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South Hall, Oct. 25, 1915

Louise,

You are the most wonderful and most adorable little girl in the world! Who else but you could have written such a clever and unreasonable note as the last which I received? You appear to be taking advantage of my being in "real earnest" and to be making a little game for yourself out of the affair.

I confess that I don't understand what is the motive behind the note. Perhaps you intended to intimate that I solve(?) the problem by getting out of the game. That, however, even if you consider it a solution,

is an impossible solution so far as I am concerned. I may be put out of the game but I will never get out of it of my own accord.

But who will put me out? you? Mr. Kipling says, "-----", but, even perhaps on account of that, I like you "without reason"; and who can destroy such feelings or emotions, which Dr. Wilmer says are inborn or instinctive? ~~Do you fight him?~~ You would ~~meet~~ me everywhere.

But I will solve the problem. There remains but one solution and that is that you give in to my my "persistence", for you have already now for a long

~~time~~, conquered me.

Very sincerely,

Soring T. Moore

set of ping-pongs which  
you had made and also a new  
one of Willie Moree. They are  
certainly very pretty. Tell Mr.  
Kinney to drop me a card with  
his address. Yanes is still  
here. He is staying over to  
Mr. Towns'. Gordon sends his  
regards to all the K. U. crowd  
in Louisville.

I have taken a long time  
to write this letter. I don't us-  
ually write so painstakingly-  
but this is for you. I would like  
to write more but I have about  
talked out unless I should begin to  
tell you how much I miss you etc.

With best regards, I am  
very sincerely, your friend, B. P. M.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

June 15, 1916.

My dear Louise:

This campus is cer-  
tainly a very lonesome place at  
present. Everybody has gone  
now except Miss Pingree and  
Mrs. Rush. Gordon and myself  
are the only students on the cam-  
pus now. The quartet left last  
Friday and the other fellows left  
earlier. Henderson stayed around  
here about a week and then went  
to Cartersville to see that  
"honey" of his. The other fel-

of which Mr. Gibson is the manager. Every body seems to want to know what an inspector is but it takes time to tell it and you may know so I won't tell you.

I do not yet fully understand. Of course I know that I make mistakes but I think also that a friend should explain if possible and remain at least ordinarily friendly. Then I would not have been so much where I was not wanted.

I saw some of the last

lows went to <sup>2</sup> Chicago to the convention and to hunt for summer work.

How are "Bill Moses" and Rufus McKinney? I suppose that McKinney is at work and "Bill" is sitting down waiting for a letter from "Grand papa" Payne. Please remember me to both of them.

I have been walking all over the city of Atlanta since school closed. I am an insurance inspector and am working for the Atlanta Mutual.

L.B. Moore,  
Atlanta Univ.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

June 15, 1916

Miss Louise Matthews,  
1720 Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
August 23rd, 1916.

My dear Louise:-

Really, I can't wait as long as you did before writing. I want to write to you too much, and besides there would be no need of waiting eight weeks from now. In a little while we will all be here together once more.

There have been a large number of visitors to the city. Mrs. Renis' niece is here now, Miss Blaine from Jacksonville, and Miss Scott from Tuskegee is at the Ruckers'. I suppose tho that you have heard that already. I have been to see them several times and went to the "movies" with Hettie and her friend, Monday night.

So Mr. Rufus is playing man now. I wanted his address because I wanted to give him some work and a slight honor. How many people are coming here from Louisville next term? Please try to bring a large crowd because we need more students, especially

like those who have been coming from Louisville. Tell Mr. Kinney to drop me a card.

I had a card from Hanesberry a short time ago telling me how much he enjoyed a letter from you. Those fellows ought to quit trying to tease me so. Don't you think so? I also have received cards from Payne and Smith asking if I "have heard from the honey." I haven't been able to keep up with them. They move about too much. They can't tease me, but you do. I still look into our mail box ~~more~~ more than reason tells me I should.

I suppose that you are leaving the Palace now for the other picture stand. That's fine. You will have romantic dreams tonight and with the help of your Shakespeare will be able to write some wise and fanciful stories next year. You see all the world and more perhaps at the movies.

I did not know that your father was meeting me when he met me here. I saw him with Mr. Allen when he spoke to me and knew

that he was your father but I did not have  
~~pleasure~~ of being introduced to him.

Gordon asks to be remembered to you and  
says that he sent you a card which he hopes  
you received. Grant is here still and is doing  
the same work that I am doing. Yanes is here  
still also. I am going to write "Bill" Rose  
now. Write me when it pleases you to write  
me.

Very sincerely,

Your friend,

Loring D. Moore.

gotten used to it. So far I  
am really enjoying the army -  
the outdoor life. If only  
I could bring you and Marga-  
ret and the Atlanta University  
campus here and place home  
near it would be sufficient.

