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June 27, 1914.

My dear sweet Louise;—

I am just through doing what you and Mamma may do on July 4th—eat water-melon. I have not had much because I am a afraid to eat it. I am trying to keep well while I am so far away from you and Mother. Are you all well?

At Americus on last Wednesday I saw Drs. Petus, Madison, Slater, Butler and others from Atlanta. I saw Charley Thomas and they all looked so very good to me. Mrs. Butler and Henry were there but I did not get to see them. All of them wanted to know about you and Mamma. I gave a good report, and they were pleased.

Some how or other I have had it
in my mind that you all were not
well. Write and tell me how you
are and what you are doing.
I shall have nothing of interest
to write until I reach Atlanta.
I told Mamma what Dr. Slater said
about Uncle Sol.

I have written Prof. Hunt to send you
all the peaches and send me
the bill. I do not know how
soon he will send them, but
soon I hope.

You may write me a letter to
America if you write at once.
If you cannot write ^{now} why address
me at Savannah, Ga. General
Delivery. Be sure and take care
of my wife - your own,

Papa.

~~G. R. HUTTO~~
~~P.O. BOX 52~~
~~BAINBRIDGE, GA.~~



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

Savannah Ga, July 8, 1914

My

dear sweet Louise;

Your very nice letter came to me day before yesterday and it read like a novel. I was indeed delighted with it. I had just written to mother to know why I did not hear from you. Well, since you have written it is all off now and we are as we have always been.

I am having a nice time here. I have had several rides in an auto and have been about quite a bit. I have seen some people who know you and how they did talk about you it was a shame. I tell you who it was, Miss Maxey Harris of Atlanta. She knows you like a top and tells all about you and Miss Swift and your work for Miss Swift in Algebra. Really though, she seemed so glad to see me and to find out how you were getting along.

I had a long Auto ride with Mr. Pharrow of Atlanta this morning. He is building a bank here for the Wage Earners' bank of this city and just came in town this morning and came down to Mr. Cohen's office and took all of us to ride. We were gone for quite two hours. He has a fine car.

I am invited by Mrs. Sherman to go to Beaufort S.C. to morrow on a picnic and I think I will go. I am told that it will be very select and that the order will be good. I have never been to Beaufort and they tell me that it is a very pleasant trip on the boat nearly all day, so I believe I will go. The cost for the round trip will be only fifty cents. Do you and Mamma care if I spend that much? I will be careful and not get into any trouble. When you get this letter I shall have been up and back so I am sure you all will not mind.

Tell Mamma I have seen Alice Ruth White, (Mrs. Glenn.) She is looking well. She seemed very glad to see me. She invited me around to her house and I mean to go when he is in.

I also called on Mrs. Lemon, (Callie). She ask very kindly after Mamma and you and said she meant to have answered Mamma's letter. They have moved into Savannah for the Summer and seems very happy. Her boy is a big little fellow now and looks very healthy.

I am glad you are doing so well with your music. Keep at it and you will win the prize. Mamma said a certain little girl was lazy, that she slept late every morning and did not like to do much. Well, I said that it was so hot that no body liked to work. Was I right?

You all may write me at Valdosta Ga. from now on. I will be there Monday morning and will be there until next Thursday night, when I will leave for Atlanta. I plan to remain there only a few days and then come to my own. I miss you all so badly.

Tell Mamma I sent Miss Evans a card, I also sent Mrs. Whedbee one and Mrs. Sheppard one. I shall send Mrs. Parrish one.

This is not my best on the type writer but it is written thus to let you know that I am not in your class. With lots of love for you and Grandma and Mamma, I am as ever,

Your own,

O. B. Matthews.
Papa



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

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Oct. 18, 1915.

My very dear Louise:-

Your letter came to me Saturday morning, and I was glad to hear from you to learn just what you were doing in your studies. I think you have a very nice program and that you will keep up in every way. What you say about understanding Prof. Webster is true of almost every new student who goes to Mr. Webster's classes. I am glad you are beginning to understand him better. If I were you I would stop after the recitation and tell Mr. Webster that I could not understand him when he talked to the class. You must ^{not} be afraid to talk when you do not understand. Stand right up for yours.

I am sending herein a letter for you to take to Dr. Adams. It explains itself. You will ask him for money when you need it. I do not want you to need any thing down there and not be able to get it. Try to be wise and not ask for what you do not need, but whenever you need any money just go to Dr. Adams and he will let you have it.

I trust you may continue to enjoy yourself and make many friends. It is very pleasing to us (Mamma and me) to know that you are faithful to all your duties, especially, that you go to Sunday school and to prayer meeting. I am so pleased that you joined the Y.W.C.A.

You must not neglect your old friends-Misses Murphy, Ruckers, Proctors, Nashes, Whites or any others whom you knew before you left Atlanta. In making your new friends do not lose the old ones.

Did you have the money to pay for the repairing of your shoes? If not ask Dr. Adams for it and pay Uncle Peyton.

Mamma is having company this week. Mrs. John Hope of Atlanta and Mrs. J.C. Napier of Nashville, Tenn. are stopping with us. Mamma will give a reception for them this afternoon. Yesterday we had nearly an hundred callers to see them. This morning they came

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to the High School and spoke to the children in the Chapel. Mrs. Hope spoke first and then Mrs. Napier. The children seemed to have enjoyed both of them very much. From our school they went out to State University and to the Blind Asylum and some where else. Mrs. Steward and Mrs. Dr. Sneed took them in the latter's Auto.

Well, I know what you want to know. Yes the children behaved well, and everything went off in nice shape. Mrs. Napier made a fine speech. You see Old Central is still on the map and pushing ahead.

What has become of Rufus? We thought we would have heard from him long before this hour. Tell him to drop me a line. I want to know how he is getting on and how he likes down there. Does ^{he} understand what Mr. Webster says when he is teaching? We have enrolled 330 pupils, so far, and one or two more may come. We can not get all of our students in the Chapel at one time. We had Rhetoricals last Friday and quite a few had to stand all the while.

Well, I will not write you more just now. Just continue to do your best and we shall be well satisfied. I am sure you are Papa and Mamma's sweet little chicken and we know that you will always do what is right. We have all the confidence in you. We have not been fussing but have been "sweet to all!" I do not want you worry for I promise you that, for your sake, I will not fuss. I want you to be happy all the time.

With kind regards to all who may ask after us, and with best wishes to the Louisville Delegation, I beg to remain,

Your own Papa,

Will.

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PRINCIPAL

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

Oct. 18, 1915.

Dr. M. W. Adams, Dean,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Adams:-

Please let my daughter, Louise, have such an amount of money as she may need for her personal use. She will not want a great deal but whatever she may ask for please let her have it, and charge same to her deposit. I will try to keep you supplied with sufficient to meet her expenses.

Thanking you for the same favor, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

W. B. Matthews.

FROM

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Oct 18, 1915

Miss F. Louise Matthews,

Atlanta University,

Atlanta Ga.

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PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

November, 26, 1915.

My own dear Louise:-

I trust that you have had a very pleasant Thanksgiving, and that you enjoyed yourself at the several functions which attended the day in connection with the school. When you were over at Morris-Brown did you go over and look at our house? Did you go over and call on Aunt Julia and Miss Gaines? I trust you did all these things if you cared to do so.

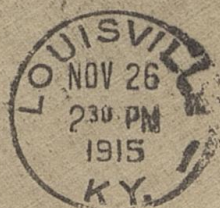
Mama, Grandma and I went, as you know, to Dr. Whedbee's to take dinner with Mrs. Simmons. We had a very nice dinner and a very pleasant time. Mr. Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Pettijohn were there. After dinner we sat a while and talked and then we men went out to see about the Foot Ball games. Central played Bowlinggreen, Ky. We beat them 7 to 6. Una Voce beat Alpha Omega 18 to 0. They played at Spring Bank Park. How did the game between A. U. & M. U. result?

We had a letter from Dr. Crawford yesterday telling us of his visit to see you and of what he thought of your condition. He thinks you are in good condition and doing well. He thinks you are well cared for and getting all the attention you need, save one thing. He says that he does not think that you go to bed at the right time. He is very sure that you need more sleep than you get. Now, dear girl, tell papa about that? What time do you go to bed? are your studies so hard that you have to sit up all night to learn them? Be very truthful to me. I do not want you to lose your good sleep and get poor and puny. Now, write and tell papa just about what time you retire at night. Do you have much company in your room? and does that company come during your time for study? You just must have your sleep. Now you see to that. Write me soon and tell me all I have asked.

Your own Papa, *Will.*

FROM

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

December, 21, 1915.

My own dear Louise:-

Well, my dear girl you have done well this year up to this date and mother and I are glad that you are our daughter. Your marks show that you have applied yourself and spent your time to the best advantage. Let me express a father's appreciation. If you have always been ladylike in your deportment in all places we are doubly proud of you. And may I say right here that we have never had any but the very best report of your behavior. We are so glad that you are a Matthews-Beale.

