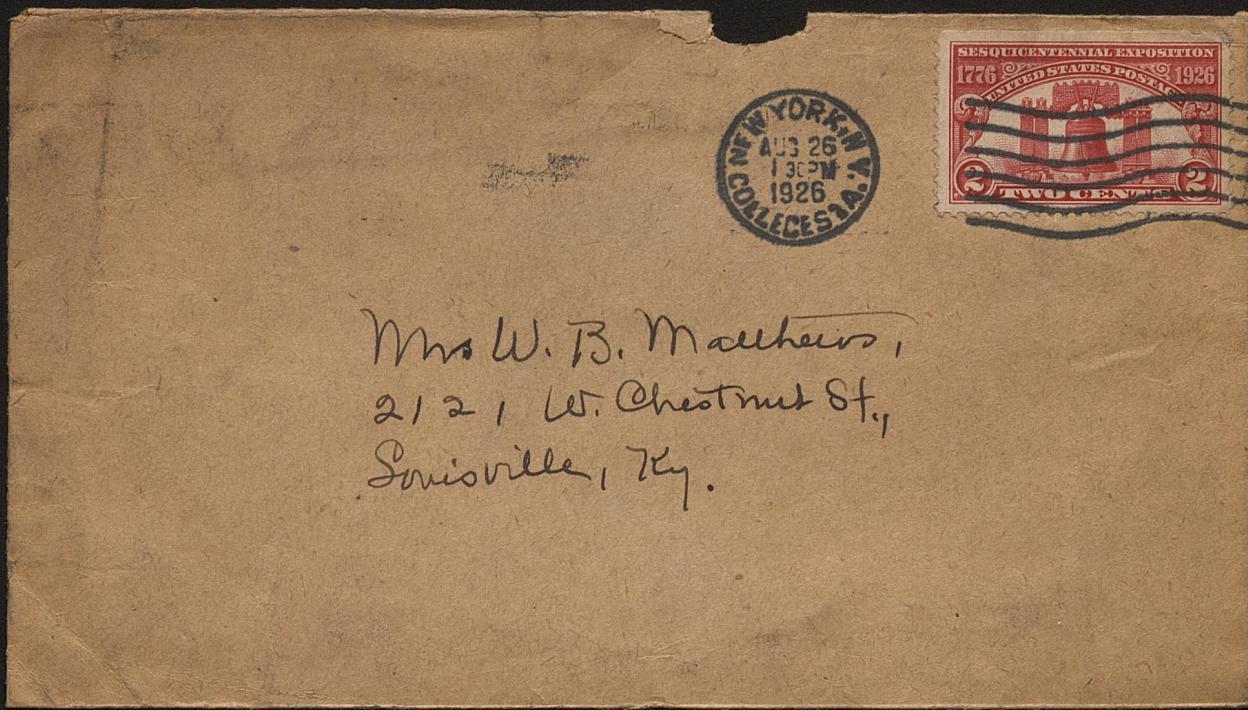
We are to spend the day with Dr.
today. Gladys had a lovely dinner
for us. Trees, Willis came over in
his car in the a.m. Pete went with
us. Gladys' children are beautiful
and their conduct, perfect. The baby

is very much like Florida in color
much brighter with straight hair.

Gladys doesn't look well to me. I feel
certain that she is doomed to wind
up as did her mother. Irene is to
take us out tonight. Went to the theater
Monday night. Saw Mrs. Grant
yesterday. The Bills are fine. Connie
Watts is there and looks well.

Alfred & his Cousin are having
a wonderful time. They were here
to see us Tues. night. She is invited
to a party that she is going for him
tomorrow night. Jamaican is too
far out for us to attempt it & I
don't think he'll go. The Cousin is
mad about Willis. I hear that Dr.
Stephens will be in N.Y. Friday.

Gladys Scott Reid is here. Her husband
has the Urban League. She works in
the Y.W. Captain lives in the same
~~apart~~^{House} that Mrs. Bobb lives in. She was
so glad to see us. Irene is about
dressed so I'll send you a card later.
I am for Beale in Brooklyn. She wanted
me to come back to her but I can't make
time.



Mrs. W. B. McHeers,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

W. B. MATTHEWS

147 Howell St.,

ATLANTA, : GEORGIA.

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My dear Will:

I went over to Mrs. Robertson's this morning.
They are going to have short services over Dr. Wayne's
body at the house, at 2 o'clock. She wants me to be
present. I have promised to do so. I shall carry
the dinner and put it in the warmer. Will leave
everything as convenient as I can and must ask
you to serve Mr. Hunt and yourself. From
there I shall go to Dr. Hussey and then on home.
Bring a steak for breakfast, please. They
will carry Dr. Sane off at 4 p.m.

Yours, Fred,