I am writing this letter  
in a hurry and can't write  
any longer. Tell Bill & Yanes,  
"That's fine."

With much love, because  
I must express my feeling  
honestly,

"Moore"

Company M, 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry,  
Camp Meade, Md.,  
Dec. 16, 1917.

My dear Louise:-

I am wishing for  
Yanes now so that I could write  
you the proper kind of letter  
because after being asked by  
the only "honey" in the world  
for me if I consider her one  
of my "honey's" I am informed  
from other sources that I am  
certainly at the most only one  
of her many fellows and not

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from love attacks by now - my heart has been broken so many times by you. You don't mean to do so tho. You can't help being as delightfully charming as you are and so sweet.

Can Yanes beat that? (what I have just written)? Please tell me who the young man is.

We have had snow on the ground here for nearly a week and last week we were ~~out~~ digging trenches. It was really cold but we have

the one for whom she has broken her rule and <sup>whom she has</sup> accepted as a "special friend" alone." - I wasn't really very serious when I began this letter but I am serious now because I have unconsciously quoted one of yours first letters to me when you promised that if you found me to be true, that you would be my special friend alone.

The only thing for me to do now is to work hard, try to have a nice time and forget. That is what we all try to do in the army. I ought to be immune

Hient. R. Moore,  
368th Infantry,  
Camp Mead

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Miss Louise Matthews,  
Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

[Christmas 1917]

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My Best Wishes for a  
Merry Xmas and a Happy  
New Year.

Foring B. Moore.

368<sup>th</sup> Infantry,  
Camp Meade, Md.

men are supposed to select they  
don't always in modern society  
because the modern woman nowadays  
at least decides whom she will  
not have. And you won't openly  
let me be your "special friend alone"  
- you prefer to write about something  
else. Well, we are both reasonable.  
I am studying society myself but  
I have been unable so far to find  
you equal for me, and must stop  
once in a while, to satisfy myself, to  
send my love to you.

I have just reminded the company  
clerk - the corporal in the office - that  
he should not interrupt me when

Company M, 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry,  
Camp Meade, Md.,  
Dec. 30, 1917.

My dear Louise:

I am very sleepy tonight  
so much so that I have already  
made a mistake - dating this  
letter Dec. 30 and writing it Satur-  
day night. However I must write  
the sweetest girl in the world  
- you don't mind that, do you? —  
and thank her for making me so  
very happy the day after Xmas  
by a letter purposely written

<sup>3.</sup>  
The officers here seem to have a  
marriage fever and if we remain  
here very long practically all of them  
will be married. It would hardly  
interest you to know the names of  
some who have jumped over into  
the deep sea because you probably  
don't know them. Of course when  
the question is raised about me  
I always say I am thinking of  
no such unreasonable thing,  
because I know that I am not  
even permitted to "specialize" as  
yet. Of course a junior college  
young woman knows that while

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because she knew that I wanted  
it. It's fine to sit around in  
camp at Xmas time eating  
Xmas cake from home and  
reading a letter from you.

Some of us have spent a  
very busy Xmas and I have been  
so unfortunate myself as to  
have very little time away from  
the camp so that I had to  
make my own Xmas cards - like  
the one I sent you.

The most significant events  
of the season here - in Washington  
and Baltimore - have been marriages.

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I have called on her once  
and she made it very pleasant  
for me but I can study society  
better in other quarters and  
therefore have not been  
there since. I can't explain  
why I go somewhere else instead  
unless it is because I go to  
see a friend of longer acquaintance  
and who calls me, Loring.  
You can see that I am  
really sleepy. I have written right  
over into another sheet. But as  
sleepy as I am I remember to tell you  
that in the matter about which  
I wrote last time that I am jealous,  
I can't help it as reasonable as I try

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I am so very busy. I am writing  
in the office, we have to take  
turns sleeping with the company.

Miss Wimberly and Miss Harris  
from Athens are up this way  
on a visit. They were out  
to the camp this afternoon.  
I hear that they have been  
in Washington and feel sure  
that they had a busy and  
very pleasant time.

An admission - the young lady  
to whom I paid so very much at-  
tention to when I was in Washington  
in April is still in Washington

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to be. I think so sleepy and  
am certain that I am awake.  
I am with much love and  
best wishes for a Happy New  
Year,  
Loring.

P.S.—Hoover's orders and  
my patriotism prompted me  
to cut the sheets. I will  
write home on the other halves  
of the spoiled sheets.

Sgt. Moore  
368th Infantry  
Camp Meade, Md.

Dec. 30, 1917

Miss Louise Matthews,  
Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

light rides here very frequently and a little canoeing in the park lakes and in the nearby towns on holidays. They make the warm weather an excuse for so many outings, but it doesn't seem to be very warm to me, ~~but~~ & I don't go very often because they usually interfere with my work.