You have already had all the news in the town from your mother and along that line there is nothing that I can add. My School work is in good condition and we-mother and I-because my friend Prof. O. L. Reid has been elected Superintendent of Schools here. I need have no anxiety whatever. You may rest easy but say nothing to anybody. Prof. Reid will see that All goes well with the High School as long as I am in the right.

We sent you a small box today by Express and we trust that it may reach you in time for your Christmas. I am not able to send you anything extra but joined heartily with mother in sending what you will find in the box. Mother does the sending and I do the paying.

What about your fountain pen? Does it write to your satisfaction? I want you to be a little more careful about two things, 1st your hand writing, and your spelling. I have learned from experience that poor handwriting and bad spelling are the worst enemies to any educated person, and will very often cause them to lose out at the most vital crisis. Please mind your spelling and the neatness of your hand writing. Do not let hast get you into a careless habit of writing.

Your own, Papa Hill

FROM

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

December 29, 1915.

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My dear Louise:-

I am writing you this short letter to say that we have sent your check for January Board and Tuition. You may call on Dr. Adams for money with which to buy stamps. We sent you five dollars extra. I trust that you will not use all of your money just because you have it. Use what you need and do not stint yourself.

We are very glad that you are having a good time. Try to keep well and then you will be happy. Give my best wishes to Rufus and Willie. Tell them I am expecting them to do well.

We had a card from Mrs. Pitts today and she said that you had gone over to see Cousin. I trust that you had a good time.

So many people here ask after you and seem so very much interested in you and your success. I am glad that, so far, I have been able to report that you are doing well. I saw Miss Hurt today and she said that she had a card from you and that she was so glad to get it. Lots and lots of people say you have written them cards. I am so glad. Your doing so has helped me and mother.

Have you done well in your exams? I do hope that you did. I know that you did your very best. I am satisfied. Miss Parks seemed to think that you should have received more in Latin than they give you last time.

Grandma is well and happy. Ethel and Mamma are doing Society here this week. Mamma is not so well. She has a bad cold and is very tired. She is giving a reception for Ethel Saturday. After that I think she may let up a little and get some rest. She may have to have Dr. Whedbee after all is over. I am trying to keep her well. I think I shall succeed. Good luck and be sweet.

Yours, Papa

FROM

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

January 18, 1916

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My own dear Louise:-

It has been along time since I have written you a letter. I have a minute now and I am writing to say that we are glad to have such nice letters from you to us. Most of mine come through mother nevertheless, I am pleased to even be thought of in that way. We have heard that you were doing well in your studies and that you were being a good girl. It is a real pleasure to know that you are having good health. You know that is the best of all. When we are well we can be happy and can make others happy, but when our health is bad we are helpless and must cause those who love you much anxiety.

Well, Louisville is about as you left it. Our work in school moves on in the same old way. Since you have been away we have made some changes. We have chapel only twice a week now, Tuesdays and Thursdays at ten o'clock. We have made another change. Instead of having our classes all pass we have the teachers pass. Not all of the teachers pass, but all save Mr. Nixon and Mr. Cooper and the teachers of Manual Training. It works finely, too. We do not have $\frac{1}{2}$ the noise we use to have. Now, I know you want to know how we happen to think of such a plan. Well I thought it out all by myself. Yes, most of the teachers like it.

Next term we are to have a new teacher. I do not know yet who it will be but I will know in a few days. We are to have 66 new students in next month. That number with what we have already enrolled will make our number reach 398 this scholastic calendar. So you may see that we are increasing in numbers as well as good works.

Our new building will not be ready until next Sept. They are at work on it every day now but it does not look like anything yet.

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PRINCIPAL

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Since Ethel left Mamma has not been so well. She went to bed with the LaGrippe the same day Ethel went home and has been in bed since. The doctor has kept her in bed not because she was so sick but to keep her from going out so much. You should see her in bed with all of her pretty quilts and bedding. She just looks grand. She is getting quite fat, eating as much as she pleases.

She gets up when she wants to and sits up as long as she wants to but she can not go out. You know how Grandma is. She just keeps Mamma in bed as long as Dr. Whedbee wants her to stay. Mr. Jones of the Urban League will be here to morrow and Mamma wants to go and she has ask Dr. Whedbee to let her go, and I bet she will go.

Please remember us to any inquiring friends. Do you see many people from the city? Uncle Peyton gives me a fine report of your work in Mr. Towns' class. Are you doing as well else where?

You been a very smart girl in writing to all the people who sent you presents. That was right and proper. A great many up here have told us that they heard from you. Mamma and I are both so pleased with you for being so correct and courteous.

With many good wishes and sweet kisses, I beg to remain,

Your own,

W. B. Matthews.

P. S. Give my best wishes to Miss Mosee and to Mr. McKinney. I hear that both are doing well in every thing and I am proud to own them as the children of OLD CENTRAL.

W. B. M.

FROM

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Grandma sends love and
says she will write you soon
she is hardly well from the
grippe herself.

Write to your mother soon.

With love from all I am,

Your devoted father,

W. B. Matthews.

Dictated.

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Jan 21, 1916

1710 W. Chestnut-St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Jan., 21, 1916.

My dear Louise:

Your letter came to me
this a. m. We were very, very
glad to hear from you.

Your mother is much better.

She is sitting up in her room
today, in her red robe. She
says you can draw a picture
of her in your mind.

She is writing for me so that
I may get your letter off this

p. m. in time for the eight
O'clock train, so that you may get
it Sat. p. m. She says that I am
to enclose 25- two cent stamps for
you and that you can write right
back to her and she'll hear from
you Monday. She hopes that the
letter is already written and that
you will have nothing to do but
to stamp and post-it.

Roberta is not taking violin lessons
now. Miss Bryant divided her
class into an A and B division.
Alferna landed in the A division
and Roberta in the B and so her
mother stopped her.

How are you getting on with your
music. Your mother says tell her
something of your hair.

Be sure to take medicine and
keep your bowels in good condition
as that is one of the first essentials
for good health.

Albert is doing nicely with
his class work. He has just come
in and sends love.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

February 26, 1916.

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My own dear Louise:-

I am writing to say that we are well and getting in the usual way. I trust that you are happy and well. Your letter was a pleasant innovation and one which always brings joy to us. Grand Mother was so delighted to have her letter from you. And I, well, I smiled when I saw that you had remembered me. This fact was especially note-worthy when, because we got letters and Mamma did not she said that she felt like crying. She was only teasing and we understood it.

Well, we got your marks and I have been studying them today. I am impressed with the fact that they do not give great big marks there as we did here. We think, allthings being equal, you have done real well. I mean by that that you stood 3rd or 4th in your class? Mamma got your marks this morning and proceeded to call up Mrs. Mc. to learn what Rufuse had done and to her great surprise Mrs. Mc. did remember what Rufuse had made. Mother told her that you had made 84.5 and then she-Mrs.Mc. said that Rufuse had made about the same. Mother was hot because mother Mc. did not know at once. You write and tell us what he made and how much he beat you. Can you tell me how much Edwards made also?

We see from your letter that you went tStone Mountain. Well we trust that you had a good time on the trip. We did not care if you went, that^{is} if you cared to go, but we would have been glad if you had informed us before that you were planning to go. We both think that you should let us know all of your plans in advance. We shall not object to any thing that is right but we always want to know.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

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While I am writing to you mother is dressing, I think because Albert is coming down. She is telling me lots of things to say to you. One is that you have lost your little hat with the blue feather on it. She says that it has taken up with her and that she wears it every-^{it}where she goes. She wears^{it} because it is so much like you. 191

We were glad that you went out in the city and made some calls. I think it a fine thing to keep your old friends there in Atlnta. Were they glad to have you come to see them? I saw Gladys Pharrow the other day and she told me that she had a letter from you. She seemed so pleased that you had written to her.

You have not written to Wihelmina Sheppard since you have been away. I would suggest that you write her a letter. All the girls tell her of having letters from you but you have not written to her.

Grandma says that she will write to you next week. I shall not send the check for your Tuition and Board before the 8th of March. That will be as early as I can send it. If you are out of money I can send you a small amount of money to do until that time.

Write me what your condition is.

Do not forget to send the standing of those persons about whom I ask you. We want to know who is ahead of you, or if they are up with you.

The Douglass Debating Club held their Semi-Annual Debate last night at the Eastern Branch Library. It was better than usual. Had a full house. Our Orchestra will give its first Public Recital on Mar. 30th. I wish you were here to hear them. Mr. Joseph Douglass will give a Violin Recital here under the auspices of the High School on Mar. 7 or 8th at Quinn Chapel. Miss Fannie will be with him. They will stpp with us. Write me a long letter soon, I am, as ever,

W. B. Matthews, Princip.

FROM

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

March 7, 1916.

