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Prairie View, Texas, Aug. 16 1907

My dear Bill,

Your letter to hand. Accept thanks for the interest you took in landing me in the Georgia school. When I made it known out here that I intended to make a change, there was old time hustling. My directors said they would give me no recommendation that would help me leave this work. They called a special meeting in the city of Austin and then and there raised my salary from \$1000 to \$1200. They did more. They put under my control two other departments of the institution. I wired Mr. Wright to withdraw my application. I just can't get away from these people! As soon as I can I am going to send you some of my recommendations so that you may judge for your self what these folks think of your humble servant. I suspect that Mr. Wright thinks I was trifling with him



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but I wasn't. I really meant to come if they put up the money. You know Bill I am selling my talent now to the highest bidder. You don't think I did wrong to stay do you? They must want me else why do they give me two hundred dollars more!

We are well - Mrs. Matthews has not written us yet - we are expecting a letter every day. My wife has been away visiting but is home now. I couldn't get off this summer.

I am feeling good over my increase of salary and the way in which it was done. I hope to do my full duty just as I have ever striven to do.

Let me hear from you soon,  
Your own Sige,



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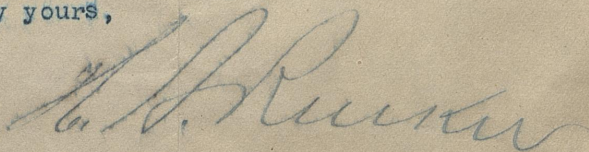
Dear Sir:-

Pressure of business compels me to relinquish the treasuryship  
of the Local Committee of The Negro Young People's Christian and  
Educational Congress.

My subscription has been handed in, and while I shall be pleased  
to render you any assistance as a citizen and well wisher for the suc-  
cess of your very worthy movement I can not do other matters, demand-  
ing my attention, justice, and, at the same time serve your committee.

If your representative will call I will take pleasure in account-  
ing to him for all collections and disbursements to date.

I am sincerely yours,





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7 1/2 Broad St., City.

Dear Prof.:

Please find enclosed a letter from Miss Giles,  
which concerns the Local Committee and which is  
herewith referred to you for attention. I have so  
notified Miss Giles, saying in the meantime we would  
of course try to provide the towels. I should think  
we could buy towels and sell them afterwards.

Yours faithfully,

Dict. to S. E. C. L.

*Ironie Garland Penn*

Enc.



Bx 206.

Arvonia, Ga.

Aug. 12, 1902.

Prof. Matthews:

I am writing that I might be informed if you know of any vacancy in any of our schools for this term or if you need another teacher. I am a graduate of Lincoln University Pa. with the degree A. B. and would like to get into some good school or at the head of a good Public school. Your name was given me a few days ago I am prepared to teach any branch of study and also to assist in music, since I use the cornet.

Oblige me with a reply upon the subject if you please.

I am yours sincerely,

W. H. Jackson.



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W.F. SLATON, SUPT. OFFICE HOURS 3 TO 5 P.M.

Oct. 7, 1902.

Mr. W. B. Matthews,

Prin. Houston Street School.

Dear Sir,

Your note of to-day concerning Addie Hammond is before me. I have but very little hope of your making anything of this girl. Her very face indicates malice and temper, and I think that she is now too old to change; but still I am willing for you to take her and try her upon her promise of good behaviour. So long as she keeps this promise, you may keep her in school until she graduates, but she must be held strictly to her promise and give no trouble. If she does give further trouble, let the law be applied and let her be dismissed finally, if such an unfortunate thing for her is necessary.

Very truly,

*W. F. Slaton.*  
Supt. Schools.



Atlanta University.

Atlanta Ga.

Jan 9, 1906.

My dear Mr. Matthews;

I send inclosed the bill for the printing of the report sent out by the special committee of the Alumni Association. Kindly send me an order on the treasurer, Mr. Williams for \$3<sup>00</sup> which is to come out of the funds of the Association and not out of what I am now collecting.

I hoped to see you last night at the Monday Club. We had a small number - nine - present. I ate your share only to be sorry for it after I got home; hereafter I shall leave you to look after your own interests in that regard.

Next Monday I am going to send some little girls over to look at your school, with the hope that it will not be an annoyance to you or your teachers.

Yours sincerely  
G. A. Towns.