

Feb. 26, 1927

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON,
PRINCIPAL

Feb. 26, 1927.

Dear Brother:-

Your last letter and paper containing the mail carriers receiving the decorations were both received. It gave us much pleasure to show the paper to neighbors and to know that you are so successful in your line of work.

I have taken the clipping for my scrap-book and will have it to refer to later. It was of double interest to me. Your postmaster, Mr. Petty was the first man I ever heard make a political speech. Papa took me down to the old Masonic Hall to hear him in 1900. It seems to me that Beckham was running at that time and was elected. *(Simpsonville)*

I am now getting set up from my expense during the recent trips of my family to Indiana. I hope to resume my stipend to the home folks next month. I now have quite a substantial sum in the builders at Bloomington. It paid 8 per cent dividends in December.

You may be interested in knowing that I have been asked to come to Winston-Salem, N.C. to teach in the State College for the summer. I have not decided as yet.

School work is running fine and our fine building is under construction.

This is a great section in this direction and I am liking it better every day.

I hope to get the car sometime this year.

Love to all.

Geo. A. Johnson.

Apr 20, 1927

Howard High School,
Wilmington, Del.
April 20, 1927.

Dear Brother:6-

Your letter was received upon my return from New York yesterday where I had been for a week in connection with the Bureau of Publications at Columbia University.

I was sorry but not surprised to hear of Maggie's and David's estrangement. Nothing surprises me these days. I shall write to them as you suggest and suggest to them that they might look to the welfare of their little children instead of giving vent to foolish feelings in matters so vital.

I am of the opinion that Maggie is likely to be wrong from the way I saw David working last summer, although Maggie was laboring hard too, it seems that David was very considerate of Papa and Mamma. At any rate the children should not suffer.

Rowena is still living but does not seem to improve. Added to her sickness she has the liability of a no count husband who makes about \$6 a week trying to preach at Vincennes. You may remember that all of the people at Vincennes put together could not support a female kitten. It is rather pathetic the way that lazy colored people depend upon the Lord in the wrong way. They even accuse him of every disaster. If a woman carelessly leaves a fire place open and an infant falls in it they accuse the Lord of having done it. I just had a letter from home thanking me for a small amount of money that I sent just as I left for New York, and it contained one of those chain prayers, and stated that if Edith would copy it and send it on some good luck would happen within a few days and if not some evil. I threw away one of those things in Vincennes 10 years ago and all of the good or bad luck that I have had has been that that I sought and worked for. Negro preachers are responsible for the mixing of religion with superstition.

I had the privilege of speaking before the State Legislature not long ago for the equalizing of colored teachers salaries with the whites out in the state (It did not affect us in Wilmington) mine is fourth in the city of 576 Principals and teachers. The bill passed the both houses and is now waiting to be signed by the governor. I was at a banquet with the governor not long ago. Dr. Mordecai Johnson who was the principal speaker at our cornerstone laying was guest of honor. You would be surprised to know how my opinions are respected in this section upon matters pertaining to Education. I do not say this boastfully but thankfully.

Our building is going up fine.
Love to your wife.

Res. A. Johnson.

May 15, 1927

Howard School,
Wilmington, Del.
May 15, 1927.

Dear Brother:-

You might be interested in knowing that I have just about completed a deal in buying a country home. I am paying \$4000 and feel that I am getting a bargain. You know I am rather hard to part with my money and for that reason was not anxious to buy and consequently got it for what I offered to the dollar. I was getting 8 per cent upon my money in the builders in Indiana and felt that it was good to have a neat pile. However when I look over my deal, I feel that I am rather fortunate. It is a better home than I had in Arkansas. It has six rooms, hardwood floors, a large dry basement, a nice garage and is modern in every respect though six miles in the country. It has an acre of land with it and is about six blocks from the car line. We went out Saturday and put out two dozen tomatoes, a dozen peppers, a gallon of onions, some peas, beans, mustard and some flowers. We are going out this week to plant some strawberries, corn, potatoes, and trees. I am paying \$1100 after that I shall pay eight dollars less upon the month than I am paying for rent now. This will include payment interest, insurance and all.