My very dear Louise:-

We have your letter sent to us last week and we were glad to hear from you. Your letters always bring joy to us and we read them over and over. Yes, I was pleased to note that you have made up your mind to make a better mark next month than you did this last month.

So many people tell us about hearing from you. It is nice to write to those who have been kind to you. By doing so you make a friend. You are doing well in the work you are doing on the Scroll. Many friends speak kindly of your articles. I myself think that they are good.

I am sending you the check this month and I trust that you will be careful and not keep any money around in your room and thereby lead some people into temptation. Go at once and pay your bills as soon as you get your check. I am sending you \$24.00 this month. We sent you a dollar last week. Mother says that she can not let you have more now. You will please get your receipts together and send all of them to mother. She wants them. Some days or weeks or months, I do not know which she told you to send her your receipts but you did not do so.

Mr. Douglass, his wife and their two children are at our house today. He plays for our school tonight at Quinn Chapel. I have not seen them. I will, however as soon as I go home.

Write me a good long letter and tell me all the University news. I like to know what is going on. Remember me kindly to Willie and Rufus.

With Love and many kisses, I beg to remain,

Your father,

W. B. Matthews.

FROM

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Mar 7, 1916

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta Georgia.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

March 25, 1916.

My very dear Louise:-

The inclosure sent in mother's letter was handed to me when I arrived at home from school the other day and I read it with the usual delight. I was pleased to have a line from my child. As is usually the case I was very glad to learn that you were in good health and getting on in a nice way generally. I am expecting nothing else from you. If a Matthews were to have any other report come from them I would lose my equilibrium. I am never to lose that where you are concerned. We are well and moving on in the same old way. Mamma is well and strong now and has been for several weeks. But I must not brag, and so as I write this I am touching wood. So much for living with you and Mamma. I have taken on your superstition or rather I am playing that way.

Well, you all are having lots of things down there now, and will continue to have until school closes. Do not let them come in between you and your work. I make it a rule to attend to my business first and then other things follow. It is not certain now whether or not I shall come to the Trustees' meeting this year. I will if the meeting is held in Atlanta. If I do I can stay only one day.

As I came on up the street this morning Mrs. Mosee called me by and told me that she had just had a letter from Willie in which W. told her of your - I mean you and Willie- reserve seats sent by your (beaus???). I trust that you both had a goodtime and that the Concert was a big success.

I am sending you a few stamps herein and shall send you more later. Our school is ~~is~~ about as you left it, only we have more students and we have two A. U. teachers whom I think I can trust as my friends. Be sweet, study hard, have a good time, always do right and be a lady. We love you all the time. As ever, I am your, *Father*

FROM

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia,

North Hall.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

March 30, 1916.

My very dear Louise:-

I sent you in last night's mail a fountain Pen to take the place of yours which you say is about worn out. I trust that it may reach you in good shape. It is not an expensive pen but one that will do you good service until June. It is a self filler. You will see a little piece of steel on the side of it. Pull that out or down, put the point in ink and then push that back in place, and your pen will be filled.

If it works satisfactory let me know and if it does not work satisfactory why let me know also. We, I maen Mamma and I, did not want to see bad writing coming from our young lady. So she told me to get you this pen. Take good care of it and try not to lose it.

I trust that you wi.11 do well in the contest. We know that you can if you try. Do not put off learning your piece until the last minute. Learn it and then pratice whatever extras you wish to put to it. I am sending you herein a program of our Orchestra Recital tonight. Write and tell me what you think of it? It is our first public appearance and our boys are just a little nervous. I think, however, that they will do pretty well.

Central is doing fairly well just now. My graduating class is not feeling as happy as they should be. Some of them are on the anxious seat. They are working as hard as you have ever seen little fellows work.

Give my best wishes to Rufus and Willie and say to them that I am always talking about them to the teachers here. We are xpecting great things from them.

With best love to you from us, I am,

your

Father

FIRST PUBLIC RECITAL

Central High School Orchestra

Y. M. C. A. Gym.

920 W. Chestnut St.

Thursday, March 30th, 1916

PROGRAM

1. March—"Boots and Saddles" - - - - - *Lusk*
Orchestra
2. Southern Melodies - - - - - *Haves*
Orchestra
3. "My Mammy's Voice" - - - - - *Loomis*
Glee Club
4. Cornet Solo—"Palm Branches" - - - - - *Faure*
Mr. Leonard Fields
5. Melody in F - - - - - *Rubenstein*
Orchestra
6. Piano Duet—"Valse Caprice" - - - - - *Rathbun*
Misses Gladys and Marie Davis
7. "Drink to me only with thine eyes" - - - - - *Old English*
Glee Club
8. Waltz—"Kiss of Spring" - - - - - *Staats*
Orchestra
9. Vocal Solo—"Past and Future" - - - - - *Weatherly*
Miss Rosa Williams
10. March—"Co-Ed" - - - - - *Zamecnik*
Orchestra

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ADMISSION 10 CENTS

FROM
Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Mar 30, 1916

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

April 4, 1916.

My very dear Louise:-

I am sending you herein check for your Board and Tuition. You will please pay your debts and deposit such as you do not need to spend just now.

I trust that all things are going ^{as} you want them to go. We are anxious about you and your recitation, I mean in the contest. We hope that you will do well. Do not put off till the last moment to learn or commit your piece. We were just saying last night that you would do real well if Mamma were there to push you along. We do wish that you may just push yourself along.

I am sending you a card on which we want you to write us as soon as the debate is over so that we may get it on Monday. Get any friend to mail it in town as they go home from the debate. We all are anxious to hear before any other person here. Now do not forget.

Mamma and I are betting ^{on} Moore and Gorden. It would be a great event if they should win from Howard. You understand that Howard feels that they simply can not be beaten.

Please write us at your very earliest as to the result, whether we win or lose.

With lots of love, I beg to remain,

Your own Father,

W. B. Matthews.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



FROM

Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

North Hall

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

LOUISVILLE, KY.

April 25, 1916.

My very dear Louise:-

Your letter of two days ago came yesterday and I have noted its contents. It was nice of you to write to me. Mother gets two or three to my one but when mine comes it is gladly received. I am satisfied that you are making good of the time at your command and that is a comfort to us.

Concerning the Course you shall take let me say that I will write you on or before May 1st. I must look into the merits of each before I decide. Would you like to study the Mathematics in the Scientific Course? You write me why you prefer the one to the other? While I am in favor of letting you take the Course you wish, at the same time it will not be a bad idea for us to go over the situation and see what value the one or the other Course will have on your future plans. When you shall have completed the work of the University there I want you to go at least one year or more to some Northern school. Now the selection you make should have some bearing on that work. As soon as I hear from you as to your plans for further study I will tell you what I think best for you to do.

Deo volenti, I shall be in Atlanta on the 30th of May. I shall not be able to stay but one day. Mother says I must bring her trunk and bring back all that you can not get in your trunk. You must have every thing ready to pack. I shall reach there about 8 o'clock in the morning and leave at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

We are all well and happy. We missed you so much on Easter and thought of you all day. We did not send you any thing because we had been too busy to go to town. I am sure that Mamma will more than repay you for the omission. With all good wishes, I am, *Papa Will.*

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W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

May 22, 1916.
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My dear Louise:-

I wrote to Mr. Huth the other day and asked him to give you a barrell into which you are to put the things you can not get in your trunk and let him ship them home for you. He wrote me that he would look after it for me. I do not know hat it will cost but whatever it is he will tell you and if you have not money write me at once and I will send it to you immediately.

Now put just as much into the barrell as you can get into it. It will relieve you of the trouble of packing your trunk when you get ready to come home. I would suggest that you put in the barrell your winter clothes. Ask Mr. Huth to see that the barrell is good and strong so that it may not come to peices on the way up.

Mamma said that you would see that your rug was packed away down there and leave any other things which you would not need at home. In leaving your rug see that it will be properly stored away.

You will leave there Thursday morning June the 1st and will reach Louisville at nine o'clock that same night. We are beginning to look for you already. Mamma is counting the days and hours now. Have a good time but be careful. This is the time of year when students get into trouble. I know my child will be thoughtful and careful, and allow no one to lead her. My child is to be a leader and will not be lead in the wrong direction.

The money for your transportation will reach Atlanta next Monday. We shall send it to Dr. Adams. This is the time when stealing goes on in the school. We shall take no chances. Be sweet until I see you.

As ever,

Papa.

Central Colored High School

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

May 26, 196.

My very dear Louise:-

I have your letter of this date and in reply have to say that Mama sent you \$2.50 extra today with which to have as extra change on the road home. Do not spend it for other things. Speaking for myself I think you have had a good bit of money on hand not to have paid all your fees. I shall write to Dr. Adams and see that balance on your accounts is paid. Mother and I agree that you do not know what value to place on money. But I do not mean to fuss and hope you will not think me cross.

I am sending you some stamps and will say that you may call on Dr. Adams for any little change you may need to spend. It will come out of your \$2.50. Hoping to see you real soon, I beg to remain,

As ever,

Papa.

