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ATLANTA, GA. May 24, 1917.

Mr. W. R. Mathews,
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.,

Dear Sir:

Your house at No. 20 Lyons Ave. was destroyed by fire on Monday, the 21st. If we can assist you in the matter of the adjustment of your loss, kindly advise us.

Yours very truly,

SHARP-BOYLSTON & DAY,

By B.

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

Dear friend,

I have waited until this week with the hope that prices for peaches would decline but no kind of prices seem to stay down now except salaries. I sent you by express yesterday 2 crates of the best Elberta peaches I could find. I hope very much that they will reach you in first class condition.

I was sorry that I did not get to see a little more of you at Augusta but find that on such occasions it is very difficult to spend much time with any one person.

The vote on the report of the committee to revise our endowment laws was discouraging to say the least though I think that such votes are often caused by a sort of feeling that the better trained men in our organizations have some selfish motives, even when they put forward measures which are purely for the good of all. Perhaps it is just as well so as this indicates that the ranking ^{and} file of our people have ^{not} advanced so that they are willing to accept everything that is handed them.

I am planning to go to Atlanta to-morrow with the hope of presenting in company with a committee of representative Negroes the enclosed memorial ^{to} the members of the State Board of Education and General Assembly Committee on Education. You understand of course that I am not expecting any immediate results but I feel that it is

H. A. HUNT, PRINCIPAL

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Mr. W. B. Matthews: 2nd sheet-

worth while of course to "keep at it!"

All join in best wishes for you, Mrs. Matthews and Louise,

Sincerely yours,



After 5 days, return to
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Prof. W. B. Matthews,

1720 W. Chestnut Street,

Louisville,

Ky.

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Prof. W. Matthews, Prin.,
Central Colored High School,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

I am very sorry that I had to neglect
my post at such an important time,
however it could not be helped.

I trust you that you are feeling
well again and that things are mov-
ing along smoothly. I would have
been there by this I am sure, if the Dr.
had not pictured me a victim of
pneumonia and thus a nice cold
corpse if I had attempted to come out
in this most inclement weather.

With special attention to myself
I hope to be present at your plant next
week, providing I am not a candidate

for dismissal.

My regards to the faculty. I am,
Faithfully yours clerk,

Arundel E. Martin
616 E. Hill St.
Louisville, Ky.



Lou. Ky

Oct., 15, 1917

The Sammy Sisters would be pleased to have you among their number of patronesses. Knowing at this time we are all anxious to "do our bit," especially for our own boys we feel sure of your help. We will be glad to see our patronesses at the social and benefit affairs of the club, or at least responsible

for two tickets for each of the
benefit affairs
Thanking you in advance,
We are yours Truly,

The Sammy Sisters

Bertine Pollard

- Pres.

F. C. Hurt

- Sec.

R. S. V. P.

485 Thomas Str^y,

St. Paul, Minn.,

Aug. 4, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

An answer to the letter I wrote Prof. Bentley came here this morning. It simply contained the information that he had already communicated with Prof. Reid.

I felt that it was necessary to give you the message it came a little different to what I expected; I had written him to write you directly.

If there is anything further for me to do or any information necessary for me to have would you be kind enough to

tell the message to either
my sister Mrs. Warwick or
my brother Dr. Jackson, you
can reach either by ^{the} telephone,
which is in his name.

I thank you for any inter-
est you may take and
hope your interest may bring
results.

I hope you and your fami-
ly are well and happy. My
regards to your wife and
daughter.

Yours respectfully,
M. Ethel Jackson

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

July 13th, 1917

My dear Mr. Matthews:

We are sending you to-day a complimentary copy of His Own Country, by Paul Kester, and bespeak for it a full and careful reading.

In presenting the white man's side of the race question the author has allowed the white men of the story to speak for themselves, and in presenting the less understood negro side of the question he has given to Doctor Brent the strongest arguments which, so far as he knows, have been advanced by leaders of the negro race. His purpose has been to call attention to a serious condition, not to offer a solution. He has felt it of vital importance that these arguments be brought to the attention of the reading public, and that it should be done thoughtfully and without sensationalism.

Hoping you will find the book an important contribution to this great question and that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you, I am

Cordially yours,

Arthur Hanson Horton

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

Louisville, Ky.
May 30th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

At a special called meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Home Finding Society held at the home yesterday, May 29th the following gentlemen were unanimously elected new members of the Board of Directors:

Mr. Andrew Dungy	Lansing, Mich.
Mr. J.D. Howard	Indianapolis, Ind.
Dr. J.W. Norrel	Indianapolis, Ind.
Prof. W.B. Matthews, 1716 W. Chestnut St.	Louisville, Ky.
Dr. Wilson Ballard, Pythian Temple	Louisville, Ky.

Your place on the board will not entail upon you any special financial obligation, but your acceptance will be considered your assurance to the board of your moral support, your fellowship in a worthy cause, your advice and your close and heart co-operation.

Members are expected to attend the two regular semi-annual meetings of the board, when possible. This, however, is not required of non-resident members, although it is earnestly desired that all members might be present, at least once a year, but if this should prove inconvenient for any, a letter from the absentees would be considered as a sign of earnestness and sincerity and would be highly appreciated by the board.

Please answer at once, as we are going to press with a booklet in a few days and we want it to contain the names of the full board.

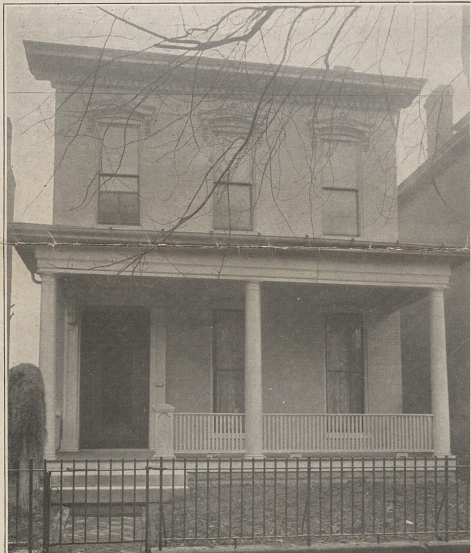
Cordially and sincerely,

C. W. Thompson, Cor. Sec.

THE NATIONAL HOME FINDING SOCIETY *for* COLORED CHILDREN

INCORPORATED

UNDENOMINATIONAL



OFFICE AND GIRL'S DORMITORY
Purchased in 1911 at a cost of 3,500



ANNEX
Built 1916 at a cost of \$1,200

We now own the property herein shown, consisting of a very nice, substantial and attractive brick building of ten rooms, four halls, closets and bath, two side porches and a front porch; and a five-room frame building adjoining in the rear—all on a lot 28x200 feet. And in the five and a half years of our struggle we have cared for 142 children.