I am also buying my car in July. I have now eliminated all makes down to the Willys-Knight, Studebaker, Buick, and Peerless. With the latter slightly a favorite. I shall get the salemen to competing between themselves and then I shall be able to get a cut of about \$50 or else better terms. I find that I am somewhat of a trader myself, and my formula of success is, "never be anxious to spend your money".

We should be glad to have you and wife visit us this summer. With a car we could go several places.

School is moving fine and our new building is progressing well.

Love to Dowl and your wife,

George

May 30, 1927

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON,
PRINCIPAL

May 30, 1927.

Dear Brother:-

Your interesting letter of May 25, is now before me and I wish to assure you that it found me busy and with my usual good health and vigor. I have a few things at times that depress me but get over them quickly. I manage to keep my feelings of depression from my family and that is worth a deal. However, now I am at the height of happiness as I have made most of the arrangements for my own commencement and have accepted an invitation to address the graduates of the Lewes School at Lewes Del. This will mean an additional \$25 for the month. Too, I think that I can save \$33 which I had intended to invest in a high-powered Winchester rifle. I already have a Winchester pump gun, but as I was out to my place last week which is in a KK settlement, I heard one of the women giving the woman who sold me the place a tremendous cursing. I found that she also took this matter up with the K.K.'s. I did not know the outcome until to-day, so since I had invested my money, I decided to occupy the place. I intended to have me a small arsenal there first. I went out to-day to work the garden and the K.K.'s were having a flag-raising. I found out that they intend to send a committee to me to welcome me. The husband of the woman who sold me the lot is a member. At any rate from boyhood up I have solemnly decided not to run every time somebody tacks up a sign. It is better to have a good reputation in the first place, and have everyone respect you, "fear God and take your own part". I have

I have decided upon the Buick and will be getting it next month. Sorry that you cannot join us in the newness of it. We hope to drive it home next year. Glodie Ghan, a lifelong friend of mine died at Washington D.C. last week. I attended the funeral. The first funeral I have attended in six years. He was a member of my class from the seventh grade, played upon the football team with us and was the only life-long friend of mine in this section. His remains were carried back to Bloomington. and I see by the Indianapolis paper that Drs. Alexander, and Grant and other old friends were the pallbearers.

I am glad that you are located so nicely. It seems that Dowl is created for bad luck, however, I do not believe that there is any such thing as we ordinarily call luck. It really ambition and energy to use whatever ever little brain we have. In spite of Dowl's apparent bad luck at his age, with no responsibility, he ought to be well-healed as to finance. He ought to carry enough accident insurance in good companies to tide him over rainy days. And above all he ought to think too much of himself and you to sponge on you and your wife.

It seems that all of the ambition that some people have is to depend upon relatives.

Now in reference to Wm. Benton and Clarence, I am not able to give any advice. You will have to consider your wife in all of your endeavors to help at home. Your obligations really are to her first. Too, I would consider the ambition of those boys as to whether they are in earnest about and education. You see you and I are the only ones who ever were. Last year I used to send small ~~some~~ sums of money home to help tide things over and when I investigated the affair, I found that all of those young married folk ~~were~~ were at home and Mother out working trying to support them. That she was going out days that ~~were~~ were too cold for any one to be leaving home. Then last year when I was home, all was prosperous and Clarence had to take a money order to Simpsonville, he was given street car fare both ways, and a dime for going. I used to walk from four miles on the other side of Shelbyville to save \$.22 ~~train~~ train fare and give all of it to Mother, all of this after a hard week's work.

It is needless to say that I quit my stipend after I found out the conditions at home as I did not want to encourage laziness out of those boys. I began it over after our agreement last summer and about the only time that I get a letter from home is when an inquiry is being made as to the stipend.

Your best hold is to get some finance of your own ahead. carry a reasonable amount of insurance upon yourself and a small amount upon your wife (preferably the endowment variety while young) carry an emergency reserve in money and then get you a comfortable small home. A child or two adds cheer to the home. You would not need as many as I have yet I am very thankful for each one of mine and would regret having another one.

Edith never writes, take her letters of silence as the very best intentions.

I am still interested in athletics. I attended the intercollegiate track meet at Philadelphia Saturday and saw Sabin Car pole vault 14 feet for a new world's record. Elmer Mosee, formerly of Louisville now of St. Louis was with me.

This is a greta section for seeing things.

