

October 5, 1918.

Dear Louise,

Don't think for one moment that I do not know how to use this kind of paper, but it is just because I'm different from the rest and I intend to get more matter in this form.

Gee—but you write a beautiful letter. Really now Louise, I am going to keep my promise; but I must say that you will be a good physician to come to when one is ill with that fever, so prevalent to young folks; the "romancial flu," if such there be. Your letter of the 27th was just such a one that cured me of something—you know, I did not know just what was the trouble. If I thought that you would cut off somewhat from writing almost a fac simile to the one referred I would give you nothing but praise in this letter. I am telling the truth, nothing but the truth, so help me Louise to receive another one soon.

I heard from Helen ere she departed for New York. Have sent her two pamphlets and have not heard from her at this writing, but I think I shall by tomorrow. Did Helen come down? I hope she did. For I am so anxious to hear from both—that which took place. If Helen did come you will please write a small "yes" on the outside of the envelope of your next letter that the suspense will not be so great in opening the letter or reading too far therein before coming to a climax.

By the way Louise, did you tell your mother what I told you to in my previous script or did you forget? In case you did please thank her over and over again for the package she gave me on my last visit. Should I ever return to Louisville, I will specially make another trip to South Carolina through the same channels.

Speaking about the change of expressions on one's face after reading a

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certain letter - Louise! do you realize what
you did on that memorable day of the 20th!
I'm sorry that I did not take the trip home
with you from the Y - because I feel that you
did not want to put in your letter all that you
wanted to say about that narrative. I wrote too
fast just now. Party, I meant that you did
not finish your narrative. Did you? If so,
why not?

On Saturday night from about 10 P.M.
until I entered heaven, I was a Christian
Scientist in that I was at 1720- 24 - Chestnut
meeting my dear "unseen." Most pleasant
were my hours spent thusly until I turned
aside and found that I was here. Then too,
on Sunday, I ate no dinner - (and tell me
whether or not you believe me so I will know
that you think I am keeping the agreement)
because I could not accept the invitation so
kindly extended by your mother. Gee - that
was some day in camp and you say "don't
weaken." I weakened then from hunger and
some sort of derision - but oh at supper I took
more of those two words of yours and vowed
I will abide by them until my life's end.

Concerning our camp, we have formed
a regiment here. Did you hear that we?
This is from now on known as the
19th Regt. F.A.R.D. Some of the boys who came
with us have formed the regimental
band. Sydney Williston is in the hospital
with something - I know not what, but I am
going to see him tomorrow night. The
boys are now being separated - some
being transferred to other parts of the
camp. I am doing all within my
power to keep them "baced up." Now what
are you laughing at? Yes I tell them
it will all be over soon or they will all be
over soon. Something is going to be over at any
rate. Nothing of note has taken place
here between this and my last missive.
Some of the fellows are still waiting for
commissions and I waiting for a letter
from you.

By the way Louise, what did you say
your first name is? I don't want to call

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to by second all the² time, and the nickname
I gave you may not coincide with your
preference. However Dolly Simples will please
send expressed her first name by request.
I thank you for it.

Your school will soon be opened, will it
not? I know you are glad in a way and
sorry in a way. Yes, I used to be like that
when I was a child. I wish you the greatest
of success in your scholastic career. However
you will get it whether or not I wish it
upon you. Remember (if it will do you any
good) that I am always thinking of you
and ready to be of service at any time, in
any way in which I can help you. You
are just one of the sisters of the army—
doing patriotic work in spiriting a soldier.

Please remember me kindly to your
mother & father every morning until you
hear from me again. I won't be worrying
you much longer. Be a good little girl
and send me another such relic as you
did before—until as long. Dedicate a day
for that specific day, and the Lord will
bless you. Write one thrice as long or
you will be Miss Matthews shortly and not
"Party."

Louise I have written until taps and
have to hurry home. Please excuse all errors
and construction as I have now not time
to read this over. Please don't judge me
entirely by this brief as my mind is
divided between camp matters and you.
Yes, I am in the office writing now and
when the phone rings some one answers it.
If I have put a message in here from you
there now—over the wire, you will excuse that
also won't you. I hope you are well and
happy.

Sincerely your friend,
Leroy.

Sgt U.S.A.
P.O., 19th Regt. F.A.R.D.
Camp Jackson,
Columbia, S.C.



U. S. FIELD ARTILLERY
CAMP JACKSON, S. C.

Miss Louise Matthews,

Oct. 15, 1918

Army

1720 - W. Chestnut St.,

Louisville,

Ky.

Sgt. W. F. S.,
S. O., 19th Regt., F. A. R. D.,
Camp Jackson, S. C.

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I am going to try and stretch my trip to N.Y. I hope I will not disappoint my "unseen." I fear I will, and I don't know any particular reason. If Helen doesn't write you soon, I will have to stay away; for one and all have to give you first attention and consideration.

Relative to that surprise, it is not time for me to tell you at this writing. It may not be the next either unless the war continues to not cease.

My dear little sister, I realize now that you are at school, so I shall not be selfish in taking your time. But should you write just one word please let it contain a phrase that will cheer me just a little. I'm a poor outcast in a God forsaken isolated spot in camp somewhere in S.C. My only recreation is thru correspondence. As I have not a picture of you, I must live on past thoughts and imaginations.

You must do something for me, or I'll die. Why the smile?

You may have an intermission now before being burdened with the next chapter.



CAMP JACKSON
COLUMBIA, S.C.

November 12, 1918

Dearest sister, Your letter of the 8th duly received. I am so glad to hear from you that I ^{am} replying immediately, if you don't object. Gee, I thought something had happened little sister. In other words I had reason to believe that my explanation was not accepted in good faith; and I debated in mind and heart whether I should write you again, and thus be relieved of some anxiety, or try to brave it off thru forgetfulness, which method proved a steady failure. I will say here that you must not make me wait wait so long, that I will have to write you twice without an interchange of commingles. But this is what I'll do if you keep me so long in waiting.

So you are again at school! Oh! if I were only one of your pupils.

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to tell me this. Sister, suppose Helen & Juanita had come to your city about the same time, I was not to leave Taylor during their stay. Oh gee, what on earth do you think of me. Tell me honestly, am I capricious? Won't you give some of your opinions to the writer. Louise you will always believe me, won't you. I will ever be truthful to you, so if a proposal should come some day, you will have no doubts; but answer fully all questions, fill in the blanks, and return paper to my office.

Little sister remember me most kindly to the Thompsons and all the rest of your friends in Atlanta and Louisville. Remember me to Miss A. C. when you write her. I thank you for it.
Part II after supper.

I often hear from Helen. At present she is at 200 Sylvester Ave, Jamaica, N.Y. Don't you know I am uneasy because she is staying so long. During my furlough next month

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I would never "cut" the chemistry class. And you say that you had to be strict. Why that is impossible with the possibly exception of Savoy. Your kind heart and cheerful disposition won't allow you to sway from your usual trend of life. I must say you were most too strict on me, were you not? You will remember I guess when I refer to your last letter and that Louisville "special" you will surely have to make up for it when we meet in 1908.

Louise why don't you continue your narrative? Won't you, and I will call you dear.

Am so thankful for the clippings. I recognized Miss Rhodes I mean Miss Board at first glance. I knew Candidate Powell is some proud. I'm certainly glad to get some news of the school you have been the only one to furnish me with this thus far.

Don't know why I'm so inquisitive, but you must not fail to tell me when you write of your conception of Miss Thompson. Now be ever reminding

I could do likewise. Goodnight
sister. Think of me sometimes when
you're not writing and I will have
good luck. S.W.A.K. With best regards
(O, I hate to close) for your health and
happiness, and hoping for the con-
tinuance of your dear friendship
I am as always-ever
Your brother.
Larry

Regt Sup Sgt W.H.
J.C., 19th Regt S.A.R.D.
Camp Jackson, S.C.

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promise me if ever we meet. Please
answer at any rate. Permit me to
at least think I am your brother
and you my sister as long as you
think not ill of me. Tell me that
when you write and that you
mean that salutation in its
fullest degree.

I am going to write your
mother to-night. I am doubly
ashamed that I do not know her
initials and that I have not
written to her sooner. You remember
me to your parents, didn't you?
Yes, and do so every time you write
them. Tell me when you will spend
your Xmas. I want a 20 page letter
from you for a present. If I don't
get it, I will be forced to sever
diplomatic relations. Remember now
Louis, I did not say friendly relations.

May I send you some magazines?
Tell me your preference or I'll
read your mind. Do you cor-
respond with Miss Gibbons?

Goodnight. Be good. Write soon.
I'm so happy you wrote me such
an interesting letter. Would that

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CAMP JACKSON
COLUMBIA, S. C.

same date.



I am so glad to learn that you are well. I can see you as you are in that conventional (my! what a huge word) navy blue skirt, I mean skirt and tailored waist, an innocent smile and Theda Barish eyes. Greet when I see you if you will only permit me to hold your little hand for moments, much less bringing it to my whoa - I mean to greet you as in the days of Raleigh & Elizabeth. Then, I would be willing to bury my head in a trench mortar. Won't you permit me to do the former when I see you next, sister? Don't say no and do answer.