We brought forward from 1915 \$47 and raised during 1916, \$4,829; \$459 was spent for traveling, board, lodging, stamps, stationery, money order fees, etc.; \$986 was paid on the property; 50 children during the year were cared for, the daily average being 30, and \$416 was brought forward for this year's work.

With confidence in the kind and benevolent spirit of the white people of this country, we submit our case and await their decision.

Remittances should be made by money order or check, and mailed to the general superintendent, O. Singleton, 1716 W. Chestnut street, Louisville, Ky.

E. D. Whedbee, M. D., president.
P. R. Peters, M. D., secretary.
Prof W. H. Dickerson, corresponding secretary.
Rev. C. W. Thompson, corresponding secretary.
R. B. Scott, M. D., treasurer.
Mrs. O. Singleton, matron.
Rev. O. Singleton, general superintendent.
Mr. James M. Allen, counsellor.

NATIONAL HOME FINDING SOCIETY FOR COLORED CHILDREN

(INCORPORATED)
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The 36 of the 50 Homeless Children Under Our Care in 1917. Total 142 in Five Years.



Thousands of such children as these growing up daily in ignorance, vice and crime in every Southern State, where the child of color is debarred from the child saving institutions and in no way regarded.

Being without friends, and there being none to sympathize with them, none to advocate their cause; the world knoweth them not, nor their woes, their mistreatment and privations. . . . Who will come over into Macedonia and help us? What good Samaritan will have compassion upon these—the lost portion of God's little black lambs? We plead but for the crumbs.

Such children as these would make honest, industrious, frugal, intelligent Christian men and women—most valuable American citizens, if they only had the chance.

But being ignored, disregarded and ostracized, they are forced by evil circumstances into homes where they are not wanted and upon people unfit to raise cattle. In their weakness and helplessness they are abused, neglected, and mistreated; and little girls shamefully ruined in infancy.

Our mission is to go to the rescue of the perishing of this kind, who are in no way responsible for their condition, and who are so weak and helpless that they cannot do for themselves. Our work is to protect such children and give them a chance and encouragement.

We appeal for sympathy and aid. We need ten thousand dollars for a good farm; and ten thousand more for suitable buildings, and five thousand for implements, live stock, fruit trees and other equipment. With such an outfit we could annually take care of 100 children and make the work largely self-supporting.

We hope to find one hundred persons and organizations this year that will stand good for \$100. We are working and praying and pleading that 4,000 people this year, as did last year, will give from one to twenty-five dollars; and that many of the more than ten thousand that have aided us in the past will be pleased to continue their aid in the future.

Over 3,000 homeless, dependent, destitute and neglected colored children, such as these, in Kentucky alone

"Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, . . . ye have done it unto me."

RET. IN 5 DA, TO
1718 W. CHESTNUT ST.
LOUISVILLE KY.

May 20, 1917

Prof. W.B. Matthews,

1718 W. Chestnut St.

Louisville, Ky.

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Love

Richardson

McKinney



Headquarters Of Relief Committee For Fire Sufferers

Atlanta, Ga., May 28th., 1917.

To the Pythians and Courts of Calanthe
Throughout the Jurisdiction of Georgia:—
Greetings:—

The Officers and Members of the 25 Lodges and the 22 Courts of Calanthe of Atlanta, after having materially contributed to the 500 Fire Sufferers of the recent conflagration which visited Atlanta May 21st., 1917, we now call upon all Loyal Pythians and Calanthes of the State, to contribute as liberally as your financial standing will allow.

Send all donations to H. L. Ferrell, Box 897, Atlanta, Ga., the Secretary of the Relief Committee. Please use the enclosed self addressed envelope.

All donations, regardless to amounts will be thankfully received.

Yours in F. C. & B. and F. H. & L. Relief Committee,

Mrs. Darcus Royal,

Mrs. Hattie E. Harris,

Hon. E. B. Barco, Grand Master at Arms.

Sir. Joe Moses, Rep., To Grand Lodge. Mrs. G. A. Washburn D. G. W. C. Treas.

Sir. H. L. Ferrell, D. D. G. C. Sect..

Sir. Richard Heard, D. D. G. C. Chairman.

Approved,

Mrs. G. A. Washburn, D. G. W. C. Fulton County.

Sir, H. L. Ferrell, D. D. G. C. Fulton and DeKalb Counties

Approved,

Hon. G. R. Hutto, G. C.

Mrs. R. L. Barnes, G. W. C.

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ADDRESS 47 Delbridge ST.

REFUGE LODGE

NO. 243 A. F. & A. M.

221 1-2 AUBURN AVENUE

Atlanta, Ga., May 10th 1917

Prof. W. B. Matthews

Dear Sir ^{and Bro.}:- Please find

enclosed your card with proper credits entered thereon.

The Grand Lodge of Masses will meet in Augusta, Ga. June 19th.

The lodge is moving onward. There has been a gain of four new members, and one has been re-instated. There has been a loss of two by suspension.

With kindest regards to you
-and yours I am

Fraternally

Robert A. Hudson, Sec'y

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JACKSONVILLE, FLA. March 12, 1918.

PROF. W. B. MATTHEWS,
1720 South Chestnut street,
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

MY DEAR PROF. MATTHEWS:-

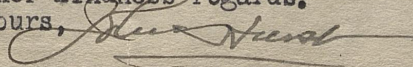
I wish to assure you that you and your family ~~haven't~~ not left my mind since I left your home.

I left Louisville to get right into the harness. My conferene opened in Crystal River, Fla., on wednesday after I left Louisville. ~~After~~ spending one night in Jacksonville, it took us another day, Tuesday, to get down to the place, and at no time have I been able to sit ~~down~~ and write a line to a friend. We reached St. Augustine last evening and tomorrow will open conference.

I am fortunate in having with me ~~pr.~~ Charles Stewart and it is through him that I am permitted to hand you these lines to inform you of my whereabouts and how I am getting along. Dr. Whedbee seemed to have struck the spot when he examined me and prescribed for me. I have been growing in strength since I left you and quite sufficient to carry on my arduous labors.

As soon as I get through with my work I am going to write you a letter expressing the feelings of my heart for you, together ^{and her mother} with your wife [^] for your great kindness. I enjoyed myself very, very much in your home. I had perfect freedom. I hope some time to be able to show you in my home my appreciation for all that you and your family did for Mrs. Hurst and myself.

