

his church difficulties at home & his expulsion from the Church. True it was for nothing more that a large majority of the young members are still doing, at home and away - Still he could have avoided the open rupture, and he did not, deliberately did not. So you see, the fact that it came to an issue and he lost, has turned the eyes of most of the people toward his future, not sympathetically, but critically. You understand them from any one's sake that he not lose out. I really feel that not only for Louisville, but for Durham and of course wherever he may go his reputation is critically at stake.

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July 16, 1916.

My very dear friend:

To any one but a

body of so much good common sense as your self, I'd begin this letter with apologies, but I am perfectly sure you understand the rush of preparation for the trip and the crowding in of events during the time I've been here. You will be glad to know that I have enjoyed my outing and that both the girls and I feel much benefited. It is such an entirely new experience for Annie Day, that it is a pleasure to note her enjoyment from time

to time. Not the least of my pleasure has been the meeting of delightful people both white and colored. Mrs. Stope of Moreham College is here, also a Cong. Missionary and his delightful wife (white) and many other very pleasant people. Also the Moores from home came and stayed a week, so you can see how pleasant it has been for us. Then too I have always liked the water and never tire of being on or near it. With all that, I begin to hear voices from home, "Calling me". The children too, now that the Summer school folks are gone, begin to find the days longer, no doubt I shall leave here about the middle of the week. I want to go and to take them away before the fine edge of their enjoyment wears off.

Your letter to me was only another very sure indication of your true friendship & deep regard for us all. To say, I thank you, cannot express nearly what I feel, nor can any other words, as to that. You know our pride and hopes centered in that boy and our deep desire that he make good. Added that, he may have told you of

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He did not deny any part of your
letter. Mr. Shepard advised that I let
him read it. He said that you
thought those things true and
admitted that he had given reasons
for your so thinking but that they
were not true. Now I know my
boy. I have suffered, really suffered
agonies over a headstrong deter-
mination to go the wrong
way. Even while my inner
knowledge of him made me
feel that underneath it all, he
was clean. But what I know
and what you know does not
shape public opinion and
it is to that he must bow not

man's work, I am always your friend
Wm. L. R.

Matters how much he may despise it. I made him see his own actions in the light of his criticism of others, and put the question to him, "what right have others to believe your similar actions pure when you condemn theirs?" I think I succeeded in opening his eyes better this time than at any time before and he gave me his word that he would ^{be} more careful in the future. I saw but hope. Since he has gone to Columbia he has written and expressed his determination to not cause me any more worry. You see, he got a state room, not by saying "I am white", but by letting them think so. So on the boat he found some one with keener eyes who questioned his obtaining the room. He wrote me about it & seemed to regret the occurrence & added when I go back to Louisville I'm going to cut that out entirely. It is an inherited curse. His father

was foolish about that foolishness and
used to tease me about my black baby
when he Albert was a baby. Fortunately
for me, I know no color of skin. All the
color I care about is the white on the
inside.

This is a horrid letter but I am sure
you will overlook all that is wrong
because you understand why I feel so
strongly the outcome.

I am sure you must enjoy your girlie's
vacation with you. Our experiences were
similar in all respects. It was my girl's
first time away from me. I too was on the
lookout for changes and found what I looked for.
Now she is so sweet and dear I wonder at
myself. Hoping that you are all resting for next

July 16, 1916

Mrs. Aphia D. Matthews,
1720 Chestnut Str.,
Louisville,
Ky.

Think of it - Elbert has been away
from me since he was fourteen.
I had to laugh at your description
of yourself and your wash day expe-
rience - I can't picture you as ever
imgracions, but bring a woman
and very human. I know how Prof
Matthews came in for a bad rally
hour unless he had the foresight
to go somewhere else until the
sun came out again. I'm
man in just such a predicament
and can sympathize with you
while Dr. Shepard could see only
Prof M's viewpoint. Well they
all think the home etc should be
also ready no matter what.
Change your mind dear, and say you
will come.

Your friend

Lucie D. S.

National Training School
DURHAM, N. C.

June 4, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Matthews: -

Dr. Shepard will
see you next Sunday and it
may be I can persuade you to
change your mind and come
to us for a change, so I shall not
as yet accept as final your
"No." I do so much wish to see
you and personally know
you better. I know you already
through many big things
that place you on the top shelf
of my appreciation. I hope
soon to know you better.
I am such a plain every day

kind of person that your nice description
of me rather makes me shrink from
your actual knowledge, however I'll
risk it, if you'll only come. I am glad
Dr. Shepard is to see Albert soon and
will advise him as to the best thing to do
that is a wonderful thing you and your
good husband plan for him. I am so
very thankful that young as he is, he
is coming into his own. I am very
proud of him and while I know
there is still much room for im-
provement, I also think his good
sense will send him into that
room. The fact that Louise has
been away from you all this while
gives you an idea of the joy that
is to be mine next week when
Marjorie comes back. Already
the shadow of Annie Day's ^{from the} absence
after next term, sometimes obscures
the joy of her presence. I have just sense
enough not to let her know it and to
enjoy her every minute I can.
That is the worst of loving children.