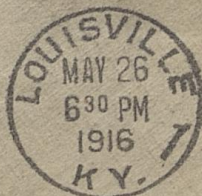
I was about to forget to say that we sent your railroad fare and five dollars for Drawing Room also to Dr. Adams. When Mr. Pitts calls for it get it from Dr. Adams and let Mr. Pitts get your tickets. Willie's money is also with yours. Mr. Pitts will get tickets for you both.

If Rufus desires he will get his also.

Trusting that you will have a good time, I am,

W. B. M.

FROM
Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

November 24, 1916.

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My own dear Louise:-

It has been quite a while since I wrote you a letter, and as I am at home all alone tonight it occurred to me that I might drop you just a line. We are all well and happy. Mother has gone to the theatre with the Whedbees to see "Dadie Long Legs" and Grand Mother has gone to her church. I am just back from the Orchestra practice. While alone I thought that I would commune with you.

I hope you are well and happy, moving on smoothly with your work. Do you find your subjects hard this year? As a matter of fact I do not know just what your subjects are this year. At first you told me that you were going to take Descriptive Geometry but later you wrote that you could not take that because you would have to go to the shop to recite. Then you said that you were going to take Greek and that you would want a Greek Grammar which we had here at home but you did not send for that, so I do not know just what your subjects are. Will you write and tell me? I am satisfied that whatever you are taking you are doing your best, and a good day's work. I know that you are keeping busy. The best way to be happy is to keep very busy all the time.

I always read your letters to mother and they are always very newsy and full of interest. Nearly every thing I learn about Atlanta of late I get from your letters. Mamma and I really enjoy hearing from you.

Do you want to know the news at this end of the line? Well, we played Bowling Green last Saturday and beat them 65 to 0. We have not been defeated only once this term or season. That was when we played

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A Club of men from Indianapolis. They beat us 6 to 0. Our big game will occur next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, with Pearl High School of Nashville, Tenn. here on our grounds. Our boys are getting ready for the fray, and they say we are going to beat them. We have one draw back and that is, Mr. Nixon, our Coach, is sick in bed and has been for eight days. I do not know just when he will be able to return to school. I think he has lung trouble, and if that is so, it is difficult to decide just when he will be back in school. Mr. Robinson is doing his work.

I heard mother say that she was going to send you a box for Thanksgiving. I don't think it will be a big box, but I think she means to carry out your request relative to a cake for Miss Simmons. I am sure, however, that she will send you something in the box. Do not expect too much.

Do you ever see Harry Chase Holmes? I never hear you say anything about him. Look him up some time and have a word to say to him. It will be nice of you to do so. Remember that his father and your father are the best of friends.

I think that Mr. F.G. Smith, Principal of Pearl High at Nashville, will stop with us if he comes with his team next week. Mother knew his wife when she lived in Atlanta.

I have written you a long letter now and at the same time I have not said much. Please ^{write} me a letter and tell of your school work and how you like it. Please give my regards to Willie and Rufus and any other of your friends who may chance to know me.

With love and kisses, I am as ever,

Papa

\$ 25⁰⁰

ATLANTA, GA. Nov. 15, 1916

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NO. _____

M. B. Matthews. (SEAL)

DUE _____

(SEAL)

Grandma
will write
to leave
for while I am
in St. Louis.
Leave Sunday
night at 10 PM
I shall return
on Sunday morning.
Grandma does
not mind be-
ing alone
at all. She
wants me
to go
I want to.

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W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

NINTH AND MAGAZINE STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug. 18,

1917.

My dear Louise:-

We sometimes get what we not look-
ing for, and this is your time. I am
glad you all are having such a nice
time. I saw your card to grandma from
Dayton. You are just fine.

We are all well and happy. Mother
went to church today and when it was
over she and the Mamms came by home
and used the telephone. Mother seemed
so happy to have them.

I was early this morning, had breakfast
at 7 o'clock. I then went to town and
was back by 9:30 a.m. I bought Mother
a chicken, bought what she wanted
from the vegetable man and took after the
house while she went to church.

Tell "mamma" that I painted one of the over-
head pictures in the hall and if it pleases her
when she comes I will put the other two
in shape at once.

Everybody seems to think that you and mother
have gone South. We tell them where you are
why they open their eyes. You may know
this is true, for mother came in and said the
same thing.

I am sending herein an announcement
which come to Prof. Mrs. Miss Matthews this morn-
ing. She I expect you all home to attend?

Since you all are having such a nice time
why just stay as long as you please. If you
need anything say so. Regards to the young ladies

With lots of love and kisses to Mamma,
I am, yours, Papa. over

Well, mamma I am writing you
these few words just to let you
know that I can write with a
pen. Sorry you are having trouble
with your hep fever. I trust that it
will not get bad.

Go ahead and have such a
good time that you will forget
the hep fever.

I am going to St. Louis Sunday
night for three or four days. I shall
write you as soon as get there.

Mother is perfectly willing and
satisfied to remain here until
I return. Everything is O.K.

Now make yourself happy. We are
just doing fine.

Please give my kind regards
to Mr. + Mrs. Wilborn.

Yours,
Hubert.

FROM
Central Colored High School
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug 16,
1897

Miss F. Louise Matthews.
220 Fair St.,
Springfield,
Ohio.

Central Colored High School

B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Oct. 31, 1917. 191

My own dear Louise:-

Today being the last day upon which I can write you a letter and send it for two cents I decided that I would write to you on the cheap rate. We are all well and happy. Grand Mother completed her shirts last night and took them in this morning. She had to hurry up with them because the inspector came to see her about them. From now on she will not take but one bundle at a time.

Mamma is feeling some size now because she is having a big success with her new work. Last Sunday she had one of the biggest meetings ever held in Louisville. Quinn Chapel was full of people. Good speeches were made too, by all who spoke. I think Miss Belcher made the very best speech of all. Every body was highly pleased with what she said. You will see who spoke from the Louisville News. Mother wrote it up for the paper.

The Night school is doing well. We have enrolled 235 students and more are coming. It is now larger than all the colored night schools combined during last year. It is rather regular work but not exceptionally hard work. At first it did take a good bit of my time getting it organized but now that it is going the work lightens a bit.

Yes, the lad Cohen is the son of my friend F. M. Cohen at Savannah. He is a nice lad and I am anxious that you treat him civilly. His people are very nice to me when I go to Savannah every Summer. His mother and your mother were friends as children. I do not mean by this that you are to go out of your way to show him favors but to be nice to him when occasion demands.

Mother got your robe and sweater and I sent them last Saturday afternoon. I trust that you got them in good shape and on time and further that they pleased you. I thought both were pretty. I read your letter to mother, and I was pleased that you went by to see Mrs. Darden. I am sure they appreciated it. Some other time when you are out in the city ask Ophelia to take you by to see Mrs. Amelia Williams. When I was in Atlanta last Summer she asked me why you did not come to see her.

I am planning to write to Prof. Towns from time to time not concerning you but in order that I may keep in touch with what is going on at A. U. and in Atlanta. Give my best wishes to Sarah. Are you to have any Foot Ball games this season?

I shall try to send you some stamps next week?

With lots of love from all of us, I am,
Your devoted father,

B. Matthews

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Jan 29, 19

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Central Colored High School

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

April 29, 1919. 191

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My very dear Louise:-

You will please find inclosed a check for \$25.00 covering cost of your next month's expense. I trust that it may reach you in time to save rebate. Be sure to use your part wisely.

We are all well and getting on smoothly. Grandma still improves and is able to walk all about through the house and in the yard. We are so glad that she is better. She has already expressed her desire to go out in the streets, but as yet mother has not given her permission.

It now looks as if you are really going to graduate in June. Well, your friends are looking forward to that time with much joy with you. My regret is that we can not come down and be there with you through all of the exercises. Mother did plan to come and be with you at the class play and all the way until your Commencement day and President's reception. Now she says that we will get to Atlanta on Tuesday morning and I shall remain until ^{Wednesday} ~~Thursday~~ afternoon. Mother will remain until Saturday morning when you both will come home. That is not as bad as it might have been. Let us pray that these plans may not be changed.

With the hope that you may find time to drop me a line, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

W. B. Matthews, (Papa)

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

AP 23/19

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

April 23, 1919.

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My dear Louise:-

I am sending herein check for ten dollars to be used by you to pay for your class pin and to buy your invitations. I am sure you will not need it all for those two items. Now keep the balance until you have a need for it. In the event your class should have some pictures made you can use it for that purpose.

As the time approaches for your graduation we think and talk of you more and more. I trust that you will do your work well and faithfully until the end. The people up this way are expecting big things of you. Are you having good health? Look after that at all times. Eat as much as you need and sleep the required amount of time.

Grandma was the first one up at home this morning and said that she was feeling just fine. You will see from ^{this} that she is much better. Today she plans to come down stairs. As you must know this makes her daughter and your mother feel very good. I am personally very glad.

