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Well! so far I have rec'd. two chapters to my Romance since arriving. I am expecting some company from Columbia in Nov.

I certainly had a lovely stay in Indianapolis. Sat. eve. after we arrived we had a very delightful supper & after that we went to the show & saw "The Rainbow" & "From The Sky" & "Thou Shalt Not Lie." Both very good. Then we went to a drugstore, owned by Mr. Roberts & had sodas. I met H. M. Bell, formerly of Louisville & also a classmate of mine. I was certainly surprised to see him.

Emery Hall,
Hilberforce, O.

Dearest Louise;

I know you will hardly forgive me for my long delay & negligence. I have just become settled, so now in order to make up for lost time I am writing until you tell me to stop.

We have already enlisted about 435 students, & they are still pouring in. So many new ones & so few old ones.

There is one girl here from Oklahoma City. I guess we are mutually attached to each other for she lives in my house & I am just crazy about her. She is a

a beautiful tiny ruby in it. He
promised it to me on my birthday
in Jan. I guess he thought also
that it is never too late to do
good.

I give Roberta my love & tell her
I am going to write to her very
soon.

I hope you will have a very
successful and prosperous school-
year.

It is certainly cold up here
I think I will have to put
on my heavy coat.

Birdie Russell's Cousin,
S. P. Russell is up here in school
& he is in some of my classes.
Will you send me Birdie's &
Susie Goring's addresses

"Freshie" Edith M. B. is here &
she stays in Senior Cottage but
we can't keep her out of Emery
& all. She is Sr. this year.

I met a fellow here from Tex.
who knows all of my Kingfolks
from one end of Miss. to another.
I have to at least to him. H. O. A.

Evelyn S. is not coming back,
at all this year.

Mr. & Mrs. Ballard were here
last & this wk. & there was
a reception (Formal) given, at
which they spoke. (On Africa
& etc. Customs.)

Papa sent me a beautiful
Lavalier on a very slender or
threadlike chain. The L. has

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how those cushions felt.
We found out that the young
man's name was Ralph
Bryant, very well educated
& well thought of & regarded as
one of the finest boys in India.
He knew a lot of our old
friends.

Later on ^{the} girl came in
to show us the city. It was
certainly delighted with it.
She took us to Meridian,
heights, the longest ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{city}
The city & oh the homes
there are be-ut-ti-ful. when
I get ready to build I am
going there to get my plans
of house & garden.

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Sun. Morn. We went to Church,
& oh Louise! Rev. H. has the
sweetest & cutest & prettiest little
church you ever saw. and a
fine congregation. I met sev-
eral of our old friends there.
One woman whom I had
not seen since she left L.
about 8 yrs. ago, came up
and spoke to us. And we
met so many new friends.

One girl promised to come &
take us out to see the City
the next day.

Well. Sun. aft. we went
for a walk to the drug-
store & on returning home

building, around the house +
he came in an auto + while
he was tending to business
I went out + got in the auto.

Mrs. H. had promised to call
me if he came + she forgot
and so when he came out
it happened that Rev. H. was
coming in + he called the

young man back to intro-
duce him to us. (he did not
know I was in the auto) +
so when he asked A. F. where
I was she gave me away.

So I came out + they
made fun of me. But if
had one "joint" on them, they
~~did~~ did not even imagine

We found the yard full of
company. We did not go
to church as we had plan-
ned on account of this.

We were also astonished
to meet Mrs. M^{rs}. Curdys there.
She took us to her sister's
house to meet her sister.

We went to the Soda fountain
again + I tasted for the
first time in my life a
"Banana Split". It certainly
was delicious. We came
home + stuffed like pigs.

Mon. Mon. ~~the~~ a young
man came to the house to
see about moving some

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Mon. aft. we ate a hurried dinner,
and left at 2.25 to catch a 3
3.15 clock train (some hurry).
and then nearly missed it.
We met some girls on the
train (old students) + had
quite a jolly trip. Another girl
got on at Raytown + kept
us doubled laughing until
we arrived at Xenia.

~~where~~ we were met by
some of the students.

Well we don't exactly know
what has happened since we
have been here except that

P.P.S.