Give my regards to your mother and father. I must close now and write Margaret or I will be accused of a lack of fraternal affection especially since my mother is not very well and may not be at home now leaving her the lady of the house.

P.S. - The snapshot, or picture, of your devoted friend,  
Loring Bohmoe



766 Beaubien Street,  
Detroit, Michigan,  
July 28, 1918.

My dear Louise:

I will not wait three months before answering your letter this time because when I don't write, I naturally don't hear, and even tho' there may be very little to write about yet I enjoy getting a letter from you.

Little of great interest is taking place here. The real excitement I suppose is "over there." The people are working tho and I think we are doing lots

stationed near here - at camp custer.<sup>3.</sup>  
We have had colored troops stationed  
nearer at fort wayne - a laboring  
battalion.

Louisville seems to have its share  
of soldiers. Margaret wrote me of  
Rev. Jefferson returning home a first  
lieutenant and of his seeing you and  
of some of the things he said. You  
have had quite a bit of teasing  
on my account, especially at school  
as I well remember.

Are you enjoying your vacation?  
Of course, tho, you naturally are  
being at home. We have moon-

here in Detroit to make things go well  
"over there." I am learning quite a deal  
of things of which I never thought very  
much, of the work of the world and  
of the use of education for other  
things besides teaching, talking and  
writing essays, and to use mathematics  
for other purposes than counting  
money and other things.

Michigan is sending its first  
large quota of colored men in a  
long time to Camp Custer next Thursday.  
Some of my acquaintances here are  
in the group called and we expect  
that a colored regiment will be

766 Beaubien St.,  
Detroit, Mich.,  
June 18, 1918.

My dear Louise:

You must pardon me for not writing you before now. I simply did not want to write for awhile altho I did want to hear very much - and, by the way I have never gotten your last letter doubtless because the regiment did not have my immediate address at hand. I have not written before now because while it may be possible to explain what happens in these busy days it is not always a very pleasant job.

Commencement must have been very fine this year with the two notable speakers present and I should have enjoyed being there altho I don't like everything that Kelly Miller says. Mr. Ware's sermon must have been very good. Margaret has written

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me quite a bit about commencement  
and besides we get hold of the  
school publications.

How very bad of me, tho! Here  
I am writing to a young lady about  
sermons, speeches, etc., - "gas lights"  
once more! However you must  
take it as a recognition of your  
Senior dignity which you probably  
assumed several months ago and  
before you had a technical right  
to it.

And so Miss Willie Mooree has  
taken up the stage as the commence-  
ment of studies in the school of  
life. I would have liked to have  
been present to secure new evidence  
of dramatic ability. Please extend  
to her my congratulations on her  
graduation. I would do so myself if  
I had her address.

What has become of Mr. Kinney?  
I have heard very little of him during  
the year. I suppose that since he

isn't of draft age as yet he feels free to finish his course next year - unless he is exceptionally patriotic and is willing to enlist. I find myself yielding to the call of the bugle and the patriotic parades here quite often and, however impracticable it may seem to be, to obey the impulse if it were not for stronger sentiments at home.

I suppose you are thinking of taking one of your usual summer excursions or are you like Margaret thinking of taking up war work, a thought which was promptly ordered out of her mind. You ought to see the women up here - some in factories, some in elevators, in fact everywhere, some working because of the money in it and some for the notoriety in it.

Please write and tell me all about commencement and about some of the old friends at school.

I suppose they have all returned to their homes, Miss Bainright and Miss Dart to Charleston, and Lucile to Athens. Some of the boys I suppose have entered the training camps. I received a letter from James but have received no answer from my reply, and Smith, - we have only exchanged a few cards since our busy days in Des Moines. Tell me about them and the Owls in school last year. I have a very bad habit, of, neglecting, ~~the~~ not of forgetting, my old friends.

I hope this letter isn't unpleasant. I have eliminated all the sentiment which may be out of place or it too often reads as very seriously meant - but I must say that I would have enjoyed being on a U.S. campus on "Shop Day."

With friendly regards,

Very truly yours,

Living Moore

L. Shwartz,  
166 Beaubien St.  
Detroit, Mich.

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Miss Louise Matthews,  
1720 Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

until 12:00, dinner at 12<sup>4</sup>, company drills until 4:30, beginning at 1:00, remain with company until netreast at 5:30, eat supper immediately afterwards, school for non-commissioned officers conducted by us, 6:30 to 8, 8 to 9:00, school for officers, "hit the hay" immediately afterwards. Do you remember that I am supposed to be lazy? Well, I am still and during the week I can't keep my eyes on a magazine or other book for five minutes, they keep us so busy.



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Camp Meade, Md.,  
Mar. 9, 1918.