We shall be glad to hear from you often. We do not move until June 20.

Your brother,

George

July 29, 1927

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DAVID A. WARD, SUPERINTENDENT

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON
PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE 8013

July 29, 1927.

Dear Brother:-

Your letter was just received and I am replying to say that I leave here on Aug. 16 and hope to get to Indiana by Aug. 18.

We have our class reunion in Indianapolis on the 21st. We shall probably be in that direction for about ten days. We may spend about four of those days with you. We can drive up home every day that I am in Louisville.

I have the driving down very fine. I handled it in the Philadelphia traffic two weeks ago and hope to go to New York Friday. It is a nice big car and is supposed to be capable of 80 miles an hour. 40 is swift a plenty for me.

You are to be congratulated upon your raise. When I was your age I was getting about \$650 a year.

Our stay at your house will be somewhere between the 22 and Sept 1.

I have all of my family in town with me.

Love to Colelia,

Your brother,

George,

Aug. 19, 1927

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DAVID A. WARD, SUPERINTENDENT

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON
PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE 8013

1221 N. Madison St.
Bloomington, Ind.
Aug. 19, 1927.

Dear Brother:—

We arrived safely
Wednesday, making over 800 miles
in $1\frac{1}{2}$ days. We drove the first
600 miles in 24 hours, plus included
mountain roads, stop over for the
children and other impediments.
We made 50 to 60 miles an hour
on the highways.

We shall be at your home
next week, probably about the middle.
Rowena was buried yesterday.
Your brother,
George.

Sept. 6, 1927

Kentucky State Industrial College

For the Training of Teachers and Industrial Leaders

G. P. RUSSELL, President

Frankfort

Office of the President

September 6th, 1927

Mr. L. C. Calbert
818 S. 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Calbert:

I am in receipt of your letter and the entrance cards from the Superintendent of Shelby County. We will be very glad to give these young men the accommodations of the dormitory that you ask. Please have them here on the 12th.

Mrs. Russell, Willie and I had a very delightful trip on vacation tour. We motored through Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, across Canada, down through Michigan and home. We had an opportunity to see some of the most beautiful scenery on the American Continent. We arrived home physically tired but entirely mentally rested and ready for the coming year's work.

In closing, I will say that any students sent by you will be given careful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

G. P. Russell
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President of the College

GPR:r

Sept 17, 1927

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DAVID A. WARD, SUPERINTENDENT

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON
PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE 8013

Sept. 17, 1927.

Dear Brother and Sister:-

I am just straightened out sufficiently to write you a brief letter. We received your card from Huntington W, Va. It does not seem that Huntington is so far from here.

We had an excellent time in Ky. and Indiana and the visit was quite restful to me. The car meant much in our getting about. We left Bloomington and went to Indianapolis the Tuesday following our leaving Louisville. We left Indianapolis at 12:30 Wednesday Morning and did continuous driving ~~until~~ (except stops for gasoline and food) until we reached Wilmington on Friday morning at 2:30. I drove from Indianapolis to Zanesville Ohio from 12:30 to 8:30 and Dyson drove from then to 5 P.m.

My car is now in the garage from a smash -up. A woman driving a Franklin ran into it while the salesman from whom I bought it was driving it.

Edith enjoyed "Lela's" companionship and I enjoyed her cooking in addition.

I found my garden wonderful. I picked a bushel of beans after getting home and we still have plenty. Children are fond of Tomatoes and corn. Edith has canned 20 quarts of beans and 14 of tomatoes and expects to can much more. I am also expecting about 30 bushels of potatoes.

School is moving fine and our new building is progressing rapidly.

Love to all,

George



Sept. 27, 1927

SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY



Sept. 27, 1927

Dear Brother & Sister:

Your letter was received
was very glad to hear from you
all.

I am very glad you all had
a nice trip.

I received a letter from Brother
he is getting along O. K. we will
send you the money for his board.

I think we will go up Saturday
on Sunday I want to get him some
shoes.

Get καλά bello.

Emma & James.

JAN. 20, 1928

Hartford, Ky
Jan. 20, 1928

Dear brother:

Just a line to learn
how you are getting along
I wrote a letter about
a week ago, but I received
no answer, probably you
did not get it.

