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TUSKALOOSA, ALA., June 13-1912

Dear Mr Mathews, Your favor of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst has been forwarded to me here where I am spending a few days with my father - I have only one moment for a reply before I take a train -

I am one of several people who recommended you for the place in Louisville I should therefore be glad if the place offers sufficient inducement for you to accept -

The School board in Louisville has been taken out of politics and we now have five school commissioners - The entire management is left practically in the hands of the Supt - I feel that he is doing his best to improve the schools and place the teachers on their merits - I believe you would be as safe in accepting a position as you would be under any board I know -

With kindest regards I remain,  
Hastily yours  
John Little -

P.S.

Please do not mention the fact that I recommended you to any one in Louisville - J.L.

Columbus, Ga July 11, 1912  
Received from Bro. B. I. Williams Three  
Dollars & <sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, for Vasti Lodge No. 35. in  
full of amount.  
G. R. Hutto,  
G. C.

# Louisville Public Schools

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

E. O. HOLLAND  
SUPERINTENDENT

ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

Louisville, Ky. 7 October, 1912.

My dear Mr. Matthews:

The Board of Education has asked us to prepare a statement covering the work done in the Louisville public schools from January 1, 1911 to July 1, 1912. I imagine that you will be able to prepare, with the assistance of some of the older members of your faculty, a short statement concerning the work that was done during this time. Because of the fact that you were not in the colored high school during the time indicated above I think it would be nothing more than fair for you to devote part of your space to a discussion of what changes are now being made and what ideals and aims control the work of your school.

Very sincerely yours,

*E. O. Holland*  
Superintendent.

1720 W. Chestnut St.,

Louisville, Ky.,

August 7, 1914.

Mrs. Andrew A. Cowan,  
Woodburne Ave. & Cherokee Pk.,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Cowan:-

I am writing you this letter in the interest of one of the students of the Colored High School of this city, Nannie Board, whose mother and father are well known to you and your family.

Nannie graduated from the High School last year with highest honor, having made a very fine record both as a student and in Deportment. Now we are very anxious for her to continue her studies in some other school because she a smart girl. As you will remember her mother is a widow and has still another daughter besides Nannie dependent upon her for support.

Nannie is very anxious to make herself proficient in Domestic Science, Music and some other studies, and after talking it over with her mother I have advised her mother to send Nannie to Howard University, Washington, D.C. In that school she will be able to get what she needs.

Now this letter is written to you to ask if it were possible for you to render Mrs. Board any help with this girl? I know you have many calls, but Nannie is such a smart child and so deserving, I thought that you might suggest to her mother some one who might encourage <sup>her</sup> in this effort to educate this girl.

With thanks for any favor or consideration you may give to Nannie and her mother, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

W.B. Matthews,

Prin. Central High School.

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# Kentucky Negro Educational Association

LOUISVILLE, APRIL 21-24, 1915

**OUR SLOGAN: 600 MEMBERS**

Bowling Green, Ky. *April 7<sup>th</sup>* 1915

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As follows are extracts from a letter recently received from Prof. A. O. Guthrie, Organizer in the Second District: "The outlook in the Second is fine. I think we will bring 100 teachers to the K. N. E. A. Daviess will send at least 25."

Prof. J. W. Bates writes that he is "bringing things to pass" in the Eighth.

Other Organizers write that the K. N. E. A. is the whole topic in their sections of the State. Every mail brings enthusiastic letters from teachers and Superintendents who are "pulling" for the K. N. E. A.

If you want to see 600 live, wide-awake and progressive teachers, come to Louisville April 21-24. We are going to make educational history then, and we want you to help in the making.

Notice here some of the prominent educators who are to be with us: Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Dr. E. O. Holland, Superintendent of the Louisville Schools; Dr. Fred B. Crawshaw, University of Wisconsin; Dr. H. T. Kealing, Western University, Quindaro, Kansas; Dr. R. P. Halleck, Louisville; Mrs. Mary E. Tolbert, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, Prof. F. L. Williams, St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Lucy Laney, Augusta, Ga.

Efforts are also being made to secure Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Some points of interest among colored people:

East End Colored Library, Hancock and Lampton streets.

West End Colored Library, Tenth and Chestnut streets.

Colored Branch Y. M. C. A., 920 W. Chestnut street.

State University, Kentucky street.

Kentucky Institute for the Blind.

Central High School.

Pythian Temple.

U. B. F. Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut streets.

Odd Fellows' Hall, thirteenth and Walnut streets.