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We initiate "new babies"
tomorrow eve. Ha Ha.
Wouldn't you like to be here.
I will write & tell you how
it turns out (I hope)

P.P.S.

a.m.s.

Love & regards to your
Mother, Father & Grandmother.
a-m-s.

"None Sho Nuff"

I eat about 1 doz. apples
everyday. P. res. S. sent for
the E. Hall girls to come to his
orchard & (we went). I
have been eating ever since.
Well I know you are tired
& ~~of~~ your eyes are smarting
so I will close remaining
your truest friend
Alada.

9-30-15.

P.S. Wishing you all the joys
& pleasures of college life &
a prosperous year, I am
as ever your friend
a.s.

9/30/15

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

A. M. S., Emery Hall,
Wilberforce, O.

C. Mary Hall,
Wilberforce, O.
3-20-16

Dearest Louise;

I don't know what to think or imagine for I am grieved to think that I have only heard from you once by card since I left home. Won't you think that is a nice way to treat me? I have heard from your mother twice. We write some "awfully" jolly letters to each other. I would write some to you but you are a "naughty" lit' girl and won't answer.

How do you like boarding-school for a change? Isn't it grand? Mamma told me of the diary she sent you & hope you keep yours more regularly than mine. I am afraid that if I let anyone read mine I would be sentenced to L. Ireland.

Helen Wilborn was here yesterday. Edith and Bertram send regards.

We have moving pictures here every Saturday evening, or rather we began Saturday before last

Last Sat. we had "Max and his
Mother-in-Law" it was very
comical.

We are to have a triangular
debate on the 30th of this month.

Virginia Union comes here, we
go to Lincoln and Lincoln goes
to Va. Union. you see we each
have two teams each. The College
League is going to entertain them
at a reception. The C. L. gave
a sleigh ride Wednesday night
and they went to Xenia to the
Movies. In April on the 23rd the
C. L. will play "as you like it."
Don't you think we have a busy
League.

Have you been reading much?
I haven't, I am now reading
Paulsen's Philosophy (deeps) + Morgan's
Qualitative Chemical Analysis (waited)
Such delightful fiction.

I have been waiting all
f morning for a girl to come
wash my head. I am going
to fire her if she doesn't come on.

Hush, hush! what is that
Moaning, sobbing sound, wait!

I shall go to investigate.

It was only Lillian Claggett one of our clowns who has once in her life been reduced to the point of shedding tears of sorrow. She has just received a letter telling of the death of her pet sparrow.

"Oh it breaks my heart."

Wont we be glad when June comes or does your school close in May? well bye bye please write to me soon I am as ever

your devoted friend
Akada.

P.S. Annie says hello.

P.P.S. ^{a.s.} what do you think I have learned to play 5 00 and it's just fine. Did you learn? I hope you did. I am just crazy about it.

Emery Hall,
Wilberforce, O.
May 23-'16

Dear Louise:

I received your letter sometime ago, I enjoyed it very much. I think perhaps you will beat me. Keeping a diary for I have lazy spells, I have missed about three weeks. Straight now, which is unpardonable. But since this is no near the end I suppose I can remember all the joyful incidents.

Allow me right here to introduce you to my two school chums Miss no just Beatrice Williams from Clearfield Pa.:

Delighted to meet you.

And Lenora Boyd, Emery Hall's Angel (nix.)

Accept my compliments.

You will have to excuse Lenora's English + spelling and manners she is not fully trained. Don't think she is green she isn't. We have some jolly times. Every Monday we go fishing or find a new road in the woods to inspect. Every home in W'force has been opened to us to come in and eat because we are so good. (I may send you our picture soon.) Whenever we go exploring we go somewhere

where there are hearts soft with love and kindness,
And get us a lunch.

Your Louise here is coming to your town,

A fair lady of name and renown.

Who comes your lovely town to see,

And gain great and "celebrated"

There is a young lady, Pres. of our Y. W. C. A.,
A Miss ^{Amanda} Tanne, coming to the Convention which
meets at Spellman this wk. I want her to meet
you, and Willie.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will give
a banquet here Fri. evening and I have been in-
vited. The K. A. V. frat. will give one Thurs. ev.