N. J. P. Dusham D. C.

June 28th, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Matthews:

It was certainly
lovely of you to make and send me
that very pretty bag. I do thank you
so much for it. Albert is looking
real well, I think, it is so
nice having him at home.
Do you know I was really
disappointed that you and Louise
did not come with him. It
is too bad that you are ill

this hot weather. Marjorie has
been ill for a week, her fever
for two days was 103. She is
much better and up again.
If you still wish to change
your mind and come to see
Durham, do so. I shall be
glad to have you. Perhaps
you have never heard a frog
orchestra and might enjoy
it greatly. With kindest regards
I am, I am your Aunt's



Mrs. O. B. Matthews,
1720 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Ky.

N. F. School
Durham, N. C.
June 20, 1917.

Dear Mrs Matthews,

Just a few lines
to tell you how much I do appreciate and like the graduation token you sent ^{me}. It is so very pretty and I am sure I shall enjoy wearing it this summer.

Our Commencement passed off very successfully this year.

I am so sorry that we are to be disappointed and not have you and Louise visit us this summer. We had looked forward to it with lots of pleasure.

Guess you are very anxious to see Louise. When does her school close? We are glad to have Marjorie back.

Again let me say "thank you".
I remain

Sincerely, Annie Fay S.

Mrs C. B. Matthews
1720 Chestnut Street
Louisville, Ky.

know how she has succeeded.
I have been trying to recall
Lettie Jones, I know I must
know her, I remember the
Hogans well, they were
members of my church
Esther Howard is here and
well, she was down here
Monday to see papa, she has
a fine, pretty little girl,
Jeff is alright now, he had
a sick spell in the spring
and we could not get him
to go back to his work,
he took care of the build-
ing, Lucys husband has
a car, and like the average
boy, he doesn't want to do

152 Piedmont Ave

Atlanta Ga, U.S.A.
July 20th 22

My dear Ophelia:-
Your letter received, I
had begun to think you'd
forgotten your old Atlanta
friends, I was so glad to hear
from you. Mr. Rucker has
been very sick for the past
four weeks, so much so,
that I think many of his
friends were uneasy about
him, and his wife also,
but he is able to sit up
now, and can keep a little
food on his stomach, and
I feel that he is on the

road to recovery. I heard that Louise was in N. Y. with the ~~Bebbs~~, I guess she feels like she is in Atlanta, with Helen White, Jessie Penn, Eunice Hamilton, Grace Nash, the Proctors and Airrie + Carrie and many others. I know she will enjoy it. I had a letter from Mrs Penn yesterday, she says she's having a big time. Mr Ruckers illness has kept me at home, and I have only been able to get news from the folks who come to see us.

Many of our folks here are building very pretty homes, The Bowdens from Griffin and Carrie Johnson have built pretty homes on the Boulevard, I could not go to the reception that Mrs Bowden gave for her sister, but Mrs White tells me that Mr Herdons house isn't in it when compared to the Bowdens. Carrie's house is very elegant so I am told, and both furnished beautifully and expensively. Alex built the Bowdens and Pharon the Johnsons. Nell is Mrs B Shadow, Mrs Wilkins is here too she's to build too, she + Nell go about together too. Nell has been trying to put them in every club, I don't

any thing but ride,

Well, every one said Neddies
was a very pretty wedding,
and she received so many
beautiful gifts of every
description. Dr Slater said
he had never seen so many
gifts at any wedding in Alberta
except Tom Cooks and Ned
was of a different quality.

The friends gave her so much
cut glass, and beautiful sil-
ver, and lovely crystal, every
thing for the kitchen, lace
curtains, and bed, and
every thing beautiful. Lawrence
is building a brick bungalow
on Ashby St, they hope to
get in it by next month.

Well, I dont know what will be the next, for Sarah dont especially care for any fellow, she appears to get along very well without them, and you know Alice - she has never put her self on the society list; but I do hope, if there is another one at my house you will come and take a part in it, Emma and Mrs Penn have been lovely to me since you left, and since Missie and India died. Every thing here is pretty much the same, So many new people have moved here, and many people whom we knew have moved away, Well papa is awake, I'll have to give him his medicine I wont have time to read over will be glad to see Mr. Matthews when he comes.

Lovingly
Anne

from me about it.
Hope your dear mother
is well - also the rest
of the family, of course.
Of course you are busy,
but write a body some
times

Very truly your friend
Auntie P.S.