I hope you will tell me all about school and your subjects as you write. I am interested in you and all your worthy ambitions & will always pray for your success. Now don't forget what you are to

Army
Nov. 12, 1918

Miss Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Ga.

Regt Sup. Sgt. Wm. H. H.
S. O. 19th Regt. T. A. R. C.
Camp Jackson, S. C.



CAMP JACKSON
COLUMBIA, S.C.

Nov. 26/18.

Dear Louise, -

Your magnanimous gift received Tuesday. Would have received and answered for same sooner but for the fact that I spent three following days at the Base.

I am so thankful to you for the sweater. It was a complete surprise - although you did allude to something in your last letter, I did not comprehend.

Am sending you this brief in acknowledgment of your thoughtfulness. How are your parents. Please remember me

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kindly to them. One Slaughter
is here from your city. Do
you know him? Do you
expect to be home during
the Xmas holidays? I hope
you are enjoying school life.
I know you are succeeding
and hopes in that direction
would avail me nothing. I wish
also to be remembered to your
friends. When you write please
tell me all about school and
studies. With best regards
'till another occasion.

As ever
Savoy.

Wont you tell me all about the visit of Helen. I hope she has received my letter and card before leaving home. Please remember me kindly to your parents. I wish ever to be your friend. I have been interrupted several times while writing and trust you will excuse mistakes etc. I am still a bit uneasy until I find or hear of a good report. You will, I trust, correct this salutation or any other form which you would not want to have. I hope you are still enjoying your vacation,

Your sincere friend,
Savoy.

Sgt. William F. Savoy.
S.O., 55th Bn., 7th A.R.D.
Camp Jackson,
Columbia,
S.C.



September 25, 1918.

Dear Louise,

We arrived at camp at 12²⁵ a.m. Monday after a very delightful trip. Though the ride was quite long, it was kept from becoming monotonous because of the fact that we were met at different stations by canteen workers, who were notified in advance, and they gave to the boys hot coffee, sandwiches, sweets, stamps and postcards. For my part I could take another such trip. At daybreak we were awakened and classified. Then some were put into positions in which they were qualified. The rest of the boys are drilling until final dispositions can be made. All the men from the 22nd Div still hold the same rank as they did prior to training.

Everyone is talking about

if opportunity presents itself, I will prove that kindness, firmness and justice are my motifs, and being true in a serious hour. "We will live happily afterwards." Fate knows in his heart that is to be. Please don't misunderstand me. I am so glad you spoke when and as you did. I am only sorry I could not talk with you, that I may receive a greater lesson.

If H accepts, I have no other, although the proposition has never been put on account of separation in distance of miles. One conversation will be enough. I really don't know what I have done, but your letter was a little strict in its nature. But after thinking it over, that was what I needed.

Won't you write again soon - and either say you will give me another chance to give you a worthy impression, or that you will forget, and I start anew. Although I have travelled extensively, I am young, so my actions are not staple.

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the impression that our officers made here a week ago. Notably Houston, who commanded the men in a competitive drill with white officers, is praised by people of both races. It now remains for the remnants of the old 22nd to keep the fire burning, but I don't think the same spirit prevails among our men as did among our predecessors.

I waited with increasing anxiety until the train started from Louisville, about 8:30 p.m., before opening your letter. And would you believe that I was a bit nervous while so doing! If I have had a shock before, I can truthfully say that I have not as yet recovered from the second one.

Your narrative had disciplinary value. Still I hope that you will not carry that same impression of me very long. If F. appeared capricious, he did not mean to be so; probably he was looking for deeper friendship because of his frame of mind from occurrences in the past few weeks. I can't tell you in writing my regards for H. - I can say, however, that

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Sept 25/18
Army

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

Sgt W. F. S.
S.O. or Supply Office, 53rd Bn. F.A.R.D.,
Camp Jackson, Columbia
S.C.

might have erred in talking too much. Won't you forgive me for it, please?

You were one of these sisters because you did so much for the happiness and entertainment of others. Since this country has been at war many millions of your kind did something for the comfort of the soldier or for their country; and those who did not were slackers. Now you have been most kind and thoughtful to my friends and me while at Louisville. I can speak especially for myself when I think after a first visit to your home, I took you into confidence and told you why I was in the service, and telling the life of a "hermit" etc. Perhaps you do not realize that your attitude towards this was in a way motherly and those few remarks you made on the subject were encouraging and helped to make me forget the past when I was in your company, going to see you, and hours afterward. I would say that you have been one of the many who has in many ways given some attention to the thoughts of fighting men.



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CAMP JACKSON, S. C.

Oct. 28, 1918.

Dear Louise,

Your letter of a few days ago received. I guess by now you think I have gone overseas to parts unknown; but such is not my good luck to tell you at this writing. I have had a bad cold and this, coupled with the fact that I have been some busy with the new drafted men, prevented me from accomplishing what I started three times - a letter to you. During the past week with the possible exception of Saturday, I have been working long over mid night fitting the new men in uniforms as they would come in at all hours of the day and night.

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that fateful paragraph had
sapped all nerve. You have noticed
even this that I have made several
mistakes. I trust you will please
excuse same as I am still suf-
fering under a mental disturbance
brought about by your request to
which I have alluded before alluded.
If you knew my present mental
instability since leaving the school,
probably an explanation would not
be wanting for fear that "Atlas
might let the world fall in his
trebles."

Louise I hope I have not broken
that peaceful and harmonious path
through which we have been wending.
I would do anything and everything
for the continuance of your dear
friendship. I will do as you ask
not because I think I made an
error, but because one or the other
of us did not understand. Per-
haps if I had told you in
any other way you might have
scolded me, thus I see where I

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Have you heard anything from
any of our officers who went over-
seas? I have not as yet and it
is rumored here that nineteen
of them were lost at sea. I hope
this is not true. Neither have I
heard any news from Camp
Taylor lately as to the out-
come of the school.

I do hope your sickness
was not serious and that you
were in the best of health and
spirits when I first started
writing you, or rather my
first attempt at this letter. Do
you know when that was? I am
gradually coming to your
point. I started about three
days after the receipt of yours;
but after reading it again,
I thought of how you felt and
acted when you demanded
as requested an explanation
for a certain phrase. Being
not well myself, I could not
summon the courage, the tone of

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CAMP JACKSON, S. C.

I know I'm going to be careful after this Louse in thinking of what I want to write or say. I hope you do not think none the less of me for slipping—now don't evade the question, do you?

Several hundred of us leave these parts about the fifteenth of next month for France or Berlin. Should I be one of fortune I shall go to Berlin; in consequence, please address me at the palace of the Kaiser, Berlin, Europe. I thank you for it.

Sydney has been out of the base for about a week. All of the old 22^d battery boys keep up well. I will probably have a surprise to tell you on my next occasion. Have you heard from Helen? I expect to hear from her today

7.
As you are not in the same position
as I, don't you think I should ex-
pect a picture from you. Now don't
refuse and send it by next mail, or—
Be good and write soon. I am
as ever

Your sincere brother
friend
Lacey.

P.S.— Don't fail to tell me where you
got the name 'Wallie' from. I have
heard that name on other occasions.

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since I was so disappointed
yesterday. You know it is very
lonesome here for some. I have not
been to the city as yet and have
visited the Sisters House about
four times, although I have been
here over a month. My only
attractions so far has been to
hear from friends.

Don't you please write soon
and send a different prescription
from the one that you last sent.
Remember me kindly to your
parents and friends. I thank
you for it.

You can readily see that
this note was dedicated prin-
cipally to explanation and
I will thus leave my next
occasion for one of information.
A chapter or so of that narra-
tive of yours in which I am so
deeply interested would be
gladly appreciated. I can see
now that I should have accompanied
you home from the 7 on the eve
of my departure.

Army
Oct 28,
1918

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Ky.

Regt. Sup. Sgt. W. F. S.
S. C., 19th Regt. F. A. R. D.
Camp Jackson. S. C.



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



Hdqtr Co, 3rd Bn., 7th A.R.D.
9:30 P.M. - 9/19/18.

Dear Louise,

Just a brief note to ask a friend to write a few lines that may keep him up while travelling. This takes the place of the conversation that we might have had, had it been my good fortune to have been here sooner. I was detained at camp by high authorities relative to our departure tomorrow eve.

Should you so desire to be patriotic, helpful, comforting or a loving sister you might send such a note of length by special mail that the patient will receive same before departure. I am sorry I could not spend the evening with you and your parents on Sunday, owing to "our needed presence at Camp Jackson." You won't disappoint - will you? Sincerely

TO THE WRITER:—SAVE BY WRITING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER

TO THE FOLKS AT HOME:—SAVE FOOD, BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Please excuse pencil and composition. Too much noise.

The Sixth Week.

By ^{W.H.S.}
Author of "Six Weeks."

With the deepest of sincerity and without deviating from the truth, the applicant deems it fitting and necessary to impart to a confidential friend the cause of his changing his "outlook towards life," and a few "causes and effects." And this is all that will be undertaken here; for, while I could write my dear reader a serial, impatience causes me to condense the matter somewhat, that I may receive an answer or reply (without my ever asking verbally for same) when I have the pleasure of seeing you again.

The first week has been described, or a synopsis of same was given on the memorable night of September 14, 1918, in which a certain person was disappointed at the end of a four-year romance. Cause - honor; effect - letter not to be described as apt.