Mill City Cotton Mill, New Albany, Ind.

Orphans' Home.

About one dozen colored schools.

Churches of all denominations.

Drug stores, print shops, groceries, photograph galleries, moving and packing establishments, transfer lines, theaters and numerous other enterprises that are worth seeing.

The First meeting will be held Wednesday evening, April 21, instead of Wednesday afternoon, as stated in previous letters. The general program will be held at the spacious Quinn Chapel, on Chestnut street, near Tenth street. The Sectional Meetings will be held at Central High School, on Magazine street.

Home and board during the Association can be secured for one dollar or one dollar and a quarter per day. In order that you may secure a good home early, write either to Prof. W. H. Perry, 2911 W. Walnut street, or Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, 1701 W. Chestnut street. These gentlemen will see to it that you are well located.

To avoid the rush at the Association, we advise that you send in your Association Fee of ONE DOLLAR to the Secretary at 348 Center street, Bowling Green Ky. Fill out the enclosed card and send Postoffice Order. Do not send check.

I am Yours for Education,

*E. E. Reed*  
Secretary

MEET US IN LOUISVILLE

APRIL 21-24, at the K. N. E. A.



JEFFERSON COUNTY KENTUCKY

# Council of Defense

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug. 1, 1918.

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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"



JULIUS ROSENWALD  
CHICAGO

October 24, 1919.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

While your kind thoughtfulness in writing to Mr. Rosenwald about the Y.M.C.A. work for Colored men and boys in Kentucky is appreciated, he would prefer not to interest himself. Enclosed herewith please find a copy of an explanatory letter to Dr. Bond.

Sincerely yours,

*William C. Graves*  
Secretary to  
Julius Rosenwald.

Encl.  
WCG-R

Mr. W. B. Matthews,  
2121 W. Chestnut St.,  
Louisville, Ky.



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October 24, 1919.

Dear Dr. Bond:

Upon my return to the City I learn that you called during my absence and submitted the data about the Y.M.C.A. work for Colored men in Kentucky. I am sorry to have missed you. I find, on reading the letters from the numerous good friends and looking over the other items, that the enterprise is one which Mr. Rosenwald would prefer not to enter into. You can readily see that if he were to take part in Y.M.C.A. work for Colored men in Kentucky other states would be justified in expecting him to do the same for them. He would not care to enter into a wide relationship as he did in the case of the Y.M.C.A. buildings for Colored men and boys. Therefore, please let me ask that you kindly excuse him.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) William C. Graves

Secretary to  
Julius Rosenwald.

WCG-R

Dr. James Bond,

920 W. Chestnut St.,

Louisville, Ky.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK

Headquarters: 1105 Starks Bldg.,

Louisville, Ky.

November 18, 1919.

Dear Friend:--

It must be through an oversight that you haven't yet sent in your dollar for membership in the Louisville Conference of Social Workers for 1920. I'm sure you're interested, and want to be counted a member.

The payment of your membership fee is all the more important because the big dinner meeting at the Hotel Watterson on Monday, November 24, at which officers for the Kentucky Conference of Social Work will be elected for 1920, will be open only to paid-up members of the Louisville Conference of Social Workers and of the Kentucky Conference of Social Work. You'll find that dinner described on pages 5 and 6 of the enclosed program of the joint meeting of the National Consumers' League, the Kentucky Conference of Social Work and the Conference on Americanization (all of which meetings I'm hoping you may attend.).

An added advantage of membership in the Louisville Conference of Social Workers this year will be the semi-occasional receipt of a gossipy little bulletin called The Social Worker, which is now in press.

Then, too, we can't send you notices of meetings, (and there are going to be splendid ones in the year ahead, with excellent dinners and fine speakers and jolly good fellowship), unless you're a paid-up member.

Won't you just tuck a dollar bill with your card into the enclosed envelope and mail it back to us right away, so that you can share all these good things with the 175 people who already have renewed their membership for 1920?

Expectantly yours,

Elwood Street,

Secretary-Treasurer.

# LOUISVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

O. L. REID  
SUPERINTENDENT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 10, 1920.

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

My dear Mr. Matthews:

I have wondered why your daughter has never applied for a position in the Louisville schools. I understand that she is a graduate of the Central Colored High School and also of Atlanta University. From time to time we have vacancies in our elementary schools which are open to local young women who hold college degrees. Should your daughter be interested in such a position, I shall be glad to consider her for appointment as vacancies occur.