You must excuse this long letter for I
have six more to write. I wrote to Roberta a
few days ago but when I wrote I was so
ashamed that I let the letter remain for a
while. This is a busy season. Exam. soon.

Good night. Will close with love and best
wishes. Remember me to Willie and Abe if
you see him. Tell him we shall miss him Fri-
day night. Annie sends love. Excuse goodwriting.

Lovingly

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Emery Hall,
W. U., C.

6-2-'16.

Dear Louise;

I know you are glad to be at home again after your first trial out in the world. Mamma told me when you were expected and I certainly wish this was the time that they were expecting me.



Now you must have L.
in tip-top order when I
come for I may bring
some company home.

(This is what mamma says)

I am going to close this
long letter now for my

class bell is ringing

now. Love to your
Mother + Grandmother +
regards to your father.

Lovingly

Azada.

Emery Hall,
Wilberforce, O.
Oct. 10 - '16.

My Harriet Louise;

Oh out-chu-no, I think it such
'great sport' to receive epistles begun that way.

But the un-"beauty part" about it is that
I may run it into the ground, but I hear
you know I have to remind you every once
in a while of your past summer. You can
I know realize how bare it would have been
had not I hear Mr. F. brought us some food
for that.

Mamma and your mother told us about
the dear Charlotte Russ. I enjoyed it so
very much too.

I have met Fannie Green, and she sent
you her regards. She has a ping pong of you.
We have several students from D. A. Two
^{new} men and three new girls.

Do you have the Alpha Phi Alpha
Fraternity there, at A. U.?

Tell Rufus hello for me.

Now, since I have finished all minor in-

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cidents and episodes I will tell you what happened last week.

I guess I told you that I was a prospect's member of the D. S. O. Sorority; But any way I am. So Saturday night Mrs. Woodard, (the wife of my Math. teacher,) desiring to become better acquainted with the prospectives, invited us down to her house to tea. Well we went, we did, and had a scrumptious time. We danced the Virginia Reel. If you have never seen it just let me tell you 'the beauty part' of it is that it's just 'great, swell and good d'oin' (that is one of my schoolmates slang). Then the only charter member present and our preceptress, who is an honorary member, gave little talks and advice to us "barbarians" as they call us. Then they called on us to make imtemporaneous speeches. There was only one f--- in the crowd when it came to speeches and of course you know who that was. Well we were then served, we had um-hum - let's see now, ^{or} tea with lemon + lumps sugar, hot biscuits, butter and cherry preserves. Our colors are red + white.

(Wouldn't be a col'd folks club if the 'red' wasn't there) I am sending you a souvenir. Then we went home and some to bed.

Oh yes, I should have told you first of the Hear Gov. Willis (Ohio) coming to see us. The state of O. was seated according to the counties, and the other states united. Ky had 15 1/2 ha ha. And Ala. had 20 1/2 (he he) Pauline Kigh was divided up (craz-zy). Well any way we yelled and sang and shouted and prayed, (that is Supt. Joiner, Supt. State dept., prayed that Gov. would be so impressed as to give us some money) Then Gov. W. made a fine speech whether he meant it or not, he certainly did praise and hold up this downtrodden and lowly race of ours. And I said to one of the Profs. this morning, "something must be evidently wrong with those ^{white} men ^{with the Gov}, if they were not impressed, even if he was just saying that to get votes. Every one was dressed in his and here Sunday-go-to-meetin'-clothes! yes, but why?"

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Mon. was initiation day and it was very gloomy, but if you could have seen Buddy Logan, Louise honey, you would have died, almost anyway. They dressed him up in a girl's dress and a head rag, brown silk stockings with scarlet stops, and if only the sun had been shining I would have taken his picture. He kicked and clawed, they dragged and pulled, he snorted and yelled, they laughed and hollered, but lawdy didn't he rave. (ha ha) ← that don't start expressing what I am doing now and what I did. Well Chaplin Stewart, U. Pres. didn't like that so well, so he made them take it off of him. I told him^(B.) I was going to tell you. Otherwise the initiation was very much like last year's.