And the greatest attention was paid to the second week in which one of the party decides to enlist in the service, either to sail for France immediately or to start life anew. Then, by a process of elimination, he found from many newly formed acquaintances one that possessed the sought for qualities: culture and a certain amount of reservedness.

The next week F^r was introduced to Miss M. but a change of conditions took place and a reply was not in order.

Then Providence took a hand, knowing that I deserved a better opportunity and consequently sent the seemingly feeling friendless

soldier to "somewhere in Camp Taylor. The presence of my best friend G. was most in the hour of need, yet his advice and suggestions did not have the desired effect. Perhaps I lived the life of a hermit, but he did not want to spoil the happiness of the one for whom he has the most respect; hence, I went another week - a man without a country; failing noticeably in appetite, sleep and concentration thought on the subject at issue. The reason for this being the sudden climax of a happy romance; and because I lived, the defeat was hard to forget in so short a time, with no outside influence to counteract the dreadful chain of thoughts.

I do not believe, but I know I have found one who is able to do a patriotic service; no, I should not say service, but - Is the reader interested? ^{Yes} No. At this writing I am unable to put in my fifth week - how I failed in my highest ambition. But I won't give up until I win or am stopped on the other side.

By this time the writer has thoroughly thought over the proposition and realizes what he must accomplish before obtaining a definite



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"WITH THE COLORS"



May 10, 1918

My dear Miss Matthews:

With the permission of your cousin and our mutual friend, "Miss Wilborn," I feel it quite an honor and pleasure to write to one who has attained so much intellectually.

Miss Wilborn has told me a great deal of your accomplishments in school, and thus interested I would like to know more about your life.

I consider it an honor and favor in knowing of you; and hope you will acknowledge receipt of this distant introduction at your leisure time. I will write more on another occasion. May I end here?

Sincerely yours,
William F. Savoy.

Sgt. William F. Savoy,
H'dq't'rs., 317th Engineers,
Camp Sherman, Ohio.

Note:

Please excuse brevity of note--with your acknowledged
permission, will write a letter.



"WITH THE COLORS"

May 10, 1918

Miss Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Sgt. W.H.
No. 317 "Engrs,
Camp Sherman, O.



THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

INSTITUTE, W. VA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

October 20 '19

My dear Louise,

Sometime ago your letter of September 19th was forwarded to me here, to which I replied a few days after its receipt. I remember that we had crossed letters on one occasion, and also that you had informed me of your new address, so I am taking it that the letter has either gone astray, or you are busy at present. These conclusions will somewhat lessen my disappointment in not hearing from you lately.

I have become quite accustomed to the new life here. My work as Secretary to President John W. Davis is very interesting, because I am anxious to be kept in that studious frame of mind. Every one predicts a bright future for this school under its new head. Already many constructive changes are being planned for the future growth of the Institute.

Everywhere one looks he can see mountains -- a most interesting spectacle. The little village of Institute is about eight miles from Charleston, and rather convenient transportation may be had between Charleston and Institute via railway or street car. I never realized that there was in existence a beautiful valley as is Institute.

I know you have heard of the recent outbreaks of lawlessness in the form of race riots etc. The Charleston branch of the N.A.A.C.P. recently held a mass meeting to denounce same. Much good was done by this meeting. Some of the speakers were the governor of the State, the auditor of the state, our president and Rev. Mordecai Johnson. Everyone spoke in "fervor" and we learned that the race had substantial support.

In effect the two senators from W. Virginia

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How are all the members of your family?
Kindly remember to all, please. Does your
mother play whist as of yore. I would
love to enjoy another of those nights. To me
they were great times as afterwards proven,
although I had deteriorated mentally.

You spoke in your last letter of Juanita
Thompson -- not mentioning her last name.
She was in D.C. when I was discharged from
the army about February first. Since then she has
married to a Dr. of Cleveland, I understand.
Well do I recall the surprise upon learning that
you knew of her! Am glad to hear that
Powell and Co. are getting along so well.

Louise, I think that I am nearer to
you when in West Virginia, am I not?

Do remember me kindly to your
mother, father and grandmother. Touch upon
the "Sixth Week" occasionally. Won't you
write to me soon, a real long letter?

Devotingly as ever
Willie, Bill. Savoy
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INSTITUTE, W. VA.

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

said they would support "the Curtis resolution demanding a Congressional investigation of these recent outbreaks." I noticed in the latest Pittsburgh Courier that many like mass meetings are being held in different parts of the country.

Not long ago I heard from Granger. He was in Newark, N. J. at the time. He was preparing to resign his position as "Industrial Secretary" in the Urban League there to study pharmacy. Many of the boys of the "old 22" were referred to by Granger. Among them; Houston is at Harvard, studying law; Pat is at Chicago U. at the same profession. You may not remember Ayler or Busby. The former is farming in Rhode Island, the latter is teaching Agriculture at Bordentown, N. J. Scott has returned to Syracuse University. As you may know Garret Moore is at Morehouse College. I am to write him today.

In my last letter I think I told you that Mr. Davis has his family here. Sarah Rucker is also a part of the household. Through a conversation I learned that you all are friends. Sarah wishes to be remembered to you. Speaking of hermitage Louise, this is the place to practice such. Besides being a very quiet place, as a member of the Faculty, my quietness would have to be more pronounced in a way. I refrain by force to associate with the students as a companion. Now this with boys and girls my age is a hard thing to do. As for members of the faculty, nothing doing. In other words, "they don't have them." I trust you understand.

Is my bureau at Institute to be as bare of your photograph as was my bureau in D.C.? You can give me credit for my patience at any rate.

W. F. S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

INSTITUTE, WEST VA.

Oct. 20, '19

*Miss F. House - Governor,
1720 - W. Chestnut St.,
Pm 54
Louisville, Ky.
2121 W. Chestnut,*

(Kindly forward.)

1213-S-St, N. W.,
Washington D.C.,
6-20-'19

Dear Louis,-

About the 6th inst. I mailed to you a parcel addressed to your school at Atlanta. As I have not heard from you as to its receipt, I became anxious to know of its safe arrival. Same should have reached you about two Sundays ago. Would you advise me, please as to whether or not you received the package. I have also made inquiry, this date as to the whereabouts of the "insured parcel."

I hope nothing serious has happened to you as I have been anxiously waiting for just a letter since your graduation. I am so thankful in advance to

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you for an early reply. Also if
the package was damaged in any
particular I would be glad to know.

Louis, I hope I have not disappointed
you. - With love and best wishes -
remember me kindly to all.

As ever

Willis

3/31/19.

Dear Louise,

Your very anxiously
awaited letter received.

My conscience was repeatedly telling me the cause of your seemingly long intermission, and when I saw your addressed envelope upon my return home, I felt a changed person — tho' I knew not its contents.

And what a punishment it was, sister! you can not imagine, to be looking for something expected everyday and then — not to be understood.

For my part I will never allow myself to put off writing to you as you referred, even if I should be so successful to get in the service again. My intentions, attentions and state of mind

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Recently I saw many of the
old 22nd Btry boys. Granger, Pat,
and Houston were at the Community
center not so long ago. Of course
you were mentioned, but I had to
call a halt, even from my friend
Granger. Sydney Walliston has taken
another ship and travelled to
Pittsburg.

I'm quite settled in D.C. at
last after roaming around the
state for the last few years. Do
you still think you will come
to Penn? Remember me
kindly to your parents and
all of our friends. With best
regards as ever.

Willie

1213 E - St. N. W.

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have been the same Louise, since
that awful "blue day" when I wrote
you that letter much informative.
I remember it well and can tell
you now to prepare yourself for
another one.

I will send you the promised
photo before many moons have
come and gone.

Louise, don't you think that
you treated me rather cold in
your last letter. Please have a
heart and chew a fellow a little
after such a treatment — a long
wait and partial scolding. Now
you tell me all about yourself
and school. And believe the writer
when he says he wishes you all
the success in the world —
closing such wishes by a sealed?
I noticed that you evaded a
question or so that I asked you
long ago — viz. when I see you next.

W.F.S.
1213 S. St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

3/31/19

Miss Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Ga.

1213 - S. St, N. W.
Washington, D. C.,
February 25/19.

Dear Louise,

For fear that you did not receive my letter of a few days ago - or, fearing the possibility that you may be sick as the "flu" is again rampant in these parts, I am dropping all signs of conventionalities and write you again, if just to let you know that I am among them that are thinking of you.

I know not how to start as I am un-interesting enough without reiteration. Yet, not enough news has transpired here to my knowing that would satisfy me in writing you the kind of letter to call for your attention.

and friends.³ Please write
With best wishes for your
health, happiness and
success in your worthy am-
bitions, I am as ever

Your sincere friend
Willie

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And while I am thus debating,
your special letter and the one
that followed it are still fresh
in mind--thus is my present
predicament.

How are you? How is
your work? Tell me all about
your school. How are your
parents and friends. How is
Louise?

I am really anxious to hear
from you, and I hope soon to
get a long letter of from. I
hope you will get this note of
thoughts. I trust you have already
received my previous letter and
that I shall have the pleasure
of hearing from one of my
dearest friends--my sister--
though I think at this present
I am misunderstood.

Remember me kindly
to your mother, father.