My dear Louise:

It seems as tho' I have willfully rejected your proposal to see who answers the more promptly, because I have taken a much longer time to answer your last letter than I usually take. There is really no excuse for it I only kept putting it off waiting for a time when

been a <sup>3,</sup> delightful trip and I think it would be more enjoyable if you were compelled to miss it once. We get together around here sometimes and talk about old school days - we think we are very far away from them now - and we all would like to get back to them for a short while.

We have a very nice program here - reveille at 6:15 in the morning, breakfast at 6:30, company drills from 7:15 to 11:30, remain over to the company barracks

I would have <sup>2,</sup> the most leisure.

I am glad that you were pleased with the picture. You know what I want - a picture of you. Of course I always have one with me but I want the other also. You promise you remember to send me one soon.

I remembered the trip to Stone Mountain on Washington's birthday and wished to be in Atlanta because I was vain enough to think you invited me. It must have

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Pardon this badly written letter, I don't know whether I have written very much that is sensible. But wait until I find one of your old letters, written in the days of romantic youth—  
"Excuse all mistakes for thoughts of you. How's that?"

With best regards to Mr. Kinney, James, and Miss Moses and to you, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Henry B. Moore

P.S.—Please answer the "more promptly".



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Of course you know I am not lazy about books. When Saturday comes most of us who can get away from the camp as quick as we can. It would be nice if we could run into Atlanta to make calls in North Hall or the fourth ward. But Washington and Baltimore also is interesting and I enjoy myself excepting that the young ladies like to dance and sometimes subject me

mention is made of some one leaving school. How are the Owls getting along, I honestly don't have time to correspond with the other side of the campus. I feel restless now and willing to start a fight and may start one here. I used to occupy much of my time in fighting in defense of Owlism. Everyone ought to stand for something and hold to it. It helps to make character - and this is a world in which you have to fight.

to the ordeal <sup>6</sup> of being present at a dance when I would feel more at home in a parlor. Of course after all I return to the camp unsatisfied because where I really want to be is in Atlanta - North Hall - if it would be agreeable to you. I have learned the art of conversation now and may be forced to learn to dance soon.

Have we any fellees in school at all now? everytime someone writes

St. L. B. Moore,  
368th Infantry  
Camp Meade,

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Miss Louise Matthews,  
Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

the Rosary, and I am still young and it is also very near Valentine Day. Besides, you can throw the letter away if it is displeasing.) Of course I ought to tell you that I have disciplined myself very much since being in the army and always insist on having my way and am succeeding best in business and in pleasure in that respect. My dis-



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Camp Meade, Md.,  
Feb. 10, 1918.

My dear Louise:

I have just remembered that two very important days are near at hand, your birthday, and the day for the trip to Stone Mountain. I wish that I was in Atlanta to wish you a happy birthday and to endure

• that if I had<sup>3.</sup> been permitted  
to become accustomed to  
the gentle glow of your  
eyes I would not have  
been freed from the  
captivity of them. I am  
sure also that because  
I did not have that  
privilege I am not  
any more free. (You  
must pardon this - the  
sentimental language, which  
I know you don't like  
because you avoid its use  
so much - put a doctor  
up the hallway is my

again, if<sup>2.</sup> I could not  
prevent it, the discomfiture  
of being near you  
and yet not with  
you, which I experienced  
on both of the former  
trips to Stone Mountain.

Oh my! how I would  
suffer from the effects  
of that cruel philosophy  
of yours which says, "never  
specialize" and which  
meant on those occasions  
"Don't spend a minute  
with him." I am sure

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think a better impression  
is gotten if you look closer.

There are very few  
events worthy of note. Last  
night was the night of  
the officers' ball in Baltimore  
which <sup>started</sup> ~~went~~ to by way of  
Washington and never reached.

Wishing you a happy  
birthday and many more  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Perry Johnson



competitive, therefore,  
would not be evident,  
if you were successful  
in keeping me away  
from you. I would use  
it to make me more  
hard-hearted and thereby  
increasing, my will power  
would increase also the  
size of the world which  
I control, even tho you  
would not be part of it.

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yourself in regard to me  
has done so also.

I hope that Margaret  
has received the pictures  
which I sent. I am afraid  
of the transportation system  
nowadays. I have been  
nearly three weeks getting  
them from Washington there.  
You see that I am still  
slightly untidy. And then  
I don't like the smile  
on my face - it isn't  
honest enough but I

After thinking about  
what I have written,  
I have discovered what  
is at the bottom of  
all that I have written,  
you have hurt my pride  
by not answering my  
letters promptly - and  
the thought of how foolish  
by sentimental I have  
always acted towards  
you and how disinterested  
you have always been;  
which means that you have  
not needed to discipline

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Miss Louise Matthews,  
Atlanta University,  
Atlanta, Georgia

The University of Chicago

502-E, 37<sup>th</sup> Street,

Chicago, Ill.,

Nov. 24, 1919.