Mrs. Hurst joins me in sending her kindness regards.
Sincerely yours,



Atlanta Ga

April 9-18

Dear bro.

Yours of a few days ago to hand and beg to advise that your indebtedness to the lodge is as follows. July to Dec. 17-6²⁵ Jan. Feb. March 18. 3¹⁰ total to April 1st 9.35 - Hope you and family are well and trust before many moons we will have things in good running order

I beg to remain

R.H. Hooten

S.S.

Prof H. B. Matthews
Lansville

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Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Ninth and Chestnut Streets,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear friend Matthews:-

I was pleased to receive your letter of April 21st and to know that things are going well with you and your family and your work. I have been in Atlanta several times within the past month or two and have been pleased to have a word with Lousie while there. She seems quite well and getting along all right with her school work.

From a standpoint of numbers, our meeting in Atlanta last week was not what one could term a "howling success" but in point of interest and constructive work, I regard it as hopeful. It is not our idea to have a teachers association simply but rather an educational organization, the main object of which is to improve the condition of Negro school in Georgia. It is true teachers predominate in the organization and this will probably continue to be the case but in the carrying out of our program it seems advisable that we enlist not only the interest of the active cooperation of ministers and business men but farmers and professional men of other classes.

My thought is that we should make a special effort first to arouse our own people very much more than they are at present to the importance of educating their children; 2nd., that we should by every means possible bring all of the influence and pressure we can to bear upon our public school authorities from the Governor to the local school committeemen to deal more fairly with Negroes in the distribution of

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school funds; 3rd., to arouse a greater degree of professional pride among Negro teachers.

The Governor spoke at our closing session Friday night and took what, I think, all regarded as a decidedly favorable position on the subject of education for Negroes.

We are hoping within a short time to raise a fund with which to employ ^a men who can devote his time to this work of improving conditions among Negro schools and if this can be done we believe marked progress will be made in a comparatively short time.

I am hoping to be able to attend the meeting at Albany and possibly the Grand Lodge of Masons at Athens this summer though I can not say positively just now as a great many things are claiming my attention. I shall certainly hope to see you at Albany and if I am not there I shall hope to see you at Fort Valley. My wife joins me in kind regards for you and Mrs. Matthews.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Hunt

P.S. Regarding our work I beg to say that we are still "on the map" and planning a summer school for teachers June 30 29th.

After 5 days, return to
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May 9, 1918

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
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Chesapeake Summer School

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

Harper's Ferry, West Virginia

June 16, 1918.

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

Dear Prof. Matthews:—

Since I was not able at the last minute, because of my very hurried leave-taking, to call in little Louise Spears, will you kindly call her in with Miss Dortch and have her understand from this letter that I have made full apologies to you in the presence of Miss Dortch for my very discourteous treatment of you, my principal, in her presence and that you have very generously accepted my apology. Please let her understand that it was my intention that she should be present but that she was gone when I finally found opportunity at the close of school to come to your office.

I am making this request of you for two reasons. First because I wish to have



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Harper's Ferry, West Virginia

Louise's respect as a person who is willing to right wrongs in the right way, and in the second place perhaps for her own good I think it best that she should not suffer because she happened to witness a very unfortunate breach of good conduct and common courtesy on the part of one of her teachers.

Thanking you very kindly and with all good wishes, I am,

Your sincere friend,
W. A. Robinson



Chesapeake Summer School

Young Men's Christian Associations

STORER COLLEGE

HARPER'S FERRY WEST VIRGINIA

June 16, 1918

*Prin. W. B. Matthews,
Central High School,
Louisville, Ky.*

Annual Session National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools

**Harper's Ferry, West Va.
July 31, Aug. 1, 2 & 3, 1918**

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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

J. S. CLARK, PRESIDENT
SCOTLAND HEIGHTS
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

June 15, 1918.

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

Dear Prof. Matthews:

On account of the new railroad tariff and the condition our country is now in, what do you think of calling off the present meeting of the National Teachers Association and allowing the Executive Committee to make new arrangements for a similar meeting at a more central point?

With best wishes and hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours sincerely,

J. S. Clark, Pres.

JSC/ELB

After 5 days, return to
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY,
J. S. Clark, President,
BATON ROUGE, LA.

June 15, 18

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

W. B. King

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June 28th, 1918.

Mr. W. B. Mathiews,
% C. A. McCarthy,
Albany, Ga.

My dear Mr. Mathiews:--

Have telegram from National Headquarters,
New York today, asking for report regarding the Colored
Boy Scout Work in Louisville. I will write them
tonight but will tell them that I have written you
for this report and will send it to them later as a
supplement to my own report.

So will you please write me in detail
a report of the two Colored Boy Scout Troops and
sum up your opinion as to the value to the Colored
boys?

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. T. Benson
SCOUT EXECUTIVE.

ATB/HG

"Do A Good Turn Daily"



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July 16, 1918.

Central School,
Louisville, Ky.

Gentlemen:-

Our draft of July 10 for \$36.00 has been returned to us with the endorsement "Return to sender". As you were duly notified of our intention to draw, and did not advise us before the date proposed, we expected that our draft would be accepted promptly. We must ask you to see that the matter has your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Houghton Mifflin Company.

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RETURN IN THREE DAYS TO
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY

The Riverside Press

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

*July 16,
1918*

Central School,

Louisville,

1720 W. Chest
Ky.

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whenever I take leave of you
on Sunday afternoons, I am
too full (in more ways than
one) for utterance of my thanks.
After I get away, I think of
a thousand and one apt
and pretty little remarks
which I might have said,
but didn't. Talk about your
not d'escalier!

Pray for me until the next bath,
and please bury that hatchet
about thirty feet underground.

Sincerely
Asta

August 16th 1915

Dear Mrs. Matthews-

Behold, I come
to thee, bearing in one hand an
olive branch, in the other a white
flag, and with a whole flock of
doves nesting on my shoulder.

I don't know yet whether you
really tho't that I recognized
your voice over the phone, when I
so "rudely" cut you off, but
whether it be all a joke, or only
a mutual mistake, I humbly

cry quits! Honest and truly, I don't like
that "mister" business worth a cent.

As usual, there is nothing to report
except work, double-time, and then some
more work. To night at retreat, we were
informed that owing to shortage of water,
we will use no water for any purpose
except drinking until further notice.
No baths in this weather! He gods
and pint-whiskered jolly fishes! What
have we done to you Louisville folks
that you should drain off our water
supply in this way? Oh bien, madame
the Lord loveth a dirty Soldier.