How is Cole getting
along. I guess you saw
in Courier-Journal that
a good many employees and
teachers had to resign their

jobs. President is working
without compensation.

I have learned you bought
the car you were driving
Christmas.

The Semester Exams. begin
Wednesday.

I received a letter from
Emma Friday.

I am doing well in my
work and school.

I am studying for the Exams
so I don't have much time.
Will write more next time.
Ans. soon.

Bedford, Br.
E. Collett.

out. 115, 1928
Stalbyville Ky Oct 15/1928

Dear Sam I thought but I
would write you and
tell you how I enjoyed

My self at your house

The children went to see

Brother Sunday But

He was in West Virginia

I am getting long fine

How is Colela?

Will close from yours
Mother Fester Galbraith

SHELBYVILLE
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Mr. James Calbert

818 South 6th St.

Louisville Ky.

Dec 27, 1927

Fred Olin.

Dec 28, 1927.

Dear Bro

I hate to write you this
But I am almost crazy and
sick to have sold and depend
every thing I have to keep from
being out door now I am going
to ask you a favor please
be a brother I want you to
send me something if it is
only ten dollar help please I can
not help my self. I am sick
have not got a penny and
on the mercy of other people
it seem like you all do
not realize what it is but
I am having a hard time.
Can not come home not even
go in the streets. because I have
not got sufficient things to wear
not able to work either.

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please help me this time
I hope I will get well & die
it been like I am friendless
and in this world alone and
I know you can send me
something. you might have
a sick day your self and
maybe I could help you,
so please be a brother and
send me something from
your sister

Roberta Artis

20 25 Canton St.

Toledo Ohio.

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Mr. Fred Albert
Rt 6 Southville St.
Louisville Ky.

JAN. 10, 1928

616 Bowen Ave
Chicago Ill
Jan 10 1928

Mr. L. C. Calbert
818 S. 6th St.
Louisville, Ky.
Dear Calbert:

I was very glad to hear from you and to receive assurance of your support and cooperation with our plans. Our big task is to get word to all of our classmates and my plan is to write every one that whose address, ^{I have} and ask them to do the same by those whose whereabouts they know. The following persons have been notified: McKinley Oldham, Mrs. Thelma B. Johnson, Ruth Baughman, ^{and} Virginia Curd Cabell, Reiley, Miles, Jerry Samuel, Ferguson, C. Jackson, Misses - Ellis, Keys, Warren, Watkins, Wells, Wilson, Saunders, Robinson and Papa Overstreet.

Located as you are, you will probably see quite a few of the others especially

when the K. N. E. A convenes. Tell everyone you see please and ask them to write me or send me their address and I will write them.

I shall be very glad to shake hands and have a general good time with the old gang again.

You were right about ~~us~~ being up to our neck with work at Christmas for we had more mail this year than ever before.

My wife was very pleased to hear news of your wife and she joins me in wishing you all a whole year full of happiness and many of them. She is fine and she and I and our seven boys, ~~shall~~^{hope} will see you all in June.

I was in your city for a day during my vacation and try as I might, I was unable to get in touch with you.

Wishing you a happy new year and anticipating a great reunion

I am sincerely yours

John C. Robinson.

Apr 1, 1928

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DAVID A. WARD, SUPERINTENDENT

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON
PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE 8013

April 1, 1928.

Dear Brother:-

This is a late reply to your letter of several weeks ago. I also received the paper containing the report of your success in your work. Congratulations! However, I had already read of it in the Chicago Defender. I watch the colored papers zealously for news about the various places that I have lived and at times I am wonderfully rewarded by receiving notes as to the whereabouts of friends.

Reliable

You were speaking of buying a home. If you have not already done so, I should say that there is no better investment and one can really pay a little more than a place is worth for a home if it is suitable, especially if it is his intentions of living there for some length of time. One must be careful, though, as property buying is quite a complicated affair. It would be better to make your first payment and have a building loan co. to finance it for you as they would make a complete investigation of the records before advancing the money and that would insure a good title. Too, one can get a better bargain if he is not in too big a hurry to buy. Any one who wants to sell will always take much less than he advertises for salable property.

I would watch to see what kind of neighbors I am getting. What chances there are for developments, and to be sure that there would be no chance for a lot of dirty people to build shacks along side of you and forever ruin your place. A place out from town where you could raise garden and the like would be fine.