I can understand that your connection with the schools may have deterred you from allowing your daughter to apply. I sincerely hope that you will not feel this way about it as I see no reason why your daughter should be banished from Louisville because of your occupation here. I think that she should stand on an equality with other graduates of our high school who have had good preparation for teaching work. This is all the more true as I am informed that she took first honors in her high school class and second honors in her university class.

Yours truly,



R:MH

Superintendent

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*The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations*  
*347 Madison Avenue, New York.*

COLORED MEN'S DEPARTMENT

August 11, 1920

Prof. W. B. Matthews  
228 West 136 Street  
New York City

My dear Prof. Matthews:

I am dropping you this line that I might learn for a certainty whether you will be with us at the "get-together" meeting at Philadelphia, during the session of the Business League.

I would be pleased if you would call me,  
Phone Vanderbilt 1200, Extension 252. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

*R. B. DeFrantz*

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Dec. 8-31,

MRS. J. B. SPEED  
505 WEST ORMSBY AVENUE  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Dear Mrs. Matthews,

Too bad To trouble

You for another signature!

But they tell me at the  
Lou. Trust Co. it is necessary.  
This done, I feel there must be  
something due you; - I leave you  
to figure it out. —

Hastely, but with all  
good wishes,

Nellie B. Speed,

LYRIC THEATRE

604 West Walnut St.  
Louisville, Kentucky.

May 29, 30, & 31,  
1927.

Dear Friend:

What do you think of Evolution?  
"THUNDER" brings up the subject.

The Lyric Theatre on Sunday,  
Monday, and Tuesday, May 29, 30, and 31,  
will present an interesting and thought-  
provcking development in the subject of  
Evolution, in the great photoplay, "WINGS  
OF THE STORM".

"WINGS OF THE STORM" will show  
the effect of careful selection for three  
generations. The complicated question of  
where instinct leaves off and knowledge  
begins is somewhat cleared up. It is  
more educational than many lectures in  
Psychology. In short, it is a remarkable  
study of Psychology, filled with romance,  
intrigue, thrills a-plenty, and a world  
of comedy.

Feeling that the ordinary methods  
of calling the attention of the public to  
this great educational and entertaining  
production would not reach your attention,  
and knowing you are interested in seeing  
the best, we have resorted to this special  
means of informing you.

"WINGS OF THE STORM", Sunday,  
Monday, and Tuesday, May 29, 30, and 31.

Cordially Yours,

THE LYRIC THEATRE.

Enough of good there is in the lowest estate to  
Sweeten life,

Enough of evil in the highest to check presumption,

Enough there is of both in all estates to bind  
us in compassionate brotherhood, to teach us  
impressively that we are one dying and one  
immortal family.

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life!  
Enough of evil in the highest to check presumption;  
Enough of both in all estates to bind us in  
compassionate brotherhood, to teach us that  
we are one dying and one immortal family!"



[ca Sept 6, 1933]

Dear Mrs. Leathens,

Thank you for letting me see these two letters, very different in tone, but both gratifying. - It shows the esteem in which Dr. Leathens is held, that two such busy men find time to write in such a friendly way!

Hope the Hay-fever is not too unbearable. - Chancellor Patterson, of the U. S. L. - is also a victim. Why cannot the cure for it be found! For there must be an "antidote." -

affectionately yours -  
Hattie B. S. -

MRS. J. B. SPEED  
505 WEST ORMSBY AVENUE  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY



Mrs. D. B. Mathews  
2121. West Chestnut,  
Louisville.

*Handwritten note:*  
Mrs. J. B. Speed  
505 West Ormsby Ave.  
Louisville, Ky.

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LOUISVILLE ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS' IN COLORED SCHOOLS

November, 1937

To All Louisville Teachers,  
Principals, Supervisors and Clerks:

Since our Group Accident and Health Insurance Plan was adopted with the Washington National Insurance Company in 1933, many of our teachers have received benefits for disabilities. There have been many letters received from teachers acknowledging courteous, prompt and satisfactory action on the part of the Company in payment of claims. We still believe this contract affords us the best coverage available. Evidence of this is borne out by the fact that since the plan was installed, more than \$27,000.00 has been paid to Louisville teachers in claims for disabilities.

As there is a continuous demand for the insurance, the Company at our request, is planning a campaign to bring the details of the plan before you. Accordingly, a Home Office Representative will meet with the teachers of your building, outside of school hours, in the near future. During this campaign "Special Concessions" will be granted for a limited time.