[15 February 1919]

Dear Louise;

It has been quite a while since we have heard from each other, and I intend to put a stop to this uncalled for intermission immediately (with your kindest permission) for I am afraid the recipient might let this go on indefinitely.

My first favour is to ask you to please excuse all mistakes and this scribbling; for, I fear that I am also due for a scolding for not doing this very same thing some weeks ago.

Louise, I think you might have squared matters some time in November, unless I have harmed you in some way. Notice, I did not say that you owed me a letter. ha ha. Now I fully intended writing my little sister (notice the memory) during the following month, but! I was down with the "flu" and believe me Louise I really had some of it. Perhaps I read your former

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to our Thompson friends and Miss
Clements. I thank you for it.

Won't you write real soon sister,
and tell me all about school and
everything that you have not told
me that failed to honor correspondence
— that you did not receive.

I hope that you will not keep me
long in waiting. With best regards
to all, I am

as always,
Willie.

P.S. - Am about to enter civil service as sten-typist,
and this cartoon is a part of the preparation. As
soon as I have a good one taken I will keep
my promise. Please answer - not by
return mail, but - you know, immediately.
My exam. starts this coming Tuesday. With
your fervent prayers for my success, I will
pass. *W.S.*

1213 - S St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.,
February 15/19.

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letter so often that through the Christian
Scientists' method I relieved you of some
of that epidemic. You don't realize
how this bit of sickness hurt me, for I
had planned a trip to Washington, in
fact.

After January I thought that I would
be transferred at any time according
to the prevailing rumors and thus have
I procrastinated, more to my regret
than you can imagine. I hope you
believe, for I found your letters the
most interesting comfort during those
dark days at Columbia.

Taking your most thoughtful
advice, I begin visiting the city of
Columbia, thus ending my life of
Hermitage of about eight weeks. I
fully enjoyed my trips and stay
there - found the people very
hospitable and some of the girls very
congenial company at their dances
and little socials.

How are your mother and
father? Please extend my kindest
regards to them when you write.
I also wish to be remembered

W.F.S.
1213-S-S. N. W.
Wash., D.C.

Feb. 15,

1919

Miss Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Ga.

WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE

for

War Department and Navy Department
Commissions on Training Camp Activities

Red Circle Club
For Colored Soldiers
Columbia, S. C.



SURROUND THE CAMPS WITH
HOSPITALITY

Sunday, February 2^d 1919

Dear Louise;—

Why so startled! Just an old friend reminding one of his change of station.

Surely I don't know what you think of me, but I expect to find out very shortly. Am serving notice that I will write you from D.C. on Wednesday. Was discharged from the service on Saturday and am staying over a day or so for a rest. I have so much to tell you, sister. Remember me kindly to all.

As ever
Willie

RETURN IN 5 DAYS



Feb 2
1919

W. T. Lacey
Columbia, S.C.

Miss Louise Matthews,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta
Ga.



THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

INSTITUTE, W. VA.

November 7, 1919.

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

My dear Louise:

How could you have made such a mistake! Also how true is that saying that man must take the initiative! So, I fancy that if I had not written again, you would have taken another vacation. Do you not imagine how happy I was to hear from you. I call this a start, or rather another start. Won't you continue, if only for the "sixth week's" sake.

In your next letter, I shall expect you to explain why you can't imagine me as playing the hermit's role again. You know that state is not my usual way of living. Now that such is required here, I feel the solitude the more. Yet I realize that in leaving D.C. and coming here, I am nearer to Louisville and consequently drawing nearer to the end of that oft repeated manuscript.

Relative to the narrative, I expected you to touch upon all parts. Let me remind you that since last September, I ever alluded or referred to it in each of my letters to you. You say "Patience is an excellent virtue." I agree with you strongly Louise. I hope there will soon be mutual knowledge of my reward in this line.

Should I go too far in the following, I trust you will conceive, forgive and don't forget. Realizing that you know the motif and aim of my "special" of the twenty-sixth of Sept. last, I do not have to be as out-spoken here. I want you to tell me what you think, and I don't want you to think that I am changeable. My memory serves me well and that I recall that you used the word "capricious" in reply to the "specialized narrative." I wonder if you have my point of view. Change your salutation and tell me that you mean it. I invite you to discuss the narrative. My conclusion was solved when I left your city. Please be more conversant on the subject.

THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
INSTITUTE W. VA.
DAVID W. DAVIS
1880-1881

In my next attempt I shall be glad to discuss
the student body. Do you ever hear from Helen?
It has been months since I heard from her last.
How are you enjoying life now? Tell me
about yourself. Remember me most kindly to
your parents. Please write soon. Remember
that you have my constant thoughts. May I
hear from you soon?

As ever,
Willie.

W. H. Barry

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

INSTITUTE, WEST VA.

Nov. 7, 1919

Miss F. Louise Matthews,
2121 - W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville,
Ky.

your health.

The next time I hear from you I expect to be in Philadelphia. And your reply and answer will be forwarded to me there. Although I may not be gone very long I shall be sure to have your letter sent me — for various reasons.

Be kind to write soon — or in such time as is consistent with your studies and will, which are in the main my most concerned thoughts. If permitted in my next letter I will go farther on my journey until I will have come to such a point that there will be no cause for anxiety and worry.

When your school ends this summer and you return home, I will be more than happy to get your photograph. Permit me to say that this will be my first step to success. Now I do not want you to think that I would dare to be so long in starting, for your promise to send will be in fact "a true beginner," still there's a reason.

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Dear Louise,

What a treat it was to get your letter of a few days ago! It took me away to the time of the "Sixth Week"; yet after remembering what near danger I was then in after same was read (for my sincere aim was not realized) I fail to feel constrained from writing again in that same frame of mind.

But I might find that the writer is the same as he was a few months ago (remembering the contents of that awful "special" or — refraining now because the lady in question is in school. For emphasis I might give the following a whole paragraph:

I am home and, a' that, and still I wish my little sister "would consider a certain letter more seriously."

Reference was made to local

C.

to look forward to when a mere
lad of twelve. In short, first to
church, then took my kid sister out
for a ride to the gro — then re-
turned to stroll the streets alone.

And more than one friend
has inquired of me the cause
thereof, and making me feel my
loneliness more, and physically
causing me to feel my strangeness
by being without a friend. You know
what kind I mean. Many are near
and everything like that, but not
the right one. I don't know whose
fault it is.

How are the Thompson girls
and Miss Clement? Do you ever
hear from Helen? I saw Th. Marshall
not so long ago. He, like the rest of
the "old bunch" that went over, looks
the picture of health. And you,
Louise, since I have neither your
picture nor the frame, must by
suggestion and intuition of your
thoughts in words determine

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surroundings for the reason of
— you know, genuine sincerity.
and I have been many places — to
find a gift of Louisville always in
my memory. I hope everyday will
not be a to-morrow — a future day
of hopes, but a realization of the
situation answered in the affirmative.

In your interesting letter you
wanted to know of any evasions. As
all alluded to in the introduction
to this brief. And only one question
arises therefrom! Why change style
of salutation? Are ambitions pro-
gressing or digressions — or am I
too familiar in this one.

Gee, but if I could only have
been with you all when you took
the hike. Such strolls carry me
back to my young days, ha ha.

Surely you don't want to hear
of anything un-interesting, so
why bring in my Easter? This
was also one of my "kid" days,
for I did something that I used

4/28/19

When you write home I wish as
always to be remembered. Your
success in school you will always
have from adoption and the reason
that you are Louise.

I see my selfishness by writing
only the "Pills" and its accompaniment.
(what such a word!) This will not
always be. Very shortly I'll eat some
ice cream and probably feel a
bit cooler.

With fondest hopes and best
wishes, I hope to remain (until
I am taken further into your
confidence)

Your sincere friend
Larry.

1213 - S - St. N. W.,
Wash D.C.
L.C.

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I fear some one has been doing
some talking. Who said that I was
wearing civilian clothes. All I
can see now is a full dress
and a - and a minister. See -
don't laugh. The time is not
far distant when I shall have
the honor and pleasure of ful-
filling my promise in the form
of a photo.

As at first expected, I did
not go to Philadelphia and
for that reason I am here. But -
speaking with reference to the
place mentioned, your father
and I agree that east should
be the place for you to study.
"Don't you sense the situation?"

As far as telling you of
myself is concerned, I am absent.
Life is just one Artillery Training
School after another. When you
go home I shall expect a
several photo of you - on that

1213- 8 - St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.,
5-18-19.

Dear Louise;

During the last few
days I have been aching for a
letter from you - to the extent
that I was about to put "permi-
tism" (although I did not
divide this properly I can say
this is no more than a flit-
tering) on paper when I realized
more than once of your
position as student. And I
know also how busy one is
when "graduation" comes to
a nearing point. - Sister! how
close is this?

All the anxiety that I have
stirred up since hearing from
you last has vanquished as
I have now a new companion
in your previous letter.

are not answering all by putting
another question blank points or
vice versa.

(Question)

Do you care if I should pro-
ceed in the course I am now taking
or do you prefer me to refrain
therefrom? I hope you are interested
and that I shall be allowed to
continue.