My dear Louise:

It has been some time now since I last wrote you and a somewhat longer time since I heard from you. I had become accustomed to receiving a letter at least every two or three months. Since I want to hear again I suppose it is necessary to write again.

How do you find life outside of school? The change ought to be pleasant and I think that a year from school work will not hurt you. I think my two years out of school, and to an extent away from books, really benefitted me;—but I found myself really hungry

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for studies. You know I have never been a very hard student - quite a bit of reading and study in some subjects but not a "grind" by any means. Now, however, I am very much of one, partly because I like law, and partly because work is necessary and I don't care to waste an opportunity that has cost me two years of work to get hold of. My, that isn't any concern of yours - I really don't know what to say when I get away from an argument.

Margaret wrote me about the candy which you sent her - and that "now I may love <sup>her</sup> (you)." But you must excuse that statement of hers, I think she is a little disposed to attend to the social and

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"acting happy" side of life, to which I have no objection, I think, however that you take things seriously generally. But yes, I am serious about this. It hurts my pride to write a young lady a letter and have her ignore it as you did my last one. If you ignore this one, I shall probably want to get on a train to go to Louisville and find out why.

Where are "Bill" Moore and Mc Kinney now? Teaching, I suppose. Are you teaching also. Margaret didn't write that you are.

I like "the University", as it is called here, very much. The law school is every good, supposed to be one of the three best in the country. Altogether there are sixty-

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five or seventy colored students, and  
quite a number in the other in-  
stitutions.

Expecting a letter real soon,  
4 am,

Your friend,

Henry B Moore

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heart, very much. I must confess, tho', that the selection of the "glove box (?)", as Margaret calls it, came as a result of much greater mental exercise than I am accustomed to take with my selection of gifts for my real sisters, because I select the right things <sup>for</sup> instinctively. But to select this last one at least, for a "sister", "a very dear friend", "a friend", "a young lady still in school", for either one of all of these persons, was rather difficult.

207 E. Montcalm St.,  
Detroit, Mich.,  
Feb. 16, 1919

My dear Louise;

I really did not intend waiting so long before answering your letter. Somehow or other the time has slipped away and it is now about two months since Xmas and almost as long since I received your letter. I hear from Margaret quite frequently, however, and get all of the school news. I imagine now that there are very few of my old friends

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Why did you wait so long without writing? It was natural that you should write the last letter, but I was beginning to think that perhaps the correspondence had become tiresome to you, or that I had written something that was not pleasing to you. You know, I don't like to lose connection with some of my friends, and besides you said sometime ago that you wanted a "brother", at

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who are still in school. Just about the time that you reach the highest dignity of school seniority I am beginning to feel like a real alumnus.

What are you expecting to do next year? Will you really make June your commencement, or do you expect to commence next fall to get ready for another commencement? I hear that Payne is in New York studying at Columbia this year.

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Write me about the play in which you are to play the queen's part and about the other events which take place at this time of the year

You can see from the way I have written this letter that I have very little to write about. I am hoping however to hear soon and remembering that your birthday was yesterday I did not want to wait any longer.

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By the way, do you  
ever hear from Hainsberry?  
Do you know whether or  
not he is still in Boston?

Hoping that you have  
already spent a very  
pleasant birth-day. I am  
Yours sincerely,  
Loring Brinmore

P. S. — Please pardon the untidiness  
of this letter.

The University of Chicago

502 E. 37th Street,

Chicago, Ill.,

March 24, 1920.

My dear Louise:

This is a letter in which I am asking your forgiveness, for I am very much afraid that the habit of slow correspondence, which, pardon me, we possess in common, - our habit - has resulted very badly for me. I have failed at a time which was, psychologically, a bad time to fail; for, most certainly, I should have shown how much I appreciate your Xmas remembrance by at least letting you know that I had received it. Did you receive the letter written on St. Valentine's day the day before your birthday? I am afraid not because it was addressed

which reminds me that I would like to know how brilliant & showed myself to be in the examinations last week.

And now another threat. If you do not send me, real soon a snapshot, picture or something by which I can see you, & shall do something, because I suffered from, a very serious affection from Louise at 16, had by no means recovered when she became 19, and do not want to recover now, or rather cannot and therefore must have the picture. I have, you see, very much to hold you to account for, - so many happy fancies for which you are responsible.

This business of attending the University of Chicago is only a business proposition - not anything like the college life at all. There are about seventy colored students here but hardly of the standard of A.U.'s student body. The pretty girls don't seem to

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to your old address.

This letter should have been written yesterday. It is raining today and since my birthday is in the month of March I am subject to all of its variations. Yesterday was a very fine Spring day and the letters I wrote were full of a great deal of foolishness little "nothings" as a friend in Detroit calls them. She has undertaken the task of making "a person with some social assets" and I am afraid that under her tutelage I shall eventually become at least interesting, if not too interesting and interested. Then I shall be spoken of, outside of my office, as "a brilliant young lawyer" or better as "the brilliant young lawyer."