As I write, Sir Patrick is lying
upon his bunk, gazing at the ceiling
with a meditative glance. I judge
from the rapturous sparkle of the
lad's eye that he is thinking of
last Sunday's dinner. Indeed, I can
think of nothing else able to evoke
an expression of such pensive bliss
on a human countenance. Somehow,

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

1616 Inter-Southern Bldg.,

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 15, 1918.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith we enclose minutes of the State Conference, called by the Kentucky Council of Defense, to consider the organization of the Colored people for War Work, and also copy of the Constitution adopted by that Conference.

The Kentucky Council of Defense has not yet had an opportunity to consider that Constitution, and it may be that it will be discovered, as we attempt to put the Constitution into effect, that in some of its details, it is not consistent with the rules and regulations which the Kentucky Council of Defense has adopted for its own government, or with the Act creating that Council, but if that should turn out to be the case, the Constitution can easily be modified.

The names of the members of the General Committee provided for will be announced as soon as they are submitted by the several organizations charged with the duty of selecting them.

We congratulate the delegates to the conference, as well as the Colored people of Kentucky in general, and also the Chairman of the Conference and his Committee, upon the excellent work done by the Conference, which we regard as one of the most important gatherings of Colored people ever held in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Council of Defense has ordered that the members of the General Committee and of the Executive Board be reimbursed by this Council for expenses incurred by them in attending such meetings of the Committee or Executive Board as may hereafter be called by the Chairman of this Council.

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE,

By

Edward W. Hines

Chairman.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE NEGRO

WAR WORK COMMITTEE OF KENTUCKY

Article I NAME: The name of this Committee shall be the Negro War Work Committee for Kentucky.

Article II PURPOSE: The purpose of this organization shall be to study, plan and advise in a cooperative spirit and manner with employers of Negro labor, with Negro workers and with the United States Department of Labor in securing from Negro laborers greater production in industry and agriculture for winning the war through securing wide opportunity for work, through increasing the morale of Negro workers and through improving their general efficiency and condition; to promote the production and conservation of food in conformance with the plans of the Food Administration and Department of Agriculture; to promote the work of the Red Cross, Liberty Loan and other war activities.

Article III MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this committee shall be composed of not more than thirty persons, colored men and women of Kentucky. At least six members shall be women. The Committee on Negro Organization of Kentucky Council of Defense, the Federal Director of the United State Employment Service, the Federal Director of the Public Service Reserve, the Federal Food Administrator of Kentucky, the Director of Farm Extension in Kentucky, the Chairman of the American Red Cross, the Executive Secretary of the War Camp Community Service, and representatives of other war organizations shall be cooperating members. The Governor of Kentucky shall be honorary chairman.

Article IV EXECUTIVE BOARD: There shall be an Executive Board of nine, chosen from the general committee. At least three members of the Executive Board shall be women.

Article V APPOINTMENTS: The members of this committee and of the Executive Board shall be appointed as follows: One-third of the members of the general committee and of the Executive Board shall be appointed by the Department of Labor; one-third by the Extension Bureau, Department of Agriculture, and one-third by the Food Administration. These members shall be designated also as the Committee of the Kentucky Council of Defense for War Work among the colored people. The officers shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, who will be elected by the Executive Board. They shall serve for both the general committee and the Executive Board.

Under the first appointment one-third of the members of both the Advisory Committee and its Executive Board shall be appointed to serve until January 1, 1919; one-third to serve until July 1, 1919, and one-third to serve until January 1, 1920. Thereafter, one-third of the membership of the committee and its Executive Board shall be appointed every six months to serve for a term of eighteen months. The Chairman and Secretary shall serve for periods of six months each, subject to reappointment. There shall be a Treasurer, appointed by the Executive Board. He shall be under bond for the faithful performance of such duties as the Executive Board may designate.

Article VI MEETINGS: Section 1. The General Committee shall meet at least once every six months and at such other times as the Executive Board may decide. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet at least once every other month and at such other times as the Chairman and Secretary shall decide, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman shall be required to call the meeting of the Executive Board upon the written request of five members of the Advisory Committee, of the Board, or of both. The calling of the meetings of both the General Committee and of the Executive Board shall first have the approval of the Negro Organization Committee of the Council of Defense.

Section 3. The meeting place of the General Committee and the Executive Board shall be Louisville unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board and approved by the Council of Defense.

Article VII BYLAWS: The Executive Board shall make such by-laws and rules for the conduct of business as seem best and in conformity with this Constitution.

Article VIII POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board shall transact all business, make plans, enter into agreements, and perform such other acts as may be necessary for carrying out the purpose of this Committee. All such transactions, plans, agreements and acts, shall be subject to revision by the general committee, the Departments of the Federal Government involved and the Kentucky Council of Defense.

Article IX COUNTY COMMITTEES: The Executive Board shall nominate for each county of the State having in their judgment a sufficient Negro population, a County Negro War Work Committee of not more than nine persons. The persons so nominated shall be appointed by the Department of Labor, Agriculture, the Food Administration, and the Council of Defense in the same manner as the State Committee and its Executive Board. The Chairman of the respective County Councils of Defense, and such other white citizens as may be selected by the Council of Defense shall be cooperating members of the County and Community Committees.

Article X COMMUNITY COMMITTEES: The County War Work Committee may be authorized by the State Committee to form Community War Work Committees for localities in their respective counties where the Negro population and local War Work problems justify such community committees. This Committee and its Executive Board and the County and Community Committees shall cooperate with the Community Labor Boards of the Department of Labor.

Article XI FINANCES: Neither this organization, its Executive Board, nor the County or Community War Work Committees, nor any of their Executive Boards, shall have power or authority to incur expenses or make any financial agreements or contracts, which shall in any way obligate the State of Kentucky, or the United States Government. No debts shall be incurred by this committee or its Executive Board, or any County or Community Committees or their respective Executive Boards unless previously provided for.

Article XII AMENDMENTS: Amendments may be made to this Constitution by two-thirds vote at a regular and duly called meeting of this Committee, provided such amendment shall have been previously approved by the Executive Board and the United States Departments herein named and by the Kentucky Council of Defense.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION:

C. H. Parrish, Chairman,
E. B. Davis, Secretary,
Phil H. Brown,
J. H. Garnier,
A. E. Meyzeek.

Adopted by the Conference August 6, 1918.

MINUTES

Conference on War Work among Negroes in Kentucky,
Held under Auspices Kentucky Council of Defense, Louisville, Ky.,
August 6, 1918.