I am glad to hear that
Granger wrote. Yes, he is my
best friend, and we spent many
good times together when he
was here last. I am a bit nervous
when a photo was sent. Oh Granger
why did you ask for my (our)
friends' addresses. Now I must
wait for another letter before
prostrating any more. He was
in New York when you heard,
I presume.

If some one has not asked
before I did would you not
send the rough copy of your
oration. Thank you for it

(Question 1).

Since it happens that you are
the one that causes punishment
thru "watching waiting" and are
the one who occupies most space
in a depleted mine of one, when
is the sixth week going to be
realized, visualized, and replied to?
Quite a question at this point
Louise, but!!! I wanted to show
an exercise in memory, besides
instilling that the purpose of
the "sixth week" was not to be taken
as a passing fancy as was said
in that fatal reply & special, but
a special provided piece of material
which will be used to show and
prove genuine reality and
sincerity.

I will only know your
disposition in the matter
which has been evaded so often
(except in your last letter in
which you admitted that you

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will grad my bureau which
in itself will explain our
relation...

How are your parents?
Please remember me to them
when you write. I also extend
communication to the Thompson
girls. Write when you can
and can as soon as you
can. With best wishes for your
health and happiness, and in-
creasing hope that honesty and
sincerity will be favoured to the
the end view, I wish to remain,
until extended into a deeper
and more fondly meaning,

Your sincere friend,
Savoy

is true only in my case. A place is reserved for yours and my memory and word will serve as the truth.

Concerning my summer Louis, don't you know that I have not spent a summer at home since I was at the age of twelve. But it looks as if I am doomed in this sweltering place. Henceforth I would go to the sea-shore or some summer resort to work; but as I expect now to be employed by the gov. (for a time at least) I am obliged to say here. - Don't you know Louis, I am awfully upset over these administrative affairs, and this is one reason why I do not push the S. W. more than I have - for: preparedness is my first achievement. I hope your grandmother will soon recover that you will have a happy and enjoyable vacation - with love and best wishes, I wish to remain - until advanced further. As ever yours, Larry

1213 - 8 St, N. W., D.C.
6 - 6 - '19 -

Dear Louis,-

Your letter and my oration were duly received. After reading both several times I adopted the conclusion that now I am quite nearly the equal in being a talented orator and correspondent that you are - but mine was acquired thru memory and absorption of your most interesting material. Please excuse the expression, but you really hold 'em.

One moment please, I must insert an apology here for causing you any trouble or anxiety over my haste to hear from you a few days ago. It was just a climax of my ever unfailing thoughts that cause anything desperate on

(I wrote the rest on my table)

quickly will say that I responded to a call from the citizens of the District to be present on the grounds of the Elipse to receive a medal for our services during the war. When a substantial one it is to Louise, the only insignia that I retain to show that I took part in the battle of "Camp Jackson," for this is where I fought - not the Kaiser, but the Crackers. After that trying ordeal I came home to see the kids enjoy their fireworks. - Rather quiet, don't you think. And you alluded to my patriotism! Why that was captured by the enemy at the afore-mentioned camp.

With reference to a picture, I will say that it would take in a better picture in the cold weather. In short I have a tendency to - oh you know, I gain in weight and everything from Oct and thereafter. Of course I can be snapped at any time. Now this

my part when I failed to hear from you. - Going back to my letter, I would say that:

From a selfish view-point, the present strikes in your city comes in quite handily; not that you have not enjoyed those enterprises mentioned by you, but they go to make up those elements which comprise that final test the love-one wants to know before being awarded into double circumstances by her parents - Louise, this is just some more of the Bulletin issued in L.ville.

I'm very sorry that I did not see your father while he was there, but same sorry will be forgotten when I receive a letter from your mother. You must always remember me to your parents and our friends.

I will tell you of my Fourth of July if you promise not to laugh. then right

1213-S-St. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
September 8-19

My dear Louisa,

What on earth is the trouble?
I have been wondering why it is
that you have not written lately, and as
I have not regards for dissection in-
regards to conventionality, I'll write
again to see why you have taken a
vacation in correspondence also.

By self-conviction I had no idea
you would do such a thing, and as
we have not heard from each other for
a week of length, I gladly take the initiative
and say: How do you do again.

Sunday, two weeks ago, I had
a lovely surprise. Some old candidates of
the 22^d dropped in. I really had some of the
happiest moments of recent times, for the
gathering really carried me back to the
days of Taylor. First came Sydney Mulliken
and Laurence on an excursion from
Pittsburgh; then Lt. King came thru on his
way from the south; and last, but not least
my friend G. Moore, who had just arrived
from N.Y. came in with his Y.M.C.A. uniform.
We resembled a bunch of the fairer sex by the
way we chatted.

What have you been doing lately?
How are your parents. Surely you must
have enjoyed an inglorious vacation, and I

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shall not ask about this. But you must tell me all about it.

Louise I really hope there is nothing wrong. You must tell me the cause of not writing by post haste with the special herein enclosed. Please excuse the looks of this letter and the material as I am at work and hurriedly going thru the motions (as you can see).

Am at the Treasury Department employed as a sten. and same thing at evening for a business concern. Have really been quite busy lately recuperating work and the things that so deteriorated during my stay in the service. Remember me to my (unseen friend) Miss Clement. Has been months since I have heard from Helen Wilborn.

Will be more extensive in my next letter. This business I trust you will please excuse. Kindly remember me to all and write soon. With love and best wishes,

Sincerely
Sally.

Please send me my promised photo

8 1/2 x 12

309 Elm St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.
August 20, 1920.

Dearest Louise,

Your surprising letter and contents of a few days ago at hand. Why such a long silence every now and then on your part? Is he making such a wonderful impression as to make you forget your friends, or don't thou write according to thy feelings? Now remember to write me two letters in one the next time (which will be immediately) or else you may have a bit of trouble.

I adore you and your mother's likeness sent me. This is a very good picture of you. My how you have grown! But keep in mind you are just a little girl right on.

You may send me the other
~~stan~~ snaps referred to by you.
 I'll pick out the ones I want and
 remit to you the balance.

How is Ethel or do you hear
 from her? How about the
 Bishop girl in your home city.
 I am simply testing my memory.

Be good and be careful.
 Let me hear from you soon.
 With best wishes,

Fondly -
 Willie

I expect to go to New York on
 Sunday and return here on
 Thursday of the same week. May
 I have a letter here from you
 on my return. Please do this
 Louis for I am going to look
 for it. Now don't get tight.

How are your folk at home?
 I was surprised to hear of your
 father being in New York. I say
 this thinking that I could have
 seen him had I known. Or
 do I ask your mother.

I was at Institute when
 your letter came. I arrived
 here after a tiresome journey
 yester morn. I am glad to
 be in the home city again
 after an eleven month trip
 abroad.

How are Pat and Dad.
 Do you ever hear of them?
 May how the bunch has scattered.

309 - Elm St. N. W.
Washington, D.C.
September 3, 1920.

My dear Louise,

How good of you to write me as you did. I have re-read your letter with deeper enthusiasm and interest.

During my stay from Institute, I have visited in Baltimore and New York. My trips are not regretted in the least. I was anxious to see some good ball games and movies. This I have done to complete satisfaction. While in New York I attempted to kill two birds with one stone as business was my prime motive. I expect to take my C. P. A. examination there next year.

Guess what follows. I have at last met and have seen you

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mother. Remember tho' she still
holds you as the baby of the family
though you may be a young
lady. From the size I judge that
you are taller than I. Then
Louise, pray tell, am I to look
up to you. ha ha.

I hope the negatives have come
your way. Say, I am always
begging, am I not.
Louise, I did not want to defer longer
in replying to your letter. I am a bit
tired after a few nights on the road.
This accounts for my lack of
interest. I will do better in my
next attempt. Be good and be
careful.

Remember me kindly to all!

As ever.

Sally.

P.S. Expect to return to Institute
next week.

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cousin, Helen Wilborn. I met her
while in New York. I found out
that you all were not corresponding.
Not right for cousins, but just
like girls.

How did you enjoy yourself
Thursday at the picnic? I see you
did not invite me and you
knew that I was on vacation.
New York is not far from Louisville.
In fact Maude is just as close
from an invitational point of
view.

Accept my congratulations
on the acceptance of the teaching
profession. I trust you will like
your new environment and
surroundings. You have my
best wishes for a successful
year.

The snap you sent me has
an honor place in my room
and memory. It is the best
likeness I have seen of you.
I see you are taller than your



THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
INSTITUTE, W. VA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 12/20.

JOHN W DAVIS
PRESIDENT

My dear Louise,

Your good letter of a few weeks ago has been in my mind for reply to the extent of writing for some time. I have not finished any of the letters started to you either due to the fact that I was writing to you at the wrong time, or, I was remorseful over my delay in writing, however late.

Since we have heard from each other I have been to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. I took occasion to go to D.C. with the football team when we played Howard University. We lost a hard game to them by a score 0-7. I really enjoyed the unexpected trip as I had not seen many of my friends for quite some time. I had never dreamed of seeing Philadelphia again. Everything there looks about the same.

Did I tell you that I had met and seen your cousin, Helen Wilborn? Perhaps my memory is becoming slack. Yes, I met her when I was in New York a few days ago.