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be on hand at all. To see them it is necessary to go into the city to be "vampired" at which game they are very successful. Probably however business is about all we have time for, but I do like a little social activity - if only a few faction fights - without having to go in search of it.

I suppose Whittaker will be back in the summer. Haynes says he must have gotten into a hole and hid himself last summer by way of living up to his name, "Mule." Did I write that Margaret and Anna Dant were there Xmas time?

Will you please answer this letter? I am really very sorry that I did not write during the holidays. I want your letters and your picture and the way to get them is the same as to get most things - to do what is required to obtain them. Trusting that your father and mother are well and your grandmother also and of course with best wishes to you, I am,  
Your friend,  
Loring Brivoie.

L.B. Moore,  
~~The University of Chicago~~  
502 E. 37th St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mar 29, 20

Miss Louise Matthews,  
2121 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

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502-E. 37th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
Feb. 14, 1920.

My dear Louise:

I am very sorry that I have put myself in the position of appearing not to have appreciated your Christmas remembrance to me, because I was so very greatly pleased with it and wanted you to understand that it was so greatly appreciated. The poems are indeed very interesting and I enjoy reading them. That is all that I can say of them because of my inability to criticize them poems, except that I can appreciate the fine spirit and character of the young man who wrote them, with which it was

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your pleasure <sup>2</sup> to be acquainted. I was very sorry to hear of his death because we would have been greatly helped and entertained by further expressions of sentiment by him. It seems as tho most of us, especially in the large cities are beginning to stop more seldom to show our appreciation of culture expressions than we have been accustomed to. The beautiful things in life are still here, however, and are really very much appreciated, even though we do not stop as often as we should to show our appreciation.

We have been very much interested and entertained by the meetings of the newly-organized Lin-

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colon League, interested in all that has taken place and entertained especially by Mr. Simmons who hails from everywhere and Louisville. Altho I am not wholly pleased with his stage manners yet I think he is a valuable man and will be very helpful to our people if he can succeed in demonstrating the value of organized political action. There were a number of very interesting speeches made, among them one by Mr. Johnson, and tangible evidence of the value of the movement in the presence of distinguished Republican leaders. Mr. Johnson's speech was very polished as to delivery and construction and very thoughtful and I hope that

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we have begun to appreciate more  
the value of our men of exceptional  
training.

Did I ever tell you that I  
saw a cousin of yours in De-  
troit? - a young lady whose name,  
unfortunately, I have forgotten.  
She had in her possession quite  
a number of snapshots of you  
which interested me very much.  
Margaret was through here during  
the holidays on her way, to and  
from the Des Moines convention  
and I was so very glad to see  
her after a little more than two  
years.

I should offer some kind of  
excuse for not writing before.  
I finished my first quarter ex-

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aminations just before the Xmas holidays, went to work in the city immediately, left work to entertain Margaret, and Anna Dart who was with her, - Gordon also - and returned to school and work upon their leaving, preparing also for another examination which has just taken place. So you see, I have really kept very busy. I know, however, for my own satisfaction that I have not forgotten, because I cannot, my relatives and friends, although as with you in this case, I have not always shown that consideration real ~~appreciation of~~ affection should show.

Oh, yes, I did very well in my

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examinations, and at least should not be considered a poor student here, but hardly as well, as Dr. Adams was always inclined to warn me, "as my ability would seem to warrant."

With highest regards to your parents and best wishes for a happy birthday to you, I am,

Your friend,

Loring B. Moore.

P.S. - Hansberry was here to the Alpha Phi Alpha convention during the holidays and told me of Smith & Herndon being at Harvard in the business administration school.

- I think Smith should study music, don't you? Regards to Mr. Kinney and Miss Mosee.

169 E. Canfield Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.,

August 24, 1920.

My dear Louise:

I received your letter before I left Chicago but as usual I am slow in answering it. Now I have only six weeks more before moving again.

The summer has been very pleasant and Detroit has had quite a number of visitors from the South, Misses Wath and Bibb, Lucile Mack who is here now and quite a number A. U. young men students. Payne and McClendon are here. Payne is a married man now, as you know, but is here alone for the summer. He is teaching in Florida.

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I understand are in Chicago  
this summer.

Margaret has been spending  
the summer in New York. She is  
planning to do Y. W. C. A. work  
this ~~winter~~ winter. Mamie Green,  
Maria and Jessie Penn were  
there also.