The conference was called to order at 10 o'clock a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Louisville Board of Trade by Captain Chas. F. Huhlein, Chairman of the Committee on Work among Negroes. After a very brief explanation of the call for the Conference and the arrangements of the program, Mr. W. B. Matthews, of Louisville, was appointed Secretary, and the meeting was opened with prayer offered by Rev. T. M. Johnson, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Geo. E. Haynes, Director Negro Economics, United States Department of Labor, was introduced. The conference having been called at the instance of Mr. Haynes, he stated in a very concise manner the plans and purposes of it. He said that as soon as the state was organized, the Department of Labor will place a permanent representative in Kentucky to work with the Negroes through that organization.

The Battle Hymn of the Republic was sung by the Conference.

At this point of the meeting the Chairman requested permission to change the program, and introduced Capt. E. Lucas Guest, a British officer who was in this country on a speaking tour. Captain Guest told the Conference that both he and his brother had seen long service in South Africa in charge of native soldiers, and of the cruel treatment accorded to the Africans by the Germans, and of the loyalty, faithfulness, courage and undaunted bravery of those natives. Among other things he said that team-work was the most important. His address was received with much applause.

Governor A. O. Stanley was next presented, and in a masterly way addressed the Conference at length. He was listened to with marked attention and at times was applauded with much enthusiasm. He lauded the colored people for their readiness and willingness to cooperate in all war work and patriotic endeavor. When the Governor finished his address, the Conference extended him a rising vote of confidence.

The next speaker was Mr. Mat S. Cohen, State Commissioner of Agriculture. He impressed his audience with the importance of remaining on the job, and getting the largest returns from labor.

After this address the Conference gave some time to Committee business. Two Committees were appointed. It was voted that a Committee of not less than three, nor more than five be appointed on permanent organization. It was next voted that this Committee should be composed of persons already connected with war activities. The Committee follows: Dr. C. H. Parrish, Phil E. Brown, J. H. Garvin, E. B. Davis, and A. E. Meyzeek. Dr. Parrish was appointed chairman.

It was next voted that Committee of five be appointed to divide the state by counties into thirty zones, according to the Negro population. The following persons made up the Committee: Dr. E. E. Underwood, Chairman, Prof. H. F. Jones, Hiram S. Smith, Rev. J. Francis Wilson, and G. W. Saffell, Jr., Secretary. These two committees retired to make their reports and the meeting adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

This Session was called to order promptly at 3:00 p.m. The first number was a brief address by Mr. R. E. Cooper, a member of the Kentucky Council of Defense from Hopkinsville. He said that 42% of the population of Christian County were colored people, and that they were industrious, loyal and patriotic. He advised the Conference of the extreme importance of organization.

Dr. F. C. Batten and the Rev. John Little, both members of the Committee of the Kentucky Council of Defense on Work among Negroes, were introduced at this time. They spoke briefly, indicating their interest and pledging counsel and cooperation.

At this time, Prof. J. H. Garvin, Emergency District Agent, was presented. He explained the nature of his work, and its relation toward winning the war, what the conditions were when he went into the field, and what they are now. He said the Negroes of Kentucky had contributed \$1,000,000.00 toward the winning of the war, referred briefly to the work of the Canning Club of the State Normal School under Prof. G. P. Russell, at Frankfort, to the extensive and intensive farming by Mr. J. Tom Wright, and to the wonderful organization built by Mr. E. W. Lane at Maysville, Madison County. He avowed that Mr. Lane had through his organization bought and paid for more than 5000 acres of land this year. He further recommended that the Negroes of Kentucky put on an exhibit at State Fair in Louisville in September this year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Chairman now called for reports of Committees. The first to report was the Committee on organization, Dr. C. H. Parrish, Chairman. This report was read by Mr. Haynes, who acted as Secretary for the Committee. It consisted of the Constitution and By-Laws by which the organization would be governed. After some changes and amendments, it was voted that the report of the Committee be adopted as a whole.

Next was the report of the Committee on dividing the state into thirty zones according to the Negro population. Dr. E. E. Underwood, the Chairman of this Committee said his Secretary Mr. G. W. Saffell, Jr., would read the report. See report attached. By vote of the Conference this report was approved.

Mr. Edward W. Hines, Chairman of the Kentucky Council of Defense, made a brief address. He said that he would confer with his Council in an endeavor to arrange to have the State Council of Defense to pay the necessary expense of this Committee.

It was voted by the Conference that the Chairman appoint an Executive Committee consisting of five members to act until the permanent Committee, provided by the Constitution and By-Laws, shall have been regularly appointed, accepted and confirmed by authority indicated in the Constitution. The following committee was named:

Mr. J. Tom Wright, Chairman, Cerulean Springs, Ky.
Mr. J. F. Drane, Bowling Green, Ky.,
Mr. G. W. Saffell, Jr., Shelbyville, Ky.,
Mr. G. P. Russell, Frankfort, Ky.,
Rev. J. Francis Wilson, Harrodsburg, Ky.

After several questions and some vital discussion as to just how the organizations growing out of this conference would effect those organizations already formed by the State and County Councils of Defense, it was voted that the organizations already in existence be recognized and become a nucleus for new organizations.

Voted, that a Committee of three be appointed to consider the advisability of making an effort to have an exhibit by the Negroes of the State at the coming State Fair. Following is the Committee: Rev. C. H. Parrish, Mr. J. H. Garvin, and Pres. G. P. Russell.

By vote of the Conference the thirty men on our permanent Committee shall be appointed as follows: Ten by the Food Administration, ten by the Kentucky Council of Defense, and ten by the Departments of Labor.

Reports of Committees having been received, the regular afternoon program was taken up. Mr. Edward W. Hines, Chairman of the Kentucky Council of Defense, made a few remarks, and apologized because he was called away by an urgent engagement.

Mr. Phil H. Brown, Director Negro Activities, Food Administration, delivered an address fraught with information, instruction and interest to the Conference.

Five five-minute addresses were made by Messrs. Underwood of Frankfort, J. E. Kuykendall, of Bowling Green, J. B. Caulder, of Lexington, M. H. Haddox, of Russellville, and H. A. Lane of Maysville. All of these addresses were good, but Mr. Lane caught his audience by reciting an original poem written to Uncle Sam.

The Chairman, Captain Huhlein, requested all members of the Conference to write their impressions of the meeting to Mr. Hines, to suggest any plans of work, and the names of any good workers.

Voted, that a Committee of three be appointed to frame an expression of impressions of the Conference. Messrs. Fouce and Caulder, of Lexington, were appointed, and instructed to name the other member of their committee.