This year I am kept extremely busy. In addition to my regular secretarial duties, I have been made registrar of this place. I am offering a course in "Library Science" and am supposed to be in charge of the library here. Don't laugh. We have no regular Librarian at this Institution. Besides this, I am trying to keep up in my personal studies in Law and Accounting. The former is well taken care of, but I can't say the same relative to the latter as I have not sufficient time to put on it. You can see how I am kept going. I simply take the time to write home and to friends.

How have you been of late? How are your parents. Our team played in your locality lately. I received through one of our representatives a query from your father.

How is your school work coming along? I should



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JOHN W DAVIS
PRESIDENT

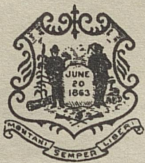
be pleased to hear about your new enterprise.
We are having some good weather here for hiking.
I am taking my special sometimes at rowing. It is
really some sport. I do not know what I shall do
when cold weather comes, as I snatch a few
minutes at a time to get in the air. I will certainly
be glad when I get my degree that I may go in to
business and out of school work. I am sure you can
appreciate this.

Remember me kindly to one and all of the family
With best wishes,
Sincerely,
Savvy.

W. H. C. C.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
INSTITUTE, W. VA.

Nov. 12, '20

*Miss Louise Matthews,
113 - W. Robbins St.,
Covington, Ky.*



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INSTITUTE, W. VA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

12 '17 '20.

JOHN W DAVIS
PRESIDENT

My dear Louise -

I trust you are well and that you have either found your pen, or, that your right hand has completely recovered that you may by now be able to write.

How have you been? I am the folk at home. I trust all are enjoying the best of health.

To-day, I am sending to your address for you a package by Parcel Post. I need not say when to open same, for, it may be about the desired time when it reaches you, especially during this time of the season.

I should enjoy a long letter from you. Nothing else would please me more. I did not say a letter either, but one of length.

Remember me kindly to one and all. I am wishing for you, your mother and father the best of God's gifts during the Coming New Year.

With best of wishes
Ever
Sincerely

W. L. Murray
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
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12/17/20

Miss Louise Mather, ,
2121- N. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.



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INSTITUTE, W. VA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 15, 1921.

JOHN W DAVIS
PRESIDENT

My dear Louise:

What a queer wonderment overtakes me when I wonder how you will accept my reasons over this delay in writing you! I appreciate keenly the fact that it is not good policy so to do, and too, I must know your reaction to my actions.

Louise I have been burdened as a school man can be. Have classes in arithmetic and library sciences together with my secretarial duties and in charge of our library as kept me from expressing on paper my thoughts to them. You are one of my best friends of whom my thoughts have tendered most, and yet you are at a loss to know this.

At this writing I am intressingly the busiest time of the school term -- getting ready for Commencement, recording of grades and the Summer School.

How are you doing? When does your school close? What are your plans for the summer?

How are your mother and father? I shall be happy to be remembered to them through you. My mind travels back to some friends of yours whom I met while in your city. How are the Thompsons? One more question: do you know the Cotters of Louisville? I speak of that family of which Prof. Joseph S. Catter is the head. Will you be kind enough to tell me all you know of these folk -- the son that died etc.? Our school closes on the 25th and I should like to have all the information before that time. Will you favor me thus. It is only for me and for my own benefit.



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JOHN W DAVIS
PRESIDENT

I am sending you, under separate cover, a bulletin your Summer School and other material which may be of interest to you. I do not want you to keep me waiting as I have done you Louise. I want to hear from you almost at once. I will show you how to be grateful.

Tell me all about your work, how you like your environment, the people etc. How do you like Cincy.?

I have not heard from Helen since I returned from New York. I obtain some news, however, from the Davis' here. Mrs. Davis wishes to be remembered to you and your family. I just saw her.

I still study my law and accounting during the periods which are mine. I have much to tell you about my work, but refrain to do so at this present time, to the fact that much of it is about myself.

With best wishes for your continued success,

Fondly,

Savoy.



DIRECTOR OF THE JEFFERSON

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

November³
1921

My dear Louise:

Your welcomed card is
before me.

Have you ever experienced the
sensation of wanting something "real
badly" that you even do things to
obtain the desired results, which, under
normal circumstances would not be
entirely in order?

At any rate I am anxious to hear
from you. I want a real long letter. Please
do not disappoint me in this. In short, I
want and expect a long letter or ———.

Now have I written twice or thrice
to you without a reply. For this, you
must excuse me. Please write soon.

As ever
Savoy.

Nov 3, 21



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Nov. 23, 1922.

PRESIDENT
JOHN W. DAVIS

My dearer Louise:

On my next occasion in writing you, may I be most personal or familiar? Please answer this question positively.

I should like very much to come to see you on Xmas for a day or two. I give this time as we have only one day for Christmas.

At this time tomorrow I hope to be enroute to Wilberforce with the team. I shall think of you while going, while there, while returning.

I have broken a promise made to myself in deferring a letter to you thus long. Mr. Davis has just returned from an extended trip to foreign parts. I have had some little to do. I offer this not as an excuse to you — for I shall not ever offer any to friends for whom I have most respect. Regardless of the above I am asking one special favor of you. I shall return here this coming Sunday — other things being equal. I want a long long letter awaiting me here from Louise. What you do this? Yes, answer at once. Tell me all about yourself. I promise to extend myself on my return in reply. Please not fail me Louise; I shall look for this.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT
JOHN W. DAVIS

Then you will have this letter for me on
Saturday, won't you.

You have asked me to tell you much
or rather something of the social life here.
Let me tell you of this in my next letter.
I want a heart-to-heart talk with you.
Would you allow me this privilege? I
am anxious to see you, to consummate
the dream that I had last summer.

(George^P is now down singing and hence
I can hardly collect my thoughts.)

How are the members of your
household? I should be pleased to be
reintroduced to them.

Louise, I have not written you
a letter. Let me write you on Sunday
night. I shall do this whether or not I
hear from you. I want to feel though
that you will humor a whim of mine
just once. Do write

Devotedly,
Will.

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Nov. 25/122

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

Dec. 4, 1922.

Dear Louise:

I am again at my desk after an absence since Wednesday. As long as I have been here, this occasion was my first in asking to be away. My trip to Wheeling and nearby parts was eventful.

In the first place, our boys closed a most successful football season in a way, by defeating their old rivals six to zero. It was a hard but clean game.

Prior to this game I was used fairly roughly by my initiation into the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. A couple of the teachers here were kind enough to effect my entrance at the chapter at Wheeling.

During my brief stay at this place I met Mozell (did I spell this correctly?) of Louisville. I had not seen him since I was in the service at Camp Taylor. Many out-of-town folk and old acquaintances were at the game. So the Lincoln-Howard game did not usurp all the attention as I had anticipated; for we had close to sixteen hundred people at our game.

From Wheeling I went to Columbus, Ohio and spent a couple of days. Here I took up various forms of entertainment.



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JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

I thought of you on many occasions.
Now that I am again domiciled at
Institute I am happy, for a rest is
needed.

How did you spend your Thanks-
giving? How are the members of the
household. Be kind enough to
extend my kindest regards to all.

With best wishes,

Ever,

Savoy.

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Dec 4, '22

*Miss Louise V. Matthews,
2121 W. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.*

309- Elm St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.
Sept 4, 1922.

Dear Louise:

I arrived here yesterday from N. Va. and called for you over the 'phone' at your Balt. address. I cannot describe my feeling on learning that you had gone home. Mr. Davis did not reach Institute until the 30th of Sept and I had to remain there until he came. I am very sorry to have missed you in Balt. I had planned on this for some time.

How did you enjoy

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you stay there. Let me
know all about your N.Y.
and Balt. experiences.

I am dead tired at this
writing as you can
probably see. I simply
had to drop you a line.

Please write me soon.

Give my best regards
to your parents. I hope
that you are well and
happy.

As ever

Sally

Charleston Gazette - Daily paper

NEGRO SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSES

**Session at Collegiate Institute
Declared to be Most Successful
Ever Held There**

INSTITUTE, W. Va., Aug. 12.—Friday, August 11, marked the close of the most successful summer school ever held by the West Virginia collegiate institute. Although the term was increased from six to nine weeks, all previous attendance records were excelled. About 400 teachers were present, exceeding the enrollment of the regular school term.

The advantages of attending the summer school at the institute are gradually being realized by the colored teachers of the state, it is said. The summer session is an extension of the regular school term, and not a make-shift period, designed to provide numerous seekers with the illusion that they have obtained a few hours of credit during their spare moments. Instruction has been given by the members of the regular faculty in the standard courses of the scholastic year. Additional courses have been offered, whenever necessary, by specialists of established reputation.

High Standard of Lecturers

In addition, the standard of lectures this summer has come up to the highest expectation. The best of the previous lecturers were here again while their ranks were increased by other specialists and members of the faculty. Among the summer's lecturers were: Dr. Guy Montrose Whipple, University of Michigan; Dr. G. Franklin Bobbit, University of Chicago; Dr. Walter Barnes, vice-principal of the Fairmont normal school; Dr. Henry Neumann, Ethical Culture society of Brooklyn; J. Frank Marsh, secretary of the state board of education; W. W. Sanders, of the advisory council; J. Walter Barnes, of the state board of control; Mrs. George S. Laidley, of Charleston; Dr. Francis C. Sumner and Professors Daniel L. Ferguson, William F. Savoy and George D. Brock, of the faculty of the institute. All lectures were largely attended, and the informal discussions given by the lecturers in the afternoons were of great benefit.