Thurs. Oct. 12:

Dear Florida;

(Hee!-?) Now you know see I can't even get up energy to mail my letters after I write them so I will convert this into a journal. Buddy showed us a letter he rec'd. from you recently. Now look here, I mean what I say, you said you had

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stunning jokes. Well, I am ready to hear them.

I heard from Aunt Rheatha and she sent me a poem, and Annis one also, and gave me some very Auntly advice. You see I have adopted her!

Bye bye until later, I am Sec. of the Junior class and I must go now.

Hello, I'm back again. The election of officers was very successful. Mr. Ford being ^{elected} Pres. This making the third year that he has served in that capacity for this class. I ran for V. P. but I lost by a ~~majority~~ (now) minority of 1. Mr. F. won by a majority of 1.

Susie Soins chum, Estaline Wilhite is here going to school. She talks very much like susie and is a very sweet girl.

Your mother told me of the fate of my pictures. I know if you put them out, when you have your spreads and the matron runs you to bed before you can clean up, the rats will not pesticate you.

Well hear I think "I've done discharged my duty" so bye bye Lovingly your Chum
Abada.

A.M.S., Emery Hall,
Worcester Univ.
O.

5th 10, 1916

Miss Florida Louise [unclear]
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

S. T. Mitchell Hall,
H'force, O.
8-26-17.

Dearest Louise:-

I certainly did not mean to wait so long to write but I guess you understand. I sent some of the Sammie's cards but didn't send you one because I intended to write you a real letter.

I had a dandy trip up. There were eight boys going up to Howard. George Brown, Jessie Lawrence, C. H. Parrish, Russell Rice, a Mr. Jones from Lexington and a Porto Rican named P. C. Christian. They all seemed to be such nice boys and our trip as far as Cincinnati was just delightful. He took snaps in & out of the car and from the bridges.

Jessie L. became very much attached to Lenora. He is writing to her now.

Oh let me tell you, When we got on the train Rev. Brown came on and kissed L. good bye well I guess you all heard it. The boys all told L. that he kissed like a horse.

Hell! let me leave my trip. I arrived safely. Mrs. Eric and Algermon were the first people I saw. Then Frank + Douglas Reid. Frank is becoming quite popular around here already.

I have a new girl for a roommate, She is a very sweet girl and pleasant to room with.

Oh Louise I have some diary. It is in a big Grey ledger. I mean to say it is some book. I may let you see it when I come home or I may wait a few years. Haha. You don't be so curious.

We had a Sr. Class meeting tonight and some meeting it was. No one can join the class until he pays the "Annual" fee of \$3.00 before Oct. 15. and we have started for a play already and are getting ready to give a dinner.

in honor of one of our boys who
was drafted and must leave
Oct. 1st. (you see in our college
rec. of the 18 class there are six
boys + six girls and when he
leaves we will be broken.) So
just the college dept. will give
the dinner + then we all are
going to give a Hallowe'en party
and Pumpkin hunt.

I received a letter from
Abbie today she says she has
to call you up for consolation.
Oh how are Mrs. M., Prof. M. +
Mrs. Biel?

I am going to get around to

drop them all a card at least.

Here is my schedule.

School Organization, advanced Physics,
Educational Sociology, Ethics, English
Literature and Analytic Mechanics.

Now, do you think I can afford to
stop and write. Especially not to
receive an answer?

We haven't had initiation yet
but I will tell you when we do.

I must write to Roberta now.

Well bye bye please write to me
because this is one lonesome burg.
Oh there is a Mr. Arnold here from
Atlanta. Do you know him? He
knows you. Love to all.

Lovingly

Zada.

C. Mery Hall,
H'force, O.
April -29-'17.

Dear Louise;

I guess you think that I am about
in the condition where I cannot complain of
anything. But Dear I have really been busy and
if not that I have not been very well. I
started to answer your letter before that week
was up but I did not have the energy.
My subjects are somewhat hard and what
the beauty part of the matter is I am
really studying. I am now preparing my
essay for the oratorical contest. I am known
here as the Suffragette as I shall write on
some phase of the question of the Sphere of
Woman.