Voted, that the members of the Conference stand in expression of thanks to Capt. Charles F. Huhlein, Dr. Geo. E. Haynes and the Board of Trade. After making an announcement of the mass meeting at Phoenix Hill Park, the Conference stood adjourned.

(Signed) C. F. Huhlein,

Chairman.

W. B. Matthews,
Secretary.

1467 Inglewood Ave.

Louisville, Ky.

Aug 11-18.

Prof. W. B. Matthews:-

Chairman of Central Committee

My Dear Sir

With the

greatest of pleasure I accept
the honor conferred upon
me by being appointed as
a member of the board for
work among my people.

I am always willing to
do my bit for the uplifting
and serving of my race in

order to better their
conditions.

I will not fail to be on
hands when your meeting
is called.

Yours truly
Lena Martin.



JEFFERSON COUNTY KENTUCKY

Council of Defense

Room 604 LOUISVILLE TRUST CO. BUILDING

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LOUISVILLE, KY. Aug. 1, 1918.

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WAR GARDEN COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:-

Will you please announce wherever you speak between now and the evening of August 5th that arrangements have been made for a big patriotic colored mass meeting to be held at Phoenix Hill Park on Tuesday evening, August 6th, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Jefferson County Council of Defense.

The Committee on Arrangements includes the members of the Jefferson County Council and prominent colored men, and the musical program, as well as the speaking program, promises to be one of the most attractive ever given in the city of Louisville. The park will be appropriately decorated for the occasion.

The addresses will be made by Capt. Chas. F. Huhlein, State Director of War Work among the Colored People, Rev. J. E. Redmond, of Paris, Ky., on "The Contribution of the Colored Race to the War", Rev. Chas. W. Welch (white) on "Our Obligation as Citizens", and Dr. Geo. E. Haynes, Director of Negro Economics, Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. on "The Nation's Call to the Colored People."

A military band has been secured for the occasion, also the colored song leaders chorus from Camp Zachary Taylor of 35 members, in addition to two quartettes.

Yours very truly,

Marvin H. Lewis
Chairman Speakers Bureau.

Marvin H. Lewis,
201 Keller Bldg.,
Louisville, Ky.

"The WE-Boat, not the U-Boat, will win this war"

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO
JEFFERSON COUNTY KENTUCKY
COUNCIL OF DEFENSE
604 LOUISVILLE TRUST BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug 11/1918

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

Appointed by Gov. A. O. Stanley,
under act of Legislature

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Executive Secretary



Kentucky Council of Defense

Co-ordinating all war activities in Kentucky
Co-operating with Council of National Defense

1616-17 Inter-Southern Building

Louisville

September 23, 1918.

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U. S. Employment Service

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

Dear Sir:

A meeting of the General Committee of the colored auxiliary of the Kentucky Council of Defense will be held in Louisville on Saturday September 28th, at 10 A.M., in the Board of Trade Building Third & Main Streets. Your presence is earnestly desired as this meeting is called to organize the General Committee, to consider the practical phases of the work before us, and to formulate and to put into action ways and means for a complete co-ordination of effort among the colored people of the state for winning the war.

The Executive Committee has been asked to submit a formal detailed program for consideration by the meeting.

Yours very truly,

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE,

By

Chas. F. Hablen

Chairman of Committee on Organization of Colored
people for War Work.

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Louisville Ky.

Sept 15, 1918

Mr. Mathews:-

I thought that I would write you a few lines to let you know that Elizabeth Sanders was picked up Sunday night while she was going to the store to get her self some candy not that she was doing anything or nothing like that but the Detectives picked her up for another girl and took her out to Coke Station but the man said that she was not the girl that was out there so the Detectives put her out of the automobile and left her out there so she didn't have no car fare to come back on. So she met a soldier and asked him did he know her cousin who was out there so he told

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her yes and he said that he would take
her to him so he took her over to a
place where he tried to make her go
in but she would not go in so another
detective saw her and came over there
took ^{her} away from the soldier and locked her
up. So I want to ask you wont you
come down Friday morning and speak
a word for her if you please. well here
I am going to close hoping that you
will be able to come from Her
Mother: Mrs.

Maria Sanders

519, E Marshall
street.

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Sept 18, 1918

Mr.

girl picks
up by
police

Professor of Central
High School.

Ninth & Chestnut
Lonsville, Ky.





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JURISDICTION OF GEORGIA

P. O. Box 16 Phone 1070 Residence Phone 592

Albany, Ga., Sept 16, 1918.

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

My dear Professor:-

I was indeed glad to hear from you and I appreciate yours of the 12th inst., for it rings with that true friendship that has always existed.

Well, it makes very little difference whether you are an officer or not, we shall hardly forget you, and your friendship for those of the Cabinet.

The Grand Lodge made a sad mistake at its last meeting in not providing some protection for our funds. If we were to lose 328 men it would take nearly every penny in the Endowment fund to pay the claims - providing each claim is worth \$350.00. Yes, I have been thinking along this line and wrote the Grand Chancellor calling his attention to the omission of the Grand Lodge, I also wrote the Post in an effort to prepare the membership for a move to strengthen the Endowment Treasury in proportion to the increased risk carried, caused by the draft. Of course I had a plan to offer, but I do not hope to see the plan put ⁱⁿ ~~on~~ to effect as much as I hope to interest the rank and file in an effort to take steps to safe guard our holdings. The Grand Chancellor wrote me that he would discuss this feature of strengthening our funds during October.



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Albany, Ga.,

I had a very pleasant trip, not very much rest, but a great deal of sight seeing.

Mrs. Macarthy and my daughter, Huldah, wish to be remembered.

With best wishes, I am

With

Sincerely,

Chas. H. Macarthy

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
Charles H. McCarthy
P. O. BOX 16
Albany, Georgia

Sept 16, 1918

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

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The Fort Valley High and Industrial School

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August 24, 1918

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43 EXCHANGE PLACE, N. Y.

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1218 CHESTNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

JUDGE H. A. MATHEWS

FORT VALLEY, GA.

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Principal of Central High School,
Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky.

Dear Friend:-

I was very pleased to learn that you reached home and found the members of your family all well.

After the Senate refused to include women in the "Work-Or-Fight" Bill, interest in it seemed to have lagged and I scarcely know if the measure was finally passed though I believe it was. However I feel quite sure it will make no material change in the labor situation in the state.

Mr. Haynes has not yet succeeded in getting his organization perfected in Georgia but will be able to do so I think within the next few days.

Everybody is greatly interested just now in the proposed extension of the draft age and the comment on the proposed change is generally favorable. Personally, I believe it might be a good thing to extend the age above 50. In fact I think it well to do almost anything that will insure the defeat of the Germans and of course the sooner the better.