Realizing that "constant work

without recreation might bring about disastrous results" the faculty spared no effort to promote play and suitable diversion for the summer school students, it was said. The swimming class, organized and promoted by Director Savoy, was a success. The woman's baseball games provided much interest. The five tennis courts were constantly crowded, when weather permitted. Early morning hikes were popular and motion picture entertainments on Friday and Saturday nights were well attended. All of these activities were entered into with great enthusiasm on the part of everyone. Faculty and students, after working together most earnestly, strove together in a track and field meet. Many, who have never known that work and play could be properly combined with mutual benefit, have discovered that secret this summer, it was said.

The work done at the institute was in keeping with the program of the state, to better the educational facilities and to raise the standard of instruction in West Virginia to the highest level.

The negro teachers of the state have been responding to the call for higher education, better instruction, and greater efficiency. About 75 per cent of them studied at institute and elsewhere this summer. Through them the instruction of approximately ten thousand pupils and future citizens of the nation will be influenced.

To this end President John W. Davis and the faculty of the institute have spared no pains to bring about the very best results. Everything was done to make the stay for all, both pleasant and beneficial. How well this has been accomplished may be judged from the attitude of the teachers themselves, who, during the last week of the session, adopted resolutions expressing their gratitude for the kind and efficient treatment they received.

More Truth Than Poetry

By S. E. Kiser



FRIENDLESS

The city, with its wild alarms,
Its turmoil and its waves of crime,
May not be barren of all charms,
May even seem to be sublime,
If where our daily tasks are done
The light of hope may penetrate,
If those with whom we labor to shun
The jealousy that ends in hate.
If friendliness is welcomed where
We find the work we have to do,
The crowded city may be fair,
And life be worth the living, too.

The wide, green field and fruitful
slope,

Past which the clearest waters flow
Are dismal if no word of hope
Is ever spoken there; the glow
Of beauty quits the fairest place
When love is banished, and the
sneer

That darkens Envy's ugly face
Is oft permitted to appear.
The loveliness that seemed so rare
Is cheapened and seems common
when

The grumbler lingers to declare

a good deal to do in preparing me
for the scientific study of sound.

"As a child, I took a great deal of
interest in flowers and plants and
formed a large herbarium, arranged
according to the Linnean system of
botany.

"My collection of plants gradually
gave way to collections of shells and
birds' eggs. Then came butterflies
and beetles and finally the skeletons
of small animals, like frogs and
toads, mice and rats.

Got Pig for Dissection.

"On one occasion my father pre-
sented me with a dead sucking pig,
and the 'distinguished professor of
anatomy' was called upon for a lec-
ture. So a special meeting of 'The
Society for the Promotion of Fine
Arts Among Boys' was held in my
study, the attic of my father's house
(13 South Charlotte street, Edin-
burgh). This was sacred to me, and
there my collections presented an im-
posing array of anatomical speci-
mens.

"I can see in these natural-history
collections a preparation for scien-
tific work. The collection of mate-
rial involved the close observation of
the likenesses and differences of ob-
jects of very similar kind, and the
orderly arrangement, as in a museum,
stimulated the formation of generali-
zations of various kinds.

"My father encouraged me in mak-
ing collections of all sorts and in ar-
ranging the specimens in accordance
with my own ideas rather than in
conformity with the ideas of others.
I am inclined to think that the mak-
ing of these collections formed an
important part of my education and
was responsible for my early bent
toward scientific pursuits.

Had to Learn Shakespeare.

"My grandfather was well known
as a Shakespearean scholar and a
public reader of Shakespeare's plays;
so, of course, I had to make myself
familiar with the plays of Shakes-
peare and commit to memory long
passages from 'Hamlet,' 'Macbeth,'
Julius Caesar,' and 'The Merchant of
Venice.'

"He also gave me instruction in
the mechanism of speech and per-
mitted me to be present at the instruc-
tion of some of his pupils, so that I
might observe for myself his methods
of correcting defective utterance.

"I have found it necessary to al-
lude to my grandfather, and to his
work in correcting defective utter-
ance, not only on account of the in-
fluence he exerted upon my own
life, but because the profession he
founded became in process of time
a family profession, which was hand-
ed down to his children and grand-
children. His two sons, for example,
followed it.

Took Up Study of Vibrations.

"I took up the study of the nature



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Eve of Aug. 23, 1920

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

My dear Louise;

*Letter received. Am
writing you tomorrow. With
love and best wishes,*

*Ever
Sincerely,
Savoy.*

Institute, W. Va.,
June 4, 1922.

My dear Louise:

Your letter of recent date came during the psychological moment, and I need only to allude that it had the curing effect. On many, many occasions I started to write to you again for a definite reply relative to my last letter. Now I am happy that I have been a little more patient. I notice in your letter that you perhaps will answer more fully the next time. Be kind enough (Louise) to change perhaps to I will.

I shall be here for the summer session from June 12 to August 14. I am slated to teach History of Ed. and Anthropology, thus the time should go quite rapidly due to busy days. I hope to have my vacation soon after the 14 of August. Of course, I shall go east from here, which fact includes the possibility, not probability of seeing you in Baltimore or some other place convenient to you.

I am happy to have this occasion and privilege and shall take advantage of it by deterring much that I would write until that time. Be sure now — let's keep in touch with each other.

You may be interested to know that I have sent for my mother to come here for a rest between the closing of the regular term and the opening of the summer school. She arrived in Charleston on yesterday and is there awaiting a friend until Tuesday next when she will come here for a week. I am glad to have the opportunity to do this much for her.

Many thoughts ran through my mind when I read of some of your reasons for choosing Columbia for your school. It pleases me to know that you realize what I have in mind. Perhaps if I were too point blank, after having not seen each other in such a while, you would probably change your opinion of me, if you have what I think it is.

I trust that your stay away from home will be most beneficial. I know it will be successful. Please remember me to all.

As ever
Savvy

(not read one)

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JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

June 7 23.

My dear Louise:

'Tis good to hear from you again. I could not satisfy myself as to what the cause of your silence could be, altho upon reflection it came to me that we have been silent often. I often think of you also Louise, and often indulge in long chats with George about you.

So you will resume your studies in New York again this year! You have my best wishes for your continued success. altho you will accomplish your worthy aim without them. It is not unlikely that I shall be in New York, probably permanently. I receive my degree in law last month after five years and more of persistency. I feel that I have just begun and want to go where the schools, libraries, professional contact, courts etc are abundant. I have already resigned here for many reasons Louise and expect to take and make a place after my duties here in the Summer School shall have been ended.



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JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

I want to be in New York early in September in order to get something to do that will carry me through my "starvation period." I'm sure you understand.

The Davis' are well. I shall be glad to remember you to all your friends here.

Our summer sessions begins here on Monday next and continues nine weeks. I'm slated to have courses in Methods in Arithmetic and History of Modern Education. Louis, your prayers are needed. May I have them.

Please remember me kindly to all. I heard from you in December. Will be be nearly another half-year before I hear from you again? No, of course not. I realize I have not been interesting. I'm tired out. I can be. Will do better next time.

As ever..

Savoy



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

19 March 1923.

Hello Louis:

Our Trades Building burned down at 3:45 o'clock yesterday morning. Damage placed at \$230,000. No one was hurt. The students, teachers and friends had to fight the blaze as the roads were so bad the fire apparatus two miles away could not make the trip. This building is about 15 feet from the President's house. We got everything out of this house in about half an hour. Luckily the wind blew the flames away from his house. Mr. Davis suffered much personal damage though as some of his articles were badly damaged. Today we are fixing the heating and electric plant. School is suspended until this can be done. We expect heat by tonight. *Regards to all,*

*Sincerely,
Larry.*

Please excuse note.

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19 March '23

Miss Louise Matthews,

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Louisville, Ky.

Institute, W. Va.,
February 6, 1923.

My dear Louise:

What can be your respect for a man who has for the most part offered a series of excuses during the greater part of his acquaintance with you. No doubt, you will at once think that he is a moral suicide, and, therefore it is of no use to consider him seriously at all. To be sincere, I am remorseful for my very apparent gratitude for your friendship, yet you must bear with me longer, that I may convince you that there is some good in me.

First, I am a school man - offering in this Institution courses in Algebra and Library Science. Besides I have secretarial and registrational duties. Lately I have worked. At night I have not felt fit for anything worth while. I have hindered my physical well being for the benefit of my people. You may smile here, but I am honest in the conviction I now hold that I have been giving most of my time lately to the betterment of the boy and girl far down.

In and during it all, I have not forgotten you. I should have answered or acknowledged your gracious "special" in receipt. As usual I thought I would answer on the morrow, until I so long procrastinated until I became ashamed of myself, and now I hardly know

what consideration to expect from you. I still remain a soldier in that I stand ready to bear any consequences, so long as you remain the same friend as hitherto.

Not long ago the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, of which I am a member, organized a Chapter here. Two of the most prominent men of color in West Virginia were initiated, Messrs. T. G. Nutter and C. E. Mitchell, bankers, business men and members formerly of the legislature. Beside these lesser illuminaries were admitted.