I spent all day yesterday putting out fruit trees and shrubbery. I hope to begin planting next week. Edith and I spent Saturday before last in Philadelphia. She did her shopping and I went to a picture show for a diversion. I am a good driver now and have had wonderful experience.

I am sending you under separate cover a paper containing a cut and description of our wonderful school building. It is the best equipped school I have ever seen.

Your brother
George

Apr. 11. 1928

Alachua. Fla.
April. 11 1928.

Mr L.C. Calbert.
Lewisville Ky.

Dear Friend.

Just a few lines to let you hear frome me i am wella and truly hope when these few lines reach you and faimely they will you all well. As this leave us all well and doing very well. Up to this date.

Say old boy what is the truble with you i cant hear frome you all i wrote you the last letter and up to this date know reply so i desied to write you agine old boy and see can i find out what is the matter with you and famiely.

I am all ways glad to hear from you. Mrs Mary send best regarss to all now let me hear from you soon dont take so long to answer my letters it make me think that you have for gotten me allto gather.

Well old friend school have begain to close. Say what are you doing now still at the same old job or teaching? well you must not take so long to write i all ways injoyey reading letters from you.

How is times up thire with you it's very dull hear now i think thing will soon pick up now we have lots trucking in hour country all so tobacco you ought to bee hear now to how tobacco grow hear.

We have 500 acers planted this year they going to try and get a wear hourse hear soon and you know that will be just find old boy. Well i guess i have told you enough for this time. Mr Sam Smith and famely doing nicely My father not doing so very well he have been sick for about two years.

My brother doing nicely so he says he been home wonce since he finish school. He now in columbia ohio. Papa was up to see him last summer and spent all the ssummer with he and his wife.

We would like to have you and wife to come to see us this summer. Say Miss Neal teaching school at hawthorne fla. Ruth Jackson still hear that all you know that hear now rest of them you dont know.

Now just as soon as i hear from you i will have some more-~~ten~~- to tell you about florida and it people. Best wish to wife . OH how meny children have you? write me all of news I hope to hear from you bye returne mail Mr Dell poster master send best wish to you i must close so good night.

c/r/s.

Yours Truly. Friend.

Sam Smith
Answer soon please.

PO Box 497

June 29, 1928

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DAVID A. WARD, SUPERINTENDENT

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON
PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE 8013

June 29, 1928.

Dear Brother:-

Just a line in reply to your letter of sometime ago to say that we enjoyed it immensely and are getting along fine with our little country home. I have an immense garden and am in town now to get some late cabbage plants and other plants. We have been using onions and we have a plenty of them. Our potatoes, peas, tomatoes, and cabbage will soon mature. There are three men at the neighboring house and they have two horses, plows and all kinds of farming tools and I have more garden than the entire bunch.

Do not bother about the flowers. We shall have loads soon. We shall probably make another trip to the middlewest about the 20th of August. We shall probably have only a day or two to spend with you. I shall be crowded for time owing to the opening of the new building.

I leave for New York next week to attend summer school for six weeks. The children and Edith will stay at home and enjoy the garden. The youngsters are fine. Margaret Anna is in the 6B. That is well for a sixth nine year old.

The car is running fine and I class myself as a good driver now. I finished paying for it last week.

I want to come home about next year and get Mother and Father and bring them in this direction for a trip. I will not have the expense then of paying for a car and attending summer school. Too, I shall be further along with my home.

I hope to hear from you soon.

My address after ~~Ma~~ July 5 will be Fernald Hall, Columbia University, New York.

Love to Colelia and the folk at home.

Your Brother,

George

June 30, 1928

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON,
PRINCIPAL

June 30, 1928.

Dear Brother:-

Your last letter received and read with pleasure. It found us living in the country undisturbed and in peace. Also enjoying the luxury of a new six cylinder peerless 80 sedan.

Its price was \$1795. Elmer Mosee who used to be in the mail service in Louisville who new about cars told me of a \$200 trade-in allowance and I was able to get mine for \$1500. This with my home about breaks me, but I hope to be financially "heeled" within about two years.

I am getting along fine with driving. I have the car in town with me now. I took it out by myself the first time that I had it. I took my family over to Newark, Del. last night and will take them for a ride to-day.