We are having such bad weather here
lately that nearly every one has had a
cold in some form and we have hardly
had any classes for almost a week. I was
in bed for two days.

There was an inspection of the military
department this morning. The Government
inspector was here. He were to have a game

here too but it rained so hard that it was impossible.

O; hush, hush I hear my old beaux' voices or rather the voice of Tim and it is not great sport to hear him talking so to another fair damsel. But the beauty part is I will hear my present — I voice in a few minutes because this is calling day.

I laughed, at your narrative of Slima and Johnny's dilemma, until I cried, that was the greatest joke I have heard of for sometime.

The "Just Us Academic Dramatic Club" — when some name, took my breath — gave a strictly formal reception Saturday night. Honey I had some time. It is the first of its kind in four years to have been held at W. H. The Seniors entertained the Juniors at a Tea last week it was also a very nice affair and next week the Juniors will give a reception in honor of the Seniors.

When does your school close? Some of the students here have sent in a petition for school to close on the 30th of May — I see

them now as they say "nix diddings". Well I
would just as soon ~~stay~~ 2 more days
as not. Oh, your mother still planning on
coming up this way in June?

O Louis, I have just had the honor of
being elected Vice Pres. of our Society and
also of the French Club, I just couldn't
resist telling you. Will you please write
and tell me of the attitude of the authorities
down there towards secret societies? The
reason I ask is because we want to or-
ganize elsewhere, especially in Fisk and
A. U.

Well I must close because the hostess
is calling me to receive my caller.

Bye bye

Lovingly your Chum

Agada M. Singleton

(note spelling.)

Well Louise teaching is a fine job when you don't have to skin twelve rooms in one day. Yes, yesterday I actually used the strap on 42 folks. Nine were Juniors H.S. & two Sophomores & 1 Fresh freshman. Oh this life is some burden. I will have to tell you all when I see you. Louise I am actually getting serious (mix)

Well seein' as how I am in school I must hasten on. I am wishing you all sorts of success which I know you are going to have & ~~some~~ some of which may be unexpected & hoping you will forgive my awful conduct. With heaps of love I am as ever
yours devotedly Lada.

551 N. Central,
Okmulgee Okla.,
May 4 - 1919

Dear Louise

Aint I the awful child?
But Sugar Plum, wont you condescend to forgive me once more? Honestly I must have been born lazy. The way I have neglected my correspondence is shameful. I think I can count on one hand the letters I have written to "she-males" and of course it only stands clearly to be seen I could not slight the dear "he-males".

Your card was duly received and I appreciated it too.

This is an interesting country in every way. There is also a ming-

us aren't Oklahomans.

Ann is here with me now. Her school is out and she will be with me two wks. until my school closes then we are going to Mississippi to see Grand ma & Pa, uncles, Ants Cousins, 1,000,000 of em I guess we will be able to get home finally.

Low, this is the most manless town under the ~~sun~~ When I come home thy I will tell you about those that are here, especially Judge R. S. Gamble, "Sweet Papa Gambol," better known as "Froggy."

I have learned to drive a car. Oh Wow! you ought to see my tracks

king of impressions one receive after a short sojourn out here.

First, this is truly as you have no doubt heard a rich country. It is not strange Louis to see some one who might impress you as a very poor laborer and they have some one gently inform you that that person is as rich as Croesus. And I mean to say they are truly rich. Oil wells, grafters etc. all here to receive Mr. Poor man's Cash & convert him into Let-Rich-Quick-Wal-lingford. One man here about 12 miles from here had some property and they struck a vein & now his well is shooting 340 barrels a day. At the same place during the same week they drilled four other most good-doing wells. Aint it awful poor

He took dinner with us today.

Louise, I have organized an Athletic ass'n. here among the girls and we are going to do some real work too!

The "Bloomer" girls will play their introductory + final baseball game Tues. afternoon.

We are trying to raise enough funds to furnish a gymnasium on a small scale.

We hope to be able to challenge Central high to a game or maybe two before Feb., one here and one there

722 Sycamore,
Owensboro, Ky.
Oct. 26-19

Dear Louise;

At last I have a minute of my own and can scratch a few lines such as they are going to be.