Our wholesale buying power enables us as a group to purchase this insurance at a lower cost and gives us income protection that is free from the usual restrictions.

This plan merits your wholehearted support. We sincerely hope that a very large percentage of those teachers not now protected under our Group Plan will take advantage of the opportunity they now have. Do not postpone action as you may not be able to secure the protection later.

Sincerely,

*W. H. Perry, Jr.*  
W. H. Perry Jr. President

## PLAN OF INCOME PROTECTION

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### PROTECTION IS ISSUED AS FOLLOWS:

- A \$ 50.00 per month is payable for disability resulting from any accident. Payments start on the first day of disability and continue for a period of not to exceed 52 weeks.
- B \$ 50.00 per month is payable for disability resulting from any sickness (irrespective of time of inception). Payments start on the 8th day of disability and continue for a period of not to exceed 52 weeks.
- C \$ 25.00 per month ADDITIONAL, not to exceed two months, if the insured is confined in a licensed hospital.
- D\* \$ 25.00 Any amount not to exceed \$25.00 is payable in the event of a non-disabling injury to reimburse the insured for medical or surgical fees.
- E \$100.00 A sum not to exceed \$100.00 is payable to place the insured in the hands of relatives or friends, if, because of sickness or accident the insured is physically unable to care for himself.
- F \$500.00 in case of loss through accident of: Life, or both eyes, or both hands, or both feet, or one hand and one foot.
- \$250.00 in case of loss through accident of either hand, or either foot.
- \$166.66 in case of loss through accident of one eye.

\*At the request of the Association this feature is being added as of the semi-annual premium date, November 11th.

### INDEMNITIES AND RATES

Principal Sum	Monthly Benefit	Annual Premium	Semi-Annual Premium
\$ 500.00*	\$ 50.00*	\$15.50*	\$ 8.00*
750.00	75.00	22.75	11.65
1000.00	100.00	30.00	15.25

\*Indicates the standard amounts described above

### OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF THE PLAN

1. The cost is very low.
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8. No medical examination required.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE CO., Chicago

Group Plan

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION BLANK

Full Name..... Name of School.....

Address.....  
(Street and Number) (City) (State)

Name of Beneficiary..... Relationship.....

As a teacher, I hereby apply for Sickness and Accident Insurance in accordance with the terms of the Group Policy issued to the.....  
paying benefits as follows:

Principal Sum \$..... Disability Indemnity \$.....

For this insurance I agree to pay in advance an annual premium of \$.....  
or a semi-annual premium of \$..... My regular salary from the Board of Education during the school year is \$..... monthly. My age is.....

Are you actively on duty at the time this application is made?.....

Date....., 19.....

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Applicant's Signature.....

JOHN LITTLE  
540 ROSELANE STREET  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

February 21, 1941

Mrs. W. B. Matthews  
2121 W. Chestnut  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mrs. Matthews:

Sunday, February 9, 1941, was a delightful day in the history of the Presbyterian Colored Missions. Twelve hundred people gathered to celebrate our Forty-third Anniversary.

Led by the pastor of the Church the 900 pupils recited in unison the 100th Psalm. Following this recitation the choirs of the two churches and the pupils of the Sunday Schools carried out the letter and spirit of the Psalm. "Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing."

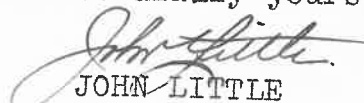
Greetings from the Community Chest were brought by a member of the Executive Committee. Representatives of the Presbyterian and Baptist Theological Seminaries were present to lead the audience in prayer and to pronounce the Benediction.

On such occasions I recall a host of friends whose benefactions have made it possible to found, maintain and expand a program which has been for 43 years an uplifting power in the lives of thousands of colored people.

I hope you can find the few minutes necessary to read this pamphlet. The grandmother, her two daughters and her two grandchildren came at the close of the service to thank me for the inspiration "THE MISSIONS" had brought.

As we enter our 44th year the doors of opportunity for service are wide open before us, and we need the continued approval and interest of the people of God.

Cordially yours,

  
JOHN LITTLE

JL:c  
Encl.

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a water  
set and a little doll and a  
little Santa Claus and a  
story book Xmas time and  
some fruit and some games  
and a cooking set and  
something to make my  
Christmas tree look  
pretty.

Yours truly  
Louise Matthews