I will probably come home in the car this summer if I am driving well enough to handle it in the traffic of big cities.

Now ~~more~~ as to the Kluxers. I did not have to buy the hi-powered rifle, they are all courteous to me, yet I keep my pump gun very handy at night and since my many hunting trips in Arkansas, I have confidence in my being able to use it rapidly and accurately. I intended to stay in that house if I had to send the rest of my family home and turn it into an arsenal. When those folk know that we rarely ever have trouble. It is usually some poor little scary weak Negro that they come by the hundreds and get.

I am going to train my boys in different modes of courage. Our family has always been that way, even to mother. However, none of us need to be bumptious nor trouble-hunting.

Glad to know that Dowl is standing on his feet.

Your brother,

George.

July 22, 1928

Indianapolis Ind

July 22-1928

Dear Cousin Gene

Your letter was received
and we were glad to
hear from you, all are
well and hope you and
your wife are the same

You write and tell me
at once when George will
be home and I will drive
down, we have a wash -
light ship, you and your
wife come any time you
feel like it but let me
know a head of time so
I can have things fixed
at present it is awful
hot here

The reason I say let me
know about the ~~time~~
George will be there. I want
to fix things on my job
as they will know

Jack died the 9th of April
with T. B. so they stay
but I think it was whiskey
Well there is no news so
I will close and Julia
will tell you all when
she sees you remember
me to your wife and
folks and tell them in the
country Julia is coming
I will close as ever
Your cousin Gertrude
Murray - 526 Blake St

Sept 1927

Phillipville Kentucky
Sept 1927

Dear Son;

I received your letter and
 was glad to hear from you all
 glad to know you all had a splendid
 trip. This leaves us getting
 along very well at present. ^{Conna}
 and James were down last night
 Brother got off to school Monday
 Min wrote to William but I
 haven't heard from him just
 yet. Maggie and James had
 went to the State Fair Thursday
 Mother said tell Colela she
 hopes she is having a splendid

time in her trip give Me and
Mrs Jackson our best regards

From your Mother and
Father W. H. Clarke

Sept. 15, 1928

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DAVID A. WARD, SUPERINTENDENT

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON
PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE 8013

Sept. 15, 1928.

Dear Brother and Sister:-

After having enough work to keep three men busy, incidental to the opening of our new school, I am taking time out to let you know that we reached here safely Sept. 2.

Everybody stood the trip fine. We came by the Lincoln highway from Pittsburg and visited the famous Gettysburg battlefield.

I appreciated your and Collelia's hospitality and hope to have chance to return it.

Our building is a dream but the whites are so jealous that they are handicapping us in every way possibly.

I am silently organizing force of combat this and I feel that we are going to win. Negroes are laying aside all of their little factional fights and rallying behind the school. We also have some good backing from the reliable whites. The editor of the Sunday Star was down yesterday.

I left my razor at your house and should you run across my Shaeffer fountain pen please mail both. However, I believe that I lost the latter in Indiana.

Edith, children and their cousin Eva of Bedford went to Atlantic City in the car.

Your brother,

George

Dec. 22, 1928

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DAVID A. WARD, SUPERINTENDENT

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

GEORGE A. JOHNSON

PRINCIPAL

TELEPHONE 9715

Dec 22, 1928.

Dear Brother and Sister:-

Your kind card came yesterday and we were gladd to hear from you as usual.

I just wrote a letter home yesterday and sent Father a very small check as a matter of remembrance. I suppose that you and Dowl will go up during the holidays.

I had half a notion to get four other men and drive to Indianapolis to the K.A. convention, but after I saw a horrible accident caused by a car skidding in the snow Saturday, killing a woman a baby and injuring the driver, I decided not to try those mountains. I happened by and took the woman to the hospital. They were out on the Philadelphia Pike. She was just about dead when we reached there. I went and had my chains placed on immediately.

Many of the colored people are buying Perless cars now and I get a small commission off some. They are good cars and I believe have the Buick beaten. Edith drives fairly well now. Just about as well as I did when I had Dyson with me. I ckass myself with the real good ones now.

School is moving smoothly now. Educators from all over the country are making pilgrimage to our building.

I am enclosing picture.

Love to all,

George.