And perhaps you have been  
"vacationing" also? Miss Mack  
says she thinks you intend to  
return to school work again.  
Why not make it Chicago? It  
isn't very far from home and  
I am certain that among so  
many people you have some  
friends. Of course you have  
decided and I am only hoping  
that you have decided upon Chi-  
cago. You would only have to do  
four quarters of work there and

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Walter Smith came through  
but none of us saw him. He  
came out to see me but I was  
at work. I don't think he had  
any other's address. I shall write  
him in order to make sure of  
seeing him if he happens to come  
this way again.

Who is your neighbor who was  
graduated from Harvard? I saw  
Hansbury in Chicago during the  
Christmas season. What do you  
think of "Doctor" Brown now?  
I hope A.U. will succeed in getting  
some ~~of~~ the new graduate. I  
noticed also that Robinson re-  
ceived his degree from Columbia.  
The impression seems to be that  
it is more difficult to get a  
degree for work in science.  
Whittaker and Miss Hamilton

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probably more where A.U. has  
not sent many students.

Yes, I am still waiting for  
the snapshot. I haven't been home  
in three years now and am  
homesick for the South. I will  
try to induce Stoney to make a  
snapshot of me but I am too  
serious to please myself and if  
the facial expression does not  
please my vanity I may destroy  
etc. You see I want to be a  
schoolboy still but am not so  
fortunate as to retain an un-  
sophisticated mind.

I wanted to return some of  
Cotter's poetry to you but none  
seems suitable unless it is  
"4 mountany." Have you read  
Dr. Du Bois' "Danubian." I had  
planned to build up my knowledge  
of details in law this summer

under the influence of Father Bag-  
nall and another friend, who by  
these discussions do much toward  
shaping my education I have been  
reading Parnassus and political  
says all the summer. With poetry  
and political ideals I shall proba-  
bly not fail to understand what  
justice is, but shall be a poor  
hand at receiving it except by beg-  
ging for it. Pardon me for not  
writing "pretty nothings" which often  
mean much and for saying instead  
serious things which may mean  
nothing. I do not mean that  
I don't think you like poetry  
and other things but there is  
something else to write of to a  
young lady except of books and  
education, etc.

Mrs. Kinney is getting ready

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for Philadelphia now, & suppose. I  
heard of some Lorinville people  
being here but did not meet  
them.

Remember me to your father  
and mother. I am sorry to  
hear of the death of Miss Phillips'  
father. Write soon.

Your friend,  
Loring Behnove,

P. S. - Address me G. Moore.  
The postman hasn't met me  
any mail here as yet.

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502 E. 37th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
Dec. 14, 1920.

My dear Louise:

Your letter of the 7th of November was promptly forwarded and I was delighted to hear from you again. I was debating in my mind whether or not I should write to Louisville. For some reason or other - probably because I do so much abstract thinking nowadays that I have become gifted with some sort of psychical intuition - I have felt that you would be away from home this year, and so did not

so you are a school-marm? I think you will enjoy the work if you do not take it too seriously. Margaret is in Orangeburg, S.C. as student & secretary at the State school there. She seems to like it very much and I think that it is better than anything she could have gotten in the way of teaching. My only objection is that her work <sup>is</sup> in the South which is quite natural and really what I expected, tho I hope, since I expect to live in the North myself, that she will eventually work up this way.

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I am just about at the end of another quarter, but fortunately have only one examination. The work is still very interesting but I am anxious to get thru with school. I have been "banking my reserves" in education for some time and inaction is making me restless. My opinions are still those of the school boy, not of the man. You see that running across so many of my old friends, married, etc., has made me want to grow old. There is "Mrs. Payne" and "Mrs. Sheridan" and any number of "Madame's" and I even across our "Fuzzy" White with all sorts of "appointments" and enthusiasm. And now here comes the "Schoolmarm" and "Miss" Margaret, and I am still doomed to infancy for a year and a half more.

I remember your friends very well. They gave me my first impressions of the vivacious, aggressive spirit of northern misses <sup>which</sup> I now observe them to possess. They probably

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do not remember me witnessing  
their dances and listening to the  
singing of one or of both - whether  
one or both, I do not remember.

I sent Margaret your address  
and I hope that she has written  
to you.

Very sincerely,  
Your friend,  
Loring Shwoore

P.S. - Taking notes encourages  
easier writing.

R. B. Moore,  
502 E. 37th St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 14, 1920

Miss Louise Matthews;  
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Covington, Ky.

3760 Rhodes Ave., Apt. 3,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
October 31, 1923.

My dear Louise:

Will you please pardon me for writing you ~~as~~ better on this paper? I am downtown and other stationery isn't at hand. I have been thinking of you and Louisville very much since I finished my work in the law school last February. As a matter of fact I have thought of visiting your city, — several weeks ago when I went to Springfield for my license, and once during the summer when I thought of visiting the South. My fraternity expects to meet in Louisville during the holidays and I expect to attend the meeting.