Mrs. Hunt and other friends join in very kind regards for you and other members of the family.

Sincerely yours,



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After 5 days, return to
The Principal,
FORT VALLEY HIGH & INDUSTRIA
Box 453,
FORT VALLEY, GA.

Aug 24, 1918

Mr. W. B. Matthews,
Principal of Central High School,
Chestnut Street,
Louisville,
Ky.

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Hqrs. 28th Co., Air Service,
Langley Field, Hampton, Va.
October 13, 1918.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
1720 W. Chestnut Street,
Louisville, Kentucky.

My dear Prof. Matthews:

For some time I have been planning to write you. I now have more time than usual because we are all held, on account of the influenza, to the limits of the Post. We have had quite a number of deaths at this Camp from the Spanish Influenza but most of the soldiers who have died were white. Only one colored soldier has died so far. We have seventy of the 250 in this company sick in the hospital and I hear that some companies have as high as 110 of 250 in the hospital so you see we are having our share. Fortunately I have not yet caught it and I hope I will not. I am taking every proper precaution I can hear of. I have heard through Mrs. Wilson of the Louisville schools being closed. I trust that the epidemic will soon be under control and that things will be going normal very soon.

Mrs. Wilson (Trying to get accustomed to saying it, ha-ha) has told me of the very large enrollment of Central in spite of War conditions. I am very glad to know that all is going so well. I have heard of the personnel of the faculty for this year and I feel that your selection of teachers has been a wise one. I am thinking especially of the recent incident on which the News had so much comment to make. In my opinion you did the Central High School a favor.

I had a letter from my brother Cyrus recently and he seems to like the soldier life he is having at Fisk. He says that all of the Louisville boys are staying together and that so far they have made good records. Mama calls him her Baby Soldier since she has three of us in the Army now. I tell her however that he is rather large for a baby when he led a Liberty Loan Parade in Nashville because he was so tall.

I shall now tell you a bit of what my career in the army has been. Every since I have been in the Army my work has been of a Clerical nature. So I do not know what it is to stand guard or make a hike. At present I am the Personnel Clerk of my Company and have been given the grade of Sergeant which is the highest grade they have so far given to Colored men in this branch (to my knowledge). I have heard recently that my commanding officer had made some inquiries as to the possibility of a commission for me. I have been recommended for officers' training in the line branches but I have never pushed it as my mother feels better to have me in a non-combattant organization as I am. The men of this Company all have trades and it is their duty to work in conjunction with the Aviators, building, repairing, etc. My work consists in handling all military correspondence and attending to the Insurances and allotments of the men. At Fort Wayne, Mich. I wrote up the papers of over a thousand men. Of the 2500 colored men here I am the only College graduate except for a Y.M.C.A. worker. The Officers have therefore been very nice to me and use me to do things which they cannot easily do. They are Northern men for the most part and they treat the men very good. My life in the Army has been a great experience and should I add life in France to this, I think I would talk my little wife to death when I did get home.

I wish to extend my regards to the teachers and pupils of Central. I have wished that the pupils might see as I have just how valuable an education is. I am sure they would study much harder than they do.

My sincere regards to Mrs. Matthews and the rest of your family. I trust that this year may be a successful and pleasant one for you and for Central.

Very sincerely yours,

Woodrow Wilson

Det. A.S. [unclear] on
Co. 28, A.S.
Langley Field,
Hampton, Va.

at 1318

From Howard Wilson

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
1720 W. Chestnut Street,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky.
Nov, 16, 1918.

Prof. W.B. Matthews,
1720 West Chestnut St.,
City

Dear Sir & Brother:

The Committee on Victory Parade,
Saturday, November 23, hereby designates you as
Chairman of the Committee on School children.

We suggest that you call your
Committee together at the earliest possible moment
and advise that all children will be uniformly
dressed, and that there will be no small children in
line.

All Committees are requested to meet
at Calvary Baptist Church, Monday night. Please don't
fail us.

Committee,

W.H. Harrison,
J.H. Dorsey
C.H. Parrish, Chairman of
Colored Divisions.

Louisville Ky
Dec. 14th, 1918

Mr. W. B. Mathews, Dear Sir -

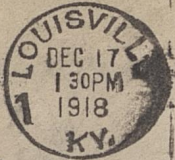
Here is the number of the watch. Have you heard any thing concerning the watch? if so please notify me at once so I will know what steps to take.

Respectfully
Clinton Neal

10115, Hancock
St

Lou. 14.

This is the number
Swiss movement
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Mr. W. B. Matthews
1720 Chestnut St
Louisville, Ky.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

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SECRETARY OF WAR

④ MINUTE MEN ④

10 JACKSON PLACE
WASHINGTON

SECRETARY OF NAVY
GEORGE CREEL, CHAIRMAN

Reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, fidelity, and abilities of Mr. W. B. Matthews we have appointed him to serve the United States Government as a Four Minute Man in Louisville, Ky.
(City and State.)

Authority to use this card expires December 31, 1918, unless revoked for cause before that date.

Wm. W. Edwards
State Chairman.

Wm. LeCommodore Blain
National Director.

Wm. W. Edwards
County or City Chairman.

Signature of Four Minute Man.

④ MINUTE MEN ④

“Upon you Four Minute Men who are charged with a special duty and enjoy a special privilege in the command of your audiences, will rest in a considerable degree, the task of arousing and informing the great body of our people.

“My best wishes and continuing interest are with you in your work as part of the reserve officer corps in a nation thrice armed because through your efforts it knows better the justice of its cause and the value of what it defends.”

PRESIDENT WILSON
TO THE FOUR MINUTE MEN

"OUR DUTY IS TO SERVE AS AND HOW AND WHEN THE NATION COMMANDS"

ADDRESS LETTERS TO
MARVIN H. LEWIS
LOUISVILLE CHAIRMAN
201 KELLER BUILDING

LOUISVILLE FOUR MINUTE MEN

ORGANIZED BY AUTHORITY OF
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COMMITTEE:
GEO. CREEL, CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY OF STATE
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Dec. 4th, 1918.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed find card commissioning
you as a Four Minute Speaker, and button which
we hope you will deem it an honor to wear.

Cordially yours,

Marvin H. Lewis

Chairman.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

J. STANLEY DURKEE, A. M., PH. D., *President*

TEACHERS COLLEGE
LEWIS B. MOORE, PH. D., *Dean*

Washington, D. C.

January 9, 1919.