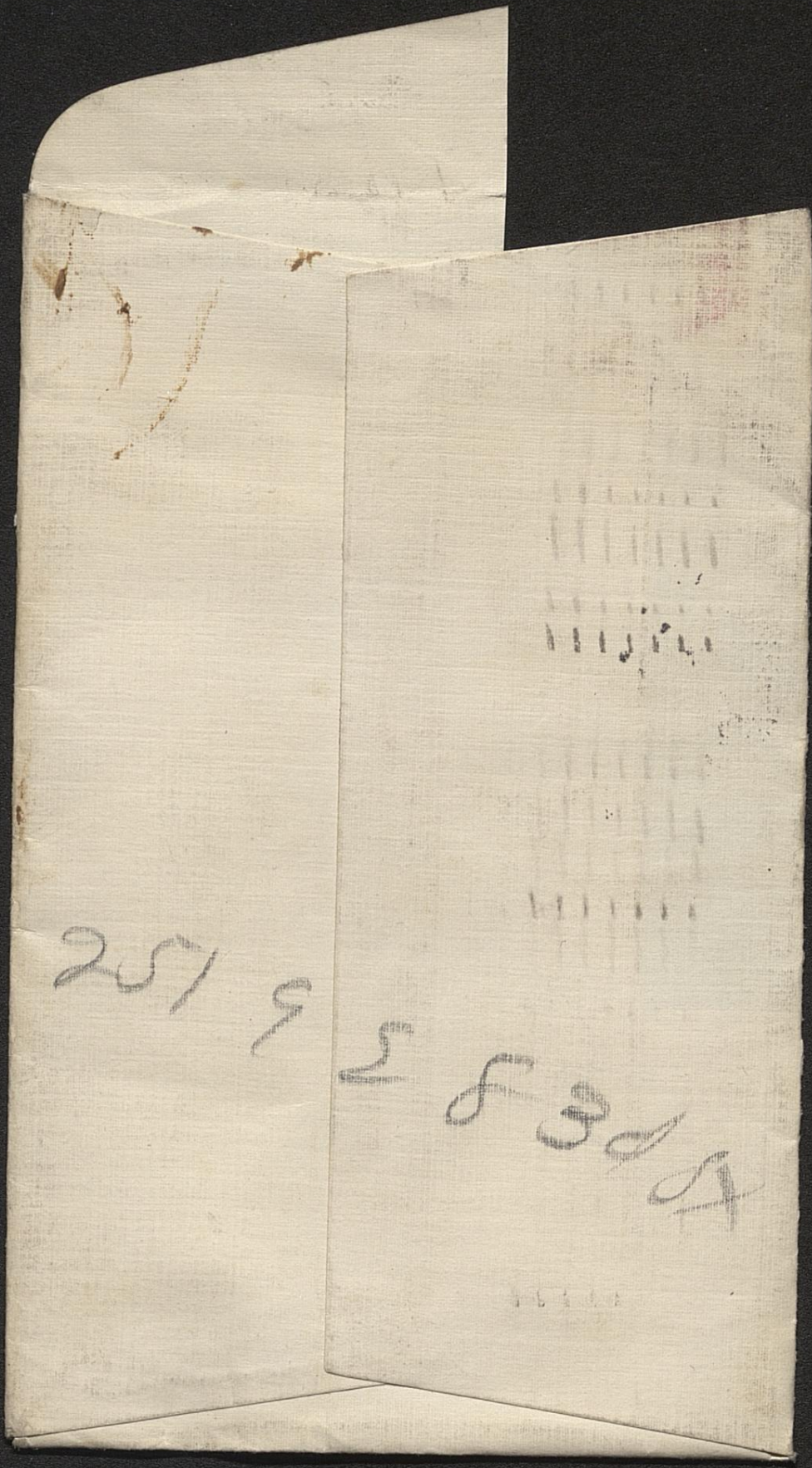
Sunday night
My dear friend: [1926?]

By this you
have doubtless heard the
news. Albert telegraphed
the Stet's immediately.
A boy! isn't that great
Yes: I'm gran my all right
Mabel had a tough time
'it was all over when
I got there, though
Wagon broke all the
speed laws getting
me there.

quick work, you see - It was
a brack presentment and so
they had to chloroform her & take
the rascal. I think she had
really been doing too much
late ly, they have moved very
recently and Mabel was
trying to get every thing spick
and span for the occasion
I do hope her mother can
come right on. I am
between the sea & the deep
blue sea - you see I
am in this dining room
this summer school and
Mr Shepard is away nearly
all the while, so I have
to stay on the job. And
Albert would feel it keenly
if I didn't come often unless
her mother were with her
Well - I wanted you know

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