I hear from you through Margaret quite often, of your trips to the East, and of your work in Louisville. I imagine you are quite a school teacher now. I know you have applied yourself to your work very much and have an abundance of information. Indeed I am fascinated by the prospect of seeing an old friend again and of finding out how long early sentiments continue with me. It would be quite sad for me, wouldn't it, if I should discover that I am still a humble petitioner but that all hopes of my prayers being answered had fled? Fine quite frequently,

I imagine, changes the pattern of life, and I think that the closer bonds of life are made by close associations. Early friendships <sup>however,</sup> persist and I find myself quite frequently grasping feverishly after old relationships as being simple and understandable. I look for reasons for new friends and don't expect any for old friends.

Atlanta people are here and some visit once in a while. Anna Dart, who is now married, and Frank Bell are the latest ones to come here. Sheraud was through during the summer, and Alice and Hazel Rucker and Eloise Greenwood were here for several months. Very few young people are here. Malinda Jones, Blanche Horton and Walter Wright and some others are the only ones. Cornell was here in school during the summer.

Please be kind enough to write me a letter. Margaret, as you know, is in Youngstown, Ohio.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Loring B. Moore.

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April 28, 1924.

My dear Louise:

I appear to be an inattentive friend but I really have you in mind the whole while that I am moving about this busy Chicago. In Chicago and especially at this time for me two months pass as quickly as two weeks. I have been a lawyer now a little more than six months and have become accustomed to my work. My work, of course, is very pleasant but, I suppose, as Margaret says, I need to play a little. She has written that she will have to spend her vacation in Chicago and that I will have to move out of my shell and entertain her and her friends. She says that her conference meets in Kentucky this summer (July) and that she will have to come here directly afterwards. She says, also, that Evelyn Scott and Marie Martin and Katie, whom I do not know, will be here also. There are always a good number here in the

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summer and I expect she will enjoy her visit. It's nice to have to take a vacation. I think that if I had been required to I would have been in Louisville during the holidays.

You can imagine how pleasantly surprised I was to see Willie Mosee yesterday. I didn't recognize any one in the car at the distance I was away - she was in the back - and expected some one else was being summoned and certainly didn't expect to see her. I am sorry it wasn't you. I know that the way to see you is to go where you are, but my being in Chicago ought not to prevent you from coming here, especially since you have to take a vacation. The University of Chicago is a much better school than Columbia and Chicago is nearer Louisville than New York is, and Chicago is a place you haven't visited within the last five years. Moreover, if you have an approved status you can easily transfer your credits

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to Chicago, and do it as late as after you have begun your work here. You see I am not asking you to come here from my standpoint but from your standpoint, though, of course, personally it would be quite pleasant for me to know that Louise is here.

Herbert Greenwood and Frank Bell are the new persons here from Atlanta. Herbert expects to take the bar examination here in July. Dr. Adams was here in February. The old gentleman with whom I share the office, Mr. Waring, was a schoolmate of Dr. Adams at Dartmouth and I was very pleased to have them see each other again. There is a Mrs. Vincent here, in Chicago, - a school teacher, who, I think, formerly lived in Louisville. And also, I met two of your cousins, one of them the young lady whom I saw in Detroit, at the A. U. Club meeting for Dr. Adams. I didn't get their address

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however and I will be pleased if you will send it to me.

I am sorry that I disappointed you in many ways at Christmas time but I hope you appreciated that I had just two months before started out.

Please think about visiting Chicago. Answer me soon and, in any event, let me know just when you are coming, so that I can see you before you are ready to leave.

I am, very sincerely,  
Your friend,  
Loring B. Moore,

P.S.— I always get my mail at once when it comes to my office.

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Ap. 28, '24

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Louisville, Kentucky.

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December 29, 1925.

My dear Louise:

I received your very nice card of greeting for Xmas and the New Year. I did not expect any because I thought that you might reasonably have thought that I didn't deserve any. I am very, very glad that you were kind enough to send me greetings.

How did you like our Chicago? It was very pleasant for me during your visit. You played havoc with my affairs to a certain extent but anyway the compensation of a week with you was adequate. At least almost so, though you have more to pay. At any rate I am quite free to write you all I want to without imposing on you and I am not sure that you are to bear the whole blame. I think that myself and others may justly bear some of it.

It has only been a little more than three months since you were here. I have just read your letter over. Am I still "Loring", and may I still come to Louisville?

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Mollison, my office associate, received a joint present from the Whites. I think he likes Helen very much, though I know that she is engaged.

I think you would enjoy being in Louisville now. We have been having very cold weather for the last five days. The temperature ranging, from ten below to ten above zero. Of course you enjoy cold weather being a Chicagoan. You can have our lake breezes now if you want them.

Margaret expects to marry some physician in Youngstown early in the year, I understand, and, I understand also that you are to be there.

Please write very soon. Business stationery is all that you have at hand.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, you,  
with love, sincerely yours,  
Loring.