Prof. W. B. Matthews,
1724 W. Chestnut Street,
Louisville, Kentucky.

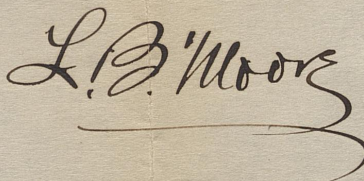
My dear Prof. Matthews:

I have been a great deal rushed since I left Louisville and am just now getting my affairs before me.

I want to thank you and Mrs. Matthews very heartily for the courtesies extended me during my stay in Louisville. I enjoyed the time spent with your family very much indeed, and wish to assure you of my sincere appreciation of your thoughtfulness.

With hearty best wishes for a successful year, I am

Very cordially yours,



LBM/HMC

Atlanta Ga

Jan 22 - 19

Mr Matthews

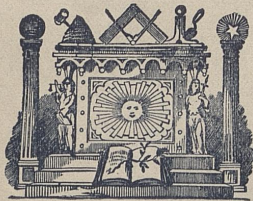
Dear Sir & Bro

Your letter and check was
rec'd and more than glad to
hear from you the Lodge is
doing fine at present have
a good many new Candidates
have installed Officers and now
looking forward for the Grand
Lodge Every member is taxed
\$1.00 to entertain them payable
not later than April so am
looking to you to do your bit.
You will find enclosed your
Book. Yours in F.C. & B.

W R Johnson
M.F.

REFUGE LODGE NO. 243, A. F. & A. M.

Meeting First and Third Tuesday
Night in Each Month



ROBERT H. HERNDON
SECRETARY
47 DELBRIDGE ST.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan 23rd 1919

Prof H. B. Matthews

Dear sir & Bro;

We have moved into our new Hall, it is not yet properly arranged but we hope to make it attractive in short while.

The craft is working quietly - and smoothly.

The "dreaded" "Flu," is taking its toll right along. It had me for about 24 days in December. No recent deaths in our ranks or serious illness.

Trust both you and family keep well.

Fraternally

Robert H. Herndon,
Secretary

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85
65
30
2.65
3.85
6.50

2.65 *Musoro*
3.85 *Thuytite*

George A. Towns, A.M.
Professor of Pedagogy

Edward T. Ware, A.B.
President

Myron W. Adams, Ph.D.
Treasurer

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

January 24, 1919.

Professor M.R. Matthews,
Central High School,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Friend:

Yes your letter was a good surprise, a happy one. I wish I could write you a very long letter about some of things I had no chance to talk to you about when you were visiting Atlanta, but I shall have to wait until we meet again.

I very well understand your feeling of concern for Atlanta University, in view of the common reports — generally true — about the S.A.T.C. I have a letter before me from a friend in the north — a brother to Miss Knowlton who taught here about ten or twelve years ago. He says that the northern schools were unanimous in their desire to be rid of the S.A.T.C. on account of their upsetting college work and on account of their damage to school property.

Of course we have had our reasonable share of damage and loss. There was an eager grasping of the opportunity to smoke by some of the boys, but I am glad to say that I saw only three cases of what you may call flouting and swaggering in public by smoking boys. One of ^{these} seemed somewhat ashamed to face me with his cigarette. Two or three others surprised me by taking up the habit when I did not expect them to do so.

In the main, I think our A. U. students were pretty decent in their behavior. In the matter of scholarship, it was a different story. They were neither soldiers nor scholars, but that might have been different if we had kept our original commandant who was a very fine man.

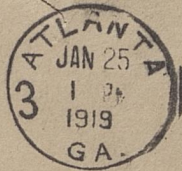
Our net gain in students was considerable. Very few of our old students left - almost none who were not failing any way in their work; while several from other institutions remained with us. A. U. is jammed and packed with students - about 650, not counting Oglethorpe School. It seems to me that we have the best plea now for help that we have ever had, with our buildings fairly bursting with students. I wish so much that Atlanta University could learn how to advertise with persistence and not merely catch a fever of it and then get over it until another spell is taken. It is only persistent advertising that brings large returns. We should have a man whose sole work should be putting the University forward.

Things are moving on well in the school, considering the demoralization of the first term by the S. A. T. C. and I am hoping that the second half-year will be even ^{better}.

Miss Louise is doing very good work in French with me. She is one of the best in the class. She seems to be keeping well too, so far as I can judge. She looks well and strong. I am glad that the S. A. T. C. brought her a second year of French.

My wife joins me in all kindly greetings to you and Mrs. Matthews. Yours very sincerely - Townes.

GEORGE A. TOWNS
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GA.



*Prof. W. B. Matthews,
Central Colored High School,
Ninthth and Chestnut Sts.,
Louisville,
Ky.*

#147 Howell St

Atlanta Ga - 2-3-19

Dear Sir this comes to let you
know this this lease is all well
At this time hope that this few
lines will find you and family
the same well. Mr. Mathews this is
the second time that I has write
you informing you of the
condition of your house that
we are renting and has been
for about six years. And we
has always paid you good rent
for your house. And these people
here do not keep this house up
like they should keep it. This
house is in a bad condition.
I am going to tell just how
it is now the room that is next

(2)

Kitchen leaks all over the
Room and we just hafter
keep macing the things about
To keep them from getting wet.
It has rained in this room so
that the plaster is falling off
You can stand in the room
And look clear through. This
House is in a bad shape and when it
rains you can see where it leaks through
the roof of the room next to the front
Room. You see you can see where
the plastering gets wet at when
it rains. I have reported this at
the office several times and they
allways ~~that~~ they hafter get
Orders from you before they
can do any thing. since I

(3)

Roten before. They have come
out here and fixed the lights
and that's all that they have
done. not saying anything
about the fence you know
about that and he told it
is almost done. And if they
happen wait until they get
orders from you before they
do anything I wish you
would hurry up and give
the orders to do something to
this house. And if you don't
mean to have the house fixed up
Please write and let me know
there is one thing there they get
that \$12.75. Every 27th of every month
And don't have any trouble getting

(4)
Other. And I think
that I ought to have a
good house to stay in.

And when any one goes to
the toilet it is almost
just like out of doors.

So I hope that you will tell
them to see after this house
at once. if you dont we
will be compelled to move out
& I feel them up to day they said the
same thing had to get orders for you - at 100

(5)

As I will close I am
Yours as ever

W. G. Prussler
147 Howell St

Atlanta, Ga

Hotel Marion

Atlanta, Ga. 2/3/19

Mr. B. M. Mathews
#1720. W. Chestnut. St.
Louisville. Ky.



WHEN IN ATLANTA
STOP AT
HOTEL MARION