I had a letter from Rufus this morning and he seems to be looking a head and planning for the end. He referred to you and himself as doing a good bit of teaching this year. That is good.

Write me a line occasionally. I shall be glad to hear just what is coming off. All send love.

As ever,

W. B. Matthews,
(Opa)

Central Colored High School

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

April 10, 1910. 191

My own dear Louise,

I read your letter to us yesterday and saw that you wanted some stamps with which to write to us. I am making haste to send them to you so that we may hear from you. Grandma is so much better. She can even move her arm and hand so much better than formerly. You know, of course, that she can go all about over the house up stairs but not able as yet to come down stairs. We are so glad that she is better that we scarcely know how to express ourselves.

And so you all-A.U. I mean- are winning in baseball from every body in sight. That is great. That is as it should be. During my days in school no one ever thought of our losing to any team. A. U. is returning to herself. Well, your marks were good and showed that you had put in some hard blows. I wish that you might have had the other part of that fraction and the mark to have been 85 instead of 84.4. I feel very sure that it will come up this term.

I think you are doing real well along the line of friend making. When we get out in life we shall find nothing quite so consoling as a real good friend. Make as many as you can while in school.

If there has been any irregularity in your getting what you think is yours just let me know. I am here to see that you get all that belongs to you in every way. I mean so far as your marks are concerned.

My work goes on in good shape and the future is bright and cheerful. All things being equal you may expect mother and me down to commencement.

You know that we can not stay long but without some change we shall be with you. I shall have to come right back but you and mother may arrange your own time for returning.

As ever,

W. B. Matthews

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

March 29, 1919. 191

My very dear Louise:-

Mother is well and Grandma is lots better and I am moving on right side up with care. I hope you are well and happy. I am sure you are very busy and that is the best way to keep happy.

I am sending you hereîn check for \$25.00 covering your next months board or expenses. I trust that it may reach you in time to save the rebate. If you are to have some extra expense would you kindly try to let me know as much in advance as you can?

I was glad to learn from your letter that you had been out in city to see some of your friends. Go out when you can and keep in touch with as many of them as you care to have. It is a very fine thing to have friends even though they are in another city.

My school work is going well and things are quiet now. As to numbers we have never had more students since the school was founded

It now looks as if both Mamma and I will get to your graduation but Grandma will not be able to come. The Dr. says that although she may ^{be} lots better she must not try to go. Mrs. Richardson has volunteered to stay with Grandma while mother goes to see you graduate. I thought that was very good and nice of Mrs. Richardson. Of course, this is a long ways off yet, but at present that is our plan. We are not talking it to any body. You need not.

Give my best wishes to any friends who may ask after us, Write soon to mother and tell us all the news.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Matthews (Papa)

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

March 19, 1919. 191

Miss F. Louise Matthews,

Atlanta University,

Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Louise:-

I have your letter of day before yesterday. We were glad to hear from you. Mamma feels lots better now that you have written to her. Grandma, we hope and feel, is also lots better today. She sat up yesterday for a short while.

You will find inclosed a check for \$5.00 to be used as your needs may require. I trust that you will receive it before you have to borrow. Personally, I would very much rather you would let me know ^{rather} your needs a head, so that I could send you money, than to have you going around borrowing. Now, I do not mean that you do that often, neither do I mean to be finding fault with you, but I know just how those students will talk. If you will let me know just before your change gives out I will always try to send you a little change.

Write again soon to mother and ask after Grandma whenever you write. Your letters are always very interesting and gladly received.

Did you make a mistake about Mr. Proctor? I understood that he had been called to do settlement work in Brooklin, N. Y. Some very wealthy white man living up there is putting up the money for every thing and offered the place to Mr. Proctor. It will be a fine change for him and his family.

With love and lots of kisses, I am,

W. B. Matthews

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Mar 19, '19

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Fri. night,
4, 4, 19.

Dear Louise:

I am sure my last letter was most unsatisfactory and I'm afraid this will be the same for I am so worn out, sleepy and tired that I really feel sick.

There are millions of things that I want to say to you but I haven't the time or opportunity to do so.

I'm returning your marks. We think them good and feel very proud of you.

What is it that you are to see after? Don't let them feel anything over you and if you need any help, call on papa. Is Edwards there? How do you & M^{rs} stand?

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She sends love to you and is so anxious to see you. I do pray that the Lord will spare her to see you once more. Dr. Wedder has told me that he doesn't think she'll ever be able to use her left hand again.

Be good, sweet and as happy as you can. Pray for me.

Write soon,

Truly
Mother.

I see he is helping with the recording of marks. Where is St. Peter? I don't trust him where the lives of you are concerned. Write me in full. Will send the shipper soon. Do you want anything done to your white hat? When do you want your reception dress?

Your grandmother the doctor & all say, is better. Some how I do not see it that way and I am feeling very, very despondent over her condition.

She is trying so hard to get well. It breaks my heart to watch her struggle for health.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

March 17, 1919. 191

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My very dear Louise:-

Just one week ago today I wrote you informing you of Grand Mother's illness. I hope you received my letter. As I said in that letter she had a slight stroke of paralysis and since that time she has been confined to her bed. While, as I said, the stroke is not of the most serious nature, yet it is bad and we never can tell what to expect next. Up to this time mother has been constantly improving.

Ophelia has been constantly at the bedside of your Grand - mother, and to her careful nursing, perhaps, more than any thing else, is due the improved condition of mother today. Your mamma is very happy over the fact that conditions are so favorable to mother's early recovery but she is very much grieved because you have made no inquiry whatever as to your Grand-mother's condition. Now we know that you are interested and anxious about her but I think you should have expressed it to your mother. If you have not already written to her about your grand-mother do so today.

I trust that you are getting on well and that your work is what you desire it to be. Mother sent you a pair of low shoes Saturday. In the event they are not what you wanted send them back at once and we will exchange them. Keep us advised as to your health and any other conditions about which we should know.

We love, we are as ever,

W. B. Matthews, etc

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Mar 10, 19

Miss F. Loiuse Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Central Colored High School

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

March 10, 1919₁₉₁

Miss F. Louise Matthews,

Atlanta University,

Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Louise:-

I know you will not understand why you are getting a letter from me today. Well it is a little out of the ordinary. I am writing this to let you know that Grand Mother is not so well just now. We wanted you to know about it, and so I am writing you these lines.

The others of us are well and moving on right side up with care. This is the situation, yesterday just after dinner Grandma went up stairs and to the bath room. While there she had a slight stroke of paralysis in her left side. She did not fall but went to her room and as I passed by her door she called me and I went in and helped her to a seat, and mamma came, we put her to bed. The Dr. was called at once and he said it was not serious. She will get all O.K. unless she has another stroke. This morning she appears much better. She had a *good* night last night and this morning we are very hopeful. In the event she gets worse we will advise you at once.

Now, be a very brave girl and do not let yourself down. Mamma is acting very bravely. I know you will do likewise. I have told you all so that you might understand.

With love and lots of kisses from all of us, I beg to remain,

Your own papa,

W. B. Matthews

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Feb 27/19

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

February 27, 1919,

My dear Louise:-

Your letter sent me in mother's the other day has been read with interest. I was glad that you were well and happy. We are much better now and shall try to keep well. My work goes well and things are in good order just now.

Relative to your going away to school next year, I have to say that you may go if you care to go. If you prefer to remain at home you may do that. Mother thinks one thing and I think another. If you have good health and you are not too tired I see no reason why you should not continue in school now. But, if you are tired and desire to rest a year, why then, you may rest. Now as to what school, I would say that you may make your own choice. You would not get to board in in any one of the schools to which you make application, so that you can enter during the summer- I mean you can make application and be received.

If you plan to do some teaching, don't you think it would be well to rest at least a year? If you do that, and care to, you may attend the University of Chicago some time during your rest period and be ready to take up your work by the fall term 1920. This is mother's suggestion. You tell me just what you want to do and I will arrange it for you. If you think you want to teach this next fall why tell us so that we may understand your wishes. You are our grown daughter now, and while we want always to suggest, we want to know what you want to do.

Try, if you can, to give me some idea just what your class ring or pin and invitations are to cost in advance. I want to see that you have them. When does school close I want to come? I shall know later but if you know write me. With lots of love from all of us, I am,

Papa.

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Feb. 11, 1917.

My own dear Louise:-

When I reached home from school today I found your letter. Before eating my dinner I read your letter through and enjoyed it so much. I am glad you are well, but sorry your money gave out and you had to borrow. After this if you find that you are going to need some money write to me. I am always willing to share with you. I am sending you herein check for \$5.00 Five dollars. Use it wisely. I want you to enjoy yourself and to have what you need.

You are all well just now. My cold is very much better and the cough has gone. Maamma and Grandma are well. Joe's death was sad but he is better off. How is your school work coming off? Do you have any trouble with your eyes now?