First, of all Owensboro is Albright even if a school fight is going on and the position I hold is in the middle of it. I happen to be the only out-of-town teacher here. The people here are very nice and are making me feel at home as much

as possible. I am staying with Mrs. Springfield; you remember Dolene S. ? Well it is her mother. Dolene & her sister, Valeria and her Aunt and mother & I are the only five women in the house and ^{only} four of us teaching. So naturally this house is very popular. And one thing too about O'boro, there are actually a couple of single he-males here. I can truly appreciate that fact on account of the destitution along that line of some places in which I have paused for a while.

The rage here is whist playing, and I don't know a cat, dog, chicken or man who does not speak or act in "whistical" terms - (??) I will teach you how to play when I come home if you'll let me and tell your mother I shall be delighted to teach her, ha ha.

Rev. Ruwallen former pastor of St. James' on 18th & Chest. is now the pastor of ^{the} St. Pauls' church here. This was his first sermon today and the introduction was very favorable to the members of the Church

The announcement was made at a very pleasant party.

Well my brain is racked so I must pause. Please write, Louise, a nice long newsy letter, tell me all about Lou. Ky,

Give my best regards to all. With odles of love

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if possible. Who is the Athletic teacher there? As soon as we get a good start we will let G. H. S. hear from us.

There are about between 25 + 35 girls in the Ass'n. and each has pledged a dollar and some have paid it and one girl has public subscriptions amounting to \$5.42, so really I think that is good for a three week old organization of children; Don't you?

O I haven't told you about my school work yet have I?

well I have 7", 8", 9", 10", 11" + 12"
Gr. History + Music + 6", 7" + 8"
Geography. At first I couldn't see
how I was going to manage the
Junior high work and it really
kept me upset for quite a while,
but now everything is in ship-
shape order and I like my
work and am very fond of the
Kids. They are "regular" kids + things
too but very dear — at times.

Your mother promised me, you
could come down and spend
a few days with me and I
will be so glad if you could come
I mean would. The "beauty
part" of it is you ~~would~~ ^{will} really
enjoy yourself + when you come
so let me know when you can
come. Oh I'll be so glad if you
come. I am so sorry I saw
such a little of you last summer.

Mrs. Springfield has announced
publicly (last Tuesday) the approach-
ing marriage of Dolene + Mr. Clark
which is to take place Dec. 24 - '19,
which is very nice for all who
can do it — n'est ce pas?

He wants to play but he's too hard
to awaken.

Have you seen Pauline or Nan?
Of course you have tell 'em hello
for me and all of you birds
flutter home soon.

Mama, Ann & Co. say
hello & with best wishes from
all of us I am as ever

Your friend
Agada.

1708 W. Chest.
Louisville, Ky.
Aug. 14-1922

Dear F.L.M.:

Your card rec'd. several
days ago but have been
so very busy with helping
papa that I've addressed few
letters save for him.

I am glad you seem
to be enjoying N'York ~~too~~
so much that I haven't
rec'd. the promised letter,
Now mind you I am
not a bit glad save for
the first half of previous

statement.

I am dying of curiosity to know whom you have met of my Ken. Hurry home and let me hear all about N. Y.

I wish you could run over or drive over into Paterson + see Lenora she is at 313 Hamilton ave. if you are fortunate enough to get a drive over.

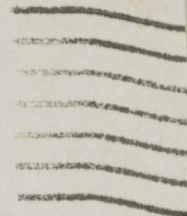
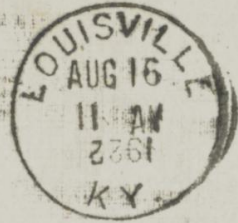
I see that a former table mate of mine at U. Y. is to

have the place vacated by Mr. Simpson, one Earl Taylor.

Do you remember the one I used to tell you about, in the Auld days, who ate so many of the Mary's specialty - Beans?

I am playing tennis every A. M. now. I go to the Y. M. with Miss Hudson. Have oodles of fun. Hurry back and fall in line. Saw Dr. Hammonds

1916 W. Chestnut,
Louisville, Ky.



Miss F. Louise Matthews,
257 W. 138th St.
New York.