Have you decided where you want to attend school next year? Write me your opinion. Be careful when you go to Stone Mountain. Be a real sweet girl. With much love, Papa.

Papa wishes you a happy birthday.

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Jan 19,
19

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Jan 19, 1918

My own dear Louise:-

I am just back from church where I listened to one of Rev. Harris' rambling sermons. I was there all alone. Mamma remained at home on the pretext that ~~that~~ she was sick but when I got back I find her working for life and death on her Y.N.C.A. report, saying she wished she had you here to aid for her. This Y.N.C.A. financial report will be the death of her. Next week these reports are to be made to the Public. I am lots better now. Mamma is trying to take my cold, but I am sure she will not. So much hard work she will simply not have time to get sick. How are you?

I am sending you some stamps. I did not send them earlier because

I did not have them. Another time I hope not to wait so long. How are things going in school with you? Are you having much work to do? How many of your classmates who went to War have returned to school and will graduate in your class next Commencement?

What is going on in school now? or Are you too busy to know any thing? I am now working on my next year's requisition and making my schedule for next term's work.

Tell, Old Louisville is just as you left it. It is full grass, News paper write up and no progress. Now they are after Dr. McIntyre. Ask Rufus to let you see his News for last week, Grand Mother sends love. Say she loves you just the same whether she writes or not.

I am sending you here in a few stamps. Write soon,
yours
Papa

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Jan. 1,

1917.

My dear Louise:-

I am spending the day at home and, for the most part, in bed today. Mamma is all upset because I have had a bad cold. She seems to think that I am to have either "flu" or I.B. I shall have neither as soon as tomorrow comes. I shall be God willing, in my place at school. I am very grateful that my good wife loves me so exceedingly thus looking out for my health. But I do not want you to be worrying unduly. I shall be at my post tomorrow.

I am glad you are well and happy and was so well remembered during the Christmas. You must be a good girl and make yourself worthy of so

many friends.

Tell me about the S. A. J. C.?
Are they coming back to school?
and will they be admitted
with due credit for work in
their classes along with those who
have been taking the regular work?
Write me all about it.

Tell me something about
your work, and what
is going on and around
Atlanta.

This is a short letter but your
next will be longer.

Your devoted father.

W. B. Mallheys.

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Dec 19, 18

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

December 19, 1918. 191

My own dear Louise:-

Your letter came to me some days ago and its contents were enjoyed very much. Glad you are doing well in your work. I hope and trust that you may keep well and happy all the time. Thank you for the news you send us. We are always glad to have any news from down that side.

We are well and things seem to be in good shape with us. My school moved on all O.K. until the "Flu" came by and closed us up again. Now we do not know when we shall open again. You know just how I feel with nothing to do. I shall try to keep myself busy at first one thing and then another. I have lots of reading I can do.

I am sending you some stamps, not many, and will send more in the next few days. I am sending you a check for two dollars to help you on your War pledge. I noted that you did not tell me how much you pledged. Up to this good hour our school has not done much in paying its pledges. We have been able to collect only \$40.00 on the first installment. That looks bad for us. I am sure you all have done much better.

I sent you a copy of our school paper the "Current", did you get it? Tell me what you think of this number. Every time we get to the point where we are about to do something worth while the "Flu" comes along and closes us up. Are you all publishing the "Scroll"? I got a copy of the Crimson and Gray the other day.

You have doubtless heard of the marriage of Miss Brady to Dr. Pinder M. Flack next Monday evening at six o'clock. They have a reception from eight until ten o'clock the same evening. It is to be a church wedding, at Fifth St. church.

All send love with best wishes for a merry Christmas.

With love,
(Rhita)

From Papa

"Will"

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Nov. 21, '18

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

LOUISVILLE, KY.

November 21, 1918.

My own dear Louise:-

Your very sweet letter came and I have read it with much pleasure. I am so pleased that you had not forgotten me. Yes, I understood that in all of your letters to mother I was included, but that did not fill the situation quite so completely as a letter written directly to me. Now I believe you think something of me.

My school is in fine condition and things are going very well at this time. As I write this I am constantly touching wood (Mamona). We now have 356 students registered- about 15 or 20 more ^{than} we have ever had at this time of year in the history of the school. The order is just as good if not better than usual.

Just now we are getting ready for the big Liberty Parade Saturday. We are going to have the largest number in line within the history of the school. Our uniform will be white skirts and "Mitti-Blouse" white. We are now making caps for all of our students and they will be in colors- red, white and blue.

Glad you were interested in the War Work Drive. Our school has just finished its subscription- \$733.50. The Boys gave \$301.00 and the Girls gave \$432.50. Dont you think that was fine for our boys and girls? That was nearly as much as you all gave. Now we are planning to establish a Bank for the purpose of collecting this money.

Well, I got your message about the stamps and am sending you a few. You shall have more sometime soon. As soon as you get your subjects fixed I shall be glad to know about it. Just keep me informed as to what goes on.

"Sallie", Rheter" and "Pink" are well and getting on very peaceably. We talk about "Little Rheter" daily.

With love and lots of kisses, I am,

Your Papa.

W. B. Matthews

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

LOUISVILLE, KY.

March 31, 1918. 191

My own Dear Louise:-

I am very sure your ears have been burning much to-day for we have been talking about you lots. I hope you are well and happy and you have been yourself today and have thought of us. It is a very fine day here and we had a very nice service this morning. The church was beautifully decorated with palms. The choir gave us some good music. The birds are singing sweetly just now as I write this letter. I am just up from dinner and am feeling full, so you see I am a "cullard" man happy after eating and I want every one about me to be the same.

Mother is well and is getting ready to go out to the Camp with Miss Martha Webster to see the new soldiers. Two thousand have come in Friday, yesterday and today. They are coming from Kentucky and Indiana. Mr. Blue is out there as a Y.M.C.A. Secretary, and he has invited them out today. They have a new Y. M. C. A. building out there and they are going to see that.

I do not know just why but we have missed you so much today, all of us wish we could see you. Write and tell us why you did not drop us a card. I trust that you are having a good time and keeping quite happy. I saw Rev. Bond the other day after he had come back from Atlanta, and he told me that he saw you and that you were looking fine and that you were doing good work. I was so pleased to hear that. You know the University authorities ^{have} not sent me any account of your marks this whole year. I am satisfied that you have been doing well but I think they might have written me.

Grandma sends lots of love and we shall be so glad to have you at home when the time comes. I am sending you herein check for your board, etc.
Your own Papa,

W. B. Matthews.

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Mar 21/18

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

March 2, 1918. 191

My own dear Louise:-

Mamma has whispered stamps to me and I have heard the whisper. In-
closed you will find 25 stamps. This is all I could do just now. I trust
that they may serve you for a short while. The next time I shall send
some twos and ones.

Glad to see from your letter just what you have been doing this
past term. You made a good mark. Mr. Towns wrote me the other day that
you were doing good work for him in two studies. At the same time he
informed that Rufus was also doing work of the first rank. It is always
a pleasure to me to learn that you have been faithful in your work. I am
sure you understand that that is the thing that counts most in life.

My school work moves on in the usual way with ups and downs of one
kind and another. We have a full school just now. Our enrollment this
year has already reached 406, four more than we had last year. This is
good in view of these "War times"! One of my teachers, Miss Parks has been
out of school, now, for five weeks on account of being sick. She will still
be out several days. Mrs. Sneed has been doing her work for the past
time. Beginning tomorrow, your friend, Miss Mosby will substitute for her

Well, we had a big Basket Ball game last night at the Y.M.C.A.
here between the Indianapolis Y. and our Y. It was a good game. Our boys
won by a score of 29 to 16. One week ago our boys went up there and they
won by a score of 26 to 21. The game was very interesting. A good crowd
was out to see the game.

Mamma told me of your trips around the city. I am glad you had a
chance to go about a little and see some of the Atlanta people. I am
sure that all of them must have been glad to see you. I pleased that you
went to see Mrs. Williams. Good old people like her appreciate your com-
ing to see very much. Yes, go to see Aunt Julia, if you care to, and be
nice to her. If you have time you might stop in and see Mrs. Bibb, Mrs.
Amos and Mrs. Flipper just a minute. I am sure they will be glad to see
you. is

It is quite probable that I shall be in Atlanta in May. I think the
Trustees of Atlanta University will meet there this year two days be-
fore school closes. In the event they do I will be there. If I come I shall
stay two days. I can do that this year because our school will not close
until June 21st.

Regards to the Louisville set. I understand that they are keep-
ing themselves together in nice shape. How is Miss Sheppard? You have
not said much of her this whole year. I know she is doing well or I am
sure I would have heard. Remembe me to the whole bunch.

All of us send best regards and lots of love to all and you.
In the event you see "Uncle Peyt" why give him our best regards. I
hear from him occasionally.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Matthews.
Papa.

Mamma says all the water are yours. She spent them all
to you. Mamma gave you the one with the black stripe. Let mamma
know at once what you want for a hat. Help the cap and
bring it when you come home. W.B.M.

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

May 23, 1919. 191

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My own dear Lulu:-

This leaves us well and moving on right side up with care. I hope every thing goes well with you. Your letter of yesterday brought us the good news that you were happy and working for all you were worth. When things are going as you wish them to we are always happy.

Glad you are pleased with your oration and that you not have to make any changes. I feel very sure that you are not so radical in your views that Mr. Ware would have to cut your oration. Mother seemed so pleased that you should be so far on the way. I am satisfied that when once the oration has been passed upon you will learn it and say it to perfection. I do hope that you will make a great hit. I shall be there to hear you if God wills it.

I am sending you some stamps so that you may be able to send out your invitations. I shall send you 100 cards tomorrow. I have just had them engraved for you. I hope that they will be in time.

Before the first of June I shall send you a check for the last board bill, etc. If you know of any thing extra please send me word so that I may include it in the check.

Grandma is still improving and we hope that ere long she will be herself again. By the time we come to see you she will be lots better.

With love and lots of kisses, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. B. Matthews, Jr. C. P. G.

Central Colored High School

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

May 31, 1919.

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Miss Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My very dear Louise:-

We sent you today two packages by Parcel Post. I trust that they may reach you O. K. I am inclosing in this letter a check for \$18.00 covering all of your expenses for the remaining time you are to be in Atlanta University. It includes \$5.00 for your Diploma, \$5.00 for the rental of your robe, and the cost of your board for the remainder of the month of June. Grandma sends the five dollars for your Diploma.

We are all well and happy because we think and trust that you are well and happy. Mamma says that the next package from here to you will be herself and your papa. She is making all plans to come.

If there is any thing that you can not get along without please write to me and let me know. We are anxious to do all we can for you.

Willie came in this week and told your Mamma that she saw you and that you were quite busy studying and teaching. I hope that you are ^{not} trying to do too much. Please write and tell how many period you work a day? Now that the time is not long I am sure toy can hold out.

Mamma says for you to put Mrs. Simmons' name down for an invitation. She says, yes, invite Sue. I want you to send Mr. E. H. Holmes an invitation. I will send you his address Monday. You know of course that "Uncle Pate" is my friend. He must have one.

With lots of love, I am as ever,

Very truly yours,

W. B. Matthews.

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Jan. 3, 1926.

My dear Louise:

The day is not quite gone and before it does go I mean to try to keep my promise, that was to write to you. You will receive a letter from Mamma before you get this, for she wrote before I did and I mailed it. You will, therefore, know that she is better. She got much better Sunday night. Today she is very much improved. All day, however, she has been mourning because you had to leave her. By and by, when you write her she will be O.K. again and I shall do all I can to make her happy.

Grandma worries much when
Mamma does, so both of them
are sympathizing with each
other because you had to
go.

I hope that you found Mr.
and Mrs. Fancey well and
happy and that your
first day was a good one

I had a good day and
everything went lovely.

Write Mamma as soon as
you can. I am sending
some stamps. Do your best
to understand your lessons
thoroughly before you go before
your classes. That counts much.
With lots of love and kisses
from all of us, I am,
Papa

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Jan 3, 1921

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
113 W. Rabbits St.,
Covington, Ky.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

My dear Louise: Feb. 13, 1921.
Your letter came today and we
have arranged through Dr. Whedden
for your treatment. Make your
plans and come Friday evening.
Ask Mr. Cox to let you remain over
and return Tuesday afternoon.

I am sorry your eyes are
troubling you. The dr. here will
find the real trouble.

I am glad you enjoyed
my trip over. I hope it did
some good. You can tell
me about it when I see you.
I really was glad I went
over to visit you. Give my
regards to your students and
to Mr. & Mrs. Yancy. Will talk
more when you come.
We shall meet you Friday night.
Love from all, Papa.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 5,

1921.

My very dear Louise:-

I received your letter the other day and thought it very sweet of you to write to me. You know I am always happy to hear from you. I was glad you were well. Glad you had a good time up in Ohio. There is no doubt but that the recreation helped you to forget for a little while the daily routine, worry ^{and} cares. Miss Singleton told mother all about the trip. Glad you went to see the Scotts. I am sure you must be very tired, for it has been hot, and for you with a bad cold, and a hot upstairs room, I know it has been doubly disagreeable. Mamma and I count the days and hours almost every day and say how glad we shall be to have our own little Bird at home with us. Sorry difficulties in your work sometimes arise. They arise with all of us. They are a part of the life of the School Miss or Master.

As you doubtless know, Willie
Mossee has been home a week.
Mrs. Jackson was absent and
Willie taught his class. She got
on O.K. But the way, if she accepts
she will be one of my teachers next
year. Her acceptance will depend on
the salary offered. I think she will
accept. I am waiting to hear from
Rosa James as to whether or not she
would accept work in my Home
Economics department. We are add-
ing a new teacher there next yr.
It may be of interest to you to know
that my school has been recommend-
ed for membership in to the Southern
Association of Accredited High
Schools and Colleges (White), the only
one (Colored) in the South.

Well, I am very busy getting my
closing plans all in hand. As you
know we close same day as you. I do
not know any news. Mother keeps you
informed along that line. I am
sending a few stamps. Here is
lots of love and many kisses from us
all. Be careful to keep well and come
to us as soon as you can. From, Papa.

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 5, '21

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
113 N. Robbins Street,
Covington, Ky.

Central Colored High School

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 22, 1922. 192

My dear Louise:-

Your very kind letter came yesterday and I was so glad to get it. Glad that you are well and happy. Perhaps, the thing in your letter that pleased me most was that you had had a very good day with your work. I am pleased that you are beginning to like it. On my way home I thought lots of you and the possibility of your not being happy because the work you were doing might be too difficult for you. You can readily see how very glad I must have been to learn that your work was getting easier for you.

My trip home was tiresome and long because I was alone. Then, too, my train got behind time and I missed connection at Cincinnati and I had to remain over there until 5:20 p.m. I mean to say that I was due to get home Tuesday at 11:55 a.m., but did not get here until 9:15 p.m. My stop in Cincinnati was a very pleasant one, however, because I met Prof. Towns there and I learned lots of things about Atlanta University. I was very glad to see him on general principles. He was there soliciting funds for the University. From what he showed me he is doing right well there.

I got home as indicated above and found all well and happy. Your good mother was having a game of cards with Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Carter on one side and Everett Harris and herself on the other side. They were having a great game. I believe that your mother and Everett beat. After the game a lunch was served. Now there is where I came in for my share. I did not get so much to eat on my way home as we had on the way up. Monday evening I got my dinner on the dining car and I had a good one. Tuesday I expected to reach Cincinnati at 8:05 a.m. and be able to get all I wanted to eat. I got there at 12:00 M. I went to the "Y" and got a good dinner and was O.K. again.

How I wanted to remain in New York with you! As it was I had the knowledge of the situation and understood that you would be well taken care of and was happy. I saw Mrs. Bibb just before leaving and she reassured me that she would look after your comfort and happiness. I am so pleased that you are with them.

Grandma is well and was so glad to get a letter from you. She asks me to say that she will write you real soon. She talks of you every day. I have just left her sitting out on the front porch waiting for mother to come home. Yes, mother has come in the neighborhood to gossip. I am looking for her at any old time. Last night she came in after 11:30. She is well and happy, but misses you with whom to gossip.

Nothing new here. The Summer School will close tomorrow and then there will be nothing else for a month. All of your friends ask after you with lots of interest. They are expecting you to do big things.

I am planning to go to Atlanta, Georgia on or about August 5th. I shall keep you advised of my further plans.

Nothing has been done on the New building. I saw this afternoon an advertisement for bids on certain parts of the building. I had a letter from my expected new teacher, Mr. John F. Matheus, saying that he would be glad to be with me next year, and asking some questions, but he did not say definitely that he had accepted the place. I wrote him asking him directly and am hoping to know in the next few days.

Be sweet, eat lots and do the best you can. Papa is satisfied that his dear girl will go over the top. Be sure to make all the friends you can. They are always helpful. Remember me to the Paces and to Nannie.

Lots of love and many kisses from all of us. Take care of yourself.

As ever,

(W. B. M.) Papa.

FROM
Central Colored High S.
NINTH AND CHESTNUT ST.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 22, '22

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
257 W. 138th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Aug. 8, 1922.

My dear Louise:-

I am in Atlanta for this week and thought you might want to hear from me from this point. I came down to move the fence off of my Howell St. place. I moved it yesterday with trouble or cost save 50¢.

I have seen lots of people who asked after you. All seemed so pleased that you doing so well. Mrs. Amelia Williams, 155 Houston St. says you must write her a letter. Do so if you have time. I have seen and heard lots and will talk when you come home.

Hope you are still doing well with your work. I am

very proud of you.

Understand from Mrs. White here that her girl is coming back to Baltimore and will stop with Mrs. Hurst. You might speak to her and you could come to Baltimore together. Be careful and see that your trunk is securely locked when you get ready to leave New York. You may write me at home. I shall leave here for Souisville about Aug. 12 or 13.

I feel, I trust that you are having a good time and enjoying your stay in New York.

Mother and Grandmother ever both well when I left last Saturday.

With love and lots of kisses
Love as ever

Papa

Aunts Ellen & Corbie asked after you and send love. Ambrosia & babies are here. Love M.

624 Poplar St.
Owensboro, Ky.
July 19, 1923.

My dear Louise:-

I have concluded that you are very busy and cannot spare the time to write - hence, I am writing to send you this little snap of myself. I hope you are well and happy and moving on right side up with care. My own tasks are still pleasant and those to whom I am ministering seem pleased^{ed} and happy. I have just one more week here and then I go with joy and gladness, back to my own good wife.

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She says that she will
very glad to see me. I know
I will be to see her.

I am sending her in
a snap taking by one
of my teachers. What
do you think of it? I
trust that it may reach
you in good condition.

Tell me about your
work. What two courses
are you taking in
French? Have you
any colored classmates?

Are you getting on as
well as you would like?

Did you get my last
letter? Will you drop
me a line?

Sincerely yours, Papa.

From
624 Poplar St.
Owensboro, Ky
N. B. Matthews,

July 19, '23

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
257 N. 138th Street,
New York City,
N. Y.

Central Colored High School

W. B. MATTHEWS
PRINCIPAL

NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.
2121 W. Chestnut St.,

August 15, 1924.

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Miss F. Louise Matthews,
1522 McCulloh St.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Louise:-

I am writing this letter with the hope that it may be in Baltimore when you get there. I trust also that it may find you in perfect health and good spirits. It leaves me in high glee because Mamma will be here tomorrow at 12:50 and I will be so glad to have her at home with me. I did not have the Paces' address or you would have had a letter there awaiting your arrival there.

I trust that your stay in N. Y. was a pleasant one. I know that it was not as nice as it would have been if you had been at the Paces. It was very nice of Mrs. Bibb to secure a nice place. I shall write and thank her when you get home. It is my hope that you had a nice time in New York.

Try to meet a Mr. Chippey while you are in Baltimore. I had a letter from him the other day asking me about work in my school. He will, doubtless, be in Baltimore attending the Tennis Tournament. Henry Arthur Kean will introduce you to him. I only want you to be able to tell me how he looks. He is a married man and teaches in Wilmington, Delaware.

No, as yet, I have not been able to get the man I want for a teacher. I may close a deal tomorrow. A person is coming to see me tomorrow and we may agree. Have a good time in Baltimore. Give our love to all of the family. Be very careful with yourself. I am sure you will go to Washington, D.C. Call up Mr. Woodson and tell him who you are. Give him our kind regards.

I have the house all cleaned up for the coming of Mamma. She will be surprised I know. The boy who does her work came over today and made the house fairly shine. I paid him and said nothing to Mamma about it at all. I am sure she will be agreeably surprised.

Every thing that can be done to make happiness the watch word for our Mamma I am doing for your sake and hers. When are you coming? Do not put it off too long. You should be here two or three days ahead. Nothing new here. Mamma will write you tomorrow when she gets home. Love and many kisses from both of us

As ever, I am,

Your own,

Papa Hill

P. S. You must not forget to go to see Bishop and Mrs. Hurst. Extend to him my kind regards. I see that A. B. Cooper of A.U. was selected as President of Edward Waters College at Jacksonville, Fla. I recommended him to the good Bishop.

W. B. M.

FROM
Central Colored High School
NINTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Miss F. Louise Matthews,
1522 McCulloh Street,
Baltimore, Md.

P.O. Box 172 West Baden, Ind.
[1930]

Dear Sonie:-

Yes, I want you
to stay with me until
Wednesday. Come prepared
to stay. Tell Mamma
I will take care of the
situation. Mr. & Mrs. Rogers
are anxious to have both
of you. Come and stay
over.

Tell Mamma I have a
long letter from Peyton.
I'll save it for her. I shall
love for you all tomorrow.
I had everything was O.K.
when you all arrived. I
want to let Cris stay again.
Mr. & Mrs. Rogers are expecting you all.
Devotedly your Dad
W. B. Matthews.

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I will deliver your
message to Dr. Johnson
if I see him.

W. B. M.

2121 N. Chestnut St.,
Somerville, Ky.

Aug. 18, 1933.

My Dearest Ned Best-

Now you will know
whose this is, and by whom it
is written. I trust you are well
and happy. I know you are
tired and thinking but I am
not sure about whom you
are thinking?

Mamma and I are thinking
about you and praying
that you are safe, well and happy.
Hope you may reach your destina-
tion in time and find every-
thing O.K. Yes, I am well and
shall be happy when I hear from
you. We are sending all our love

Everything is well with us.

Your Father

William Baxter Matthews

2121 N. Chestnut St.
Louisville, Ky.
Dec. 3, 1928.

My dear dear Louise:

I am at home tonight (Friday)
all by myself. Grandma has gone
to her church and Mamma has
gone to a party at Mrs. Matterson's.
I have just finished studying my S.
School lesson and it is now 8:30 pm
and my thoughts have turned to you.
~~Wished so~~ very glad to have had
you here with us. I cannot con-
ceive of any thing that could have
brought so much pleasure to all of
us as having you at home - though
but for a short time. Grandma and
Mamma have done nothing but talked
of you and your good time while
here. Already they have commenced to
count the hours and moments, as it were,

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Did you go to call on the
Baptist minister as suggested?
What of the results? Drop me
just a word and tell me how
you are getting on with your
work. (my mistake in adding that canceled "or", mother)

Both mother and Grandmother
will be glad to hear from you.

In the event you are having
bad light in room at night so
that you cannot see to write

I met Mrs. Penn ~~just~~ call
on her on the 2nd of Dec. It's great
to have a sister. When you come
home I think Mamma plans to
have the Penns in and at that
time she will possibly have Miss
Cannady also.

I have written enough - lots more
than you ever write to me. I know,
however, that you are very busy.

What do you think of so
much Atlanta coming to this
village? I hope she will make
good. To my mind she has a
lonesome job. You ^{know} it is like
these coloreds to let her alone.
She is so much more fortunate,
however, than others have been
in that same position in
that she has a sister living in
the city. She came on the 1st and
why go to Mrs. Ganey ~~as a place~~
It is very essential that you be provided
with light in your room.

Write us of your results.

Be sweet, try to keep well and
come to us soon as your school
closes. Love from all,

Very truly yours,
Papa.

and Mamma,

I have been thinking lots of you and your problems. I had hoped to have had a letter from you telling us how you are getting on. All of us want to know just what is coming off where you are concerned. Just this afternoon both mamma and I said you had surely written us. Hope you are well and happy.

~~However~~ I am not as well as I would like to be or have been, I am better than at the first of the week. I went to school Monday but did not go Monday night or Tuesday nor Tuesday night. I was in bed all that time. I went Wednesday and have been constantly on the job since. I am trying to be careful so that I may be a long time with you

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until you return for the holiday.
Have you written to Mamma?
This Friday night and we want
to know if you have written. If some
one is interfering with your letters
to mother I want to know so that
it may be looked into at once.

Everybody here seemed to have
been so glad to have had you at home.
Miss Louise Matthews and what she
did has been the talk of the whole
town. Of course, as you know, I get
my information from Mother. The
"gossippers" do not talk to me. She tells
me.

My school work is going
about ^{as} well as I could expect now.
Everybody seems to be trying for the
Semi-annual promotions. My school
will run its enrollment to 550 Next
Term - February.

Now you know I could never
write a newsy letter. It takes
Mother to write the news. I can
tell you only a few things.

Miss Fields received your pkg.
I sent it down to her myself. I
understand from Mother that
she is at work on the job. (no she is not, mother)

The Welfare League of Louisville
has had on a Financial Drive
this week and Mother has been
out canvassing. She has solicited
nearly \$100.00. She and Mrs.
Catter have worked together. I
had planned to work but have
been too feeble to go out.

Rev. Harris' new social worker
is here - Miss Canady of Atlanta
the sister of Rev. Penn's wife. I
have not seen her yet.

My dear Daisy:

This is just a little note in
Papa's letter to send you this
sample to see if it is what
you want for your dress in
either color or material.

If you will write right back
and want it, I may be able to
get it around \$2⁰⁰ per yd. as it
is on sale now at Kaufmans.
I didn't buy as I wasn't sure it
was what you wished and the
number of yards.

Do you know if I don't hear
from you today, your special
that came Tues. a.m. will be
the only mail we had since your
return. If you have written
to the Postmaster there and
let me know and I'll go here.

I am determined to hear from
you without outside interference.
Papa + Grandma are into better. I wish
mother

2121 W. Chest.
Louisville,

Dec. 3, 1920

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