I do not need to tell you how grateful I am to you for your kind Xmas gift. I may be a peculiar male when I say that I do heartily appreciate work of art done by hand.

It means much to me. I thank you many times. This is my first occasion at having embroidered handkerchiefs, and let me add that you are the one who has the distinction of making me modern.

How are you and how have you been? May I indulge further in asking that you write me soon — that long biographical letter and let me know what you are doing etc. Please excuse all mistakes in this script. Remember me kindly to all the members of your household.

As ever,

Samoy.

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Feb. 6, '23

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

January 5/24

My dear Louise.

Many, many thanks for your kindly expression of thoughtfulness. Mr. Cook handed me the calendar and case upon his return here. It shall serve a valuable purpose on my desk. I am ever grateful to you. I cannot, you may have learned, express in writing my joy in such instances. Should I attempt to say more, I feel that words are superfluous.

I went to D.C. for the holiday season. It was my first Xmas at home in many a year. There were many reasons why I had to choose between my home and fraternity. Much do I regret, however, the happy event of the "faat" meeting when it did, for I wanted to see you. Perhaps at any other time, my appearance there could have been possible. I still entertain fond hopes of paying you a visit before we both outgrow I memories of yester years. I am sure meeting you again would refresh within me a neighborly feeling that I had for your city. I will always think of you as the same Louise



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I shall ask you to pardon me on this occasion for being uninteresting. I have been studying mostly all day, and my mind is fatigued. I hated to detain longer ere I wrote you. I shall do better the next time.

I hope you are well and happy. Remember me kindly to your mother and father. Allow me to take this occasion to wish to you all A Very Happy, Prosperous and Pleasant New Year.

Yours,

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Sunday, Feb. 15th.

My dear Louise,

Let me thank you for your letter of the second. A passage therein caused me much wonderment. I feel that you know me in such a way that you could write me freely. I have always considered you a real close friend altho' we have not seen each other for quite a span. In fact I feel that you are a confidant. Am I amiss here? Then tell me all you know and what you infer by "persistent rumors concerning my personal affairs." Let me advise that you are always free as you want to be to write me, and I always find a comforting contentment in reading your letters. Would you please write me freely on what you can get out of the above.

Things are going fairly well here with me.

Our basket ball team is doing well. We have defeated Wilkesford and Howard, and last night we defeated Simmons at Louisville. This coming Wednesday we'll entertain Morehouse here.

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How are things going with you? Do you remember when I first returned to Washington after I came from the army that we used to correspond almost weekly? Who changed the course of things Louise?

Do you think that we will ever see each other again before you or I "step off"? I should be most happy to have a real long chat with you - the same Louise I once knew.

Perhaps with the coming of years, new attainments, responsible status in society etc now, you would be a different person. Perhaps you would again characterize me as being a "capricious person" as you did in that "memorable note" you sent me as I entreated for Columbus, S.C. How is my memory.

At any rate, I would not allow you to be foreign to me, but what consider you the same sweet girl who expressed me from the day of introduction, of having those qualities in her personality which demand the best of a gentleman. May I send here.

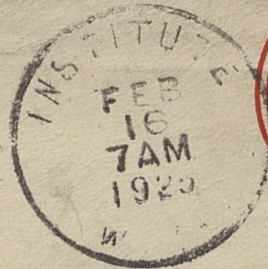
Best regards to all
Sincerely
Can you reply this week? Savoy.

M. F. Savy

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THE KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY

Jan. 8/25.

My dear Louise:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for the beautiful blotter calendars which you were kind enough to send me. Your thoughtfulness, after so long a silence, is one admirable quality. Again let me thank you.

Your Christmas was crowned with happiness and cheer I am sure. I spent my days in Philadelphia and New York. While in the latter city I had the honor of dancing in the International Club... one of the buildings of Columbia U. You know more about this than I do.

How are your folk at home? I should be happy to be remembered to them. I hope you are well and that things are going all right with you.

Best regards
Wesley
Sawyer



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Sunday - a. u.
[1922?]

JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

My dear Louise, -

I have your letter of the 20. I am sorry to learn of the misfortunes that you have been having. I want you to feel that I too, share in the sorrow with you that follows such happenings.

Ever now I wanted to write to you, but the rush of the commencement season prevented this. Never before have I been so busied by others. Still I the more enjoyed the exercises that followed. Indeed, I have had my experience. In short, making reports after recording grades, general official duties that accompany such commencements, answering correspondence that had in seven days assumed serious proportions, tended to occupy all the "sp" I have.

We are experiencing some very pleasant weather here. The nights are cool and the days are very pleasant. In Summer Institute is an ideal place. Only the occasional chirp of a bird or the whistle of a train come in as interrupting factors. I wish you were here to enjoy occasional boatings and hikings.

Yes, I am looking forward to a short vacation after the Summer Session or about the first part of August. I am anxious for the time to come.

Tell me soon how are you spending this vacation season. Do you ever hear from the little Thompson girls?

Louise I haven't forgotten my promise. Can you hear with me a little longer. Please excuse my delay in writing to

you and let me hear from you real soon.
With kindest regards to all

As ever,

Davy.

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Wm. Savoy.

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JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

Thursday
[1920?]

My dear Louise:

You cannot imagine my complete surprise over having your good letter of recent date. To be sure I thought that you had forgotten a promise. As usual, you are good at your word. I can realize and sympathize with you and your summer school work. Indeed there is no let up in this phase of school activity.

I am very anxious to see you. To this end you "must" remain in Baltimore until I am released. Mr. Davis is on his vacation and I am the only responsible person here. I cannot get away until the end of this month or a day or so after at the latest. However, I shall not listen to any excuse - you must not go away without my seeing you. Let me become personal. Should you have to stay over time on my account, I shall take all responsibility, both tangible & intangible.

To prove that my memory is better than yours, let me cite an instance: When I was in the army service at Columbia, S.C. I reiterated in a letter to the recipient of this one how I would greet you if I ever saw you again. Do you remember this? Please answer. I used the word "if" in this case, since I was in an uncertain position - the army. Since then



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JOHN W. DAVIS
PRESIDENT

you either erased the issue or left it to my
better memory. Please stay in Baltimore until
I come. I shall never forgive you if you do not.
Only my time would prevent me from coming to
you at any other place as I have not been home
for $11\frac{1}{2}$ months and have been here all of that
time. You see I am "on the job."

Louise, please stop what you are doing
— for I have about finished — just aside what
you were doing and write me a long letter.
If less than five pages of literature is all
that you can compose — you may have it as
a present from Sam. Be good to me this
time to one in a lonely place — Write to a
friend — give him cheer and courage; and
above all — intellectual inspiration as you
can do. Let me hear from you at once
if not sooner. My kindest regards to
members of your household,

Sincerely,
Sammy.

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Cf. Rev. A. L. Gaines,
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2.
I saw three nights of it Louise, it
its different phases. I was not a
participant but happened to be
there. On Tuesday I had to go
down town; but it was early in
the evening when walking was
pretty safe. Then the fakes visited
the best part of our section. The
negroes in arose in one but a
cordon of "army" arrived at the
same time.

I shall ever keep that letter
you sent me. It surely was a sur-
prise I recognized your picture
at once and call it the introductory
to my album anticipating the
one for a bureau. I trust you
and parents are well - that you
will enjoy a very pleasant summer.
Above all, please excuse this at-
tempt at writing. With best wishes

As ever
Harry
Please don't keep me waiting so long for an answer or reply.
Tell me that you excuse this letter - am humble before official duties.

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My Dear Louise,

'Twas quite a treat
and relief to hear from you
after quite a vacation in
corresponding. I had begun to
wonder whether you owed
me or vice versa.

Yes, our beautiful city
has been taken over by the
riotous element since about
Saturday last. At this writing
conditions appear quite
normal again with the ex-
ception of soldiers along the
principal battle grounds, as
guards.

As you may know, the
trouble started on alleged attacks
on white women by col. men.

greater victory. ^{3.} I think Louis that you will never hear of the true reports for the papers are not divulging them. But there are fifty whites to twenty seven colored at the morgue in addition to what the papers stated six white to one colored. (We) as a race in two days had the low down brutes begging for mercy. The Ethiopians really shot every white person they saw, while the city wondered ~~while~~ we got our arms. I can say that such a disaster will never come to this city again. They other side has got enough. We have shown that we will retaliate and shall not be the people of pre-war times. My only fear is that we may start something and go too far. At present, we have the sympathy of the nation. I hope it has ended.

^{2.} But not one of our kind was found and proved guilty. As a consequence a number of white soldiers, sailors or marines would hold a race man up, especially after midnight, question him, and then beat him if they saw fit. On the following Sun. a gang of whites gathered at the Liberty Hall on Pa. Ave. In short they "raised Cain," but no deaths occurred here. They attacked men and women of color along such thorough fares as the White House, Treas. Bldg. while police stood by and admitted they were helpless. So sudden was this that I did not know anything of it until I read the morning paper on Monday.

But we were prepared that evening and there was never

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1213-S-St, NW
Wash. D.C.

Miss Louise Matthews,
1920 Lincoln Inst.
Lincoln Ridge,
Ky.

C/o Mrs. G.T. Conder

Institute, W. Va.
Sunday night.

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My dear Louise:-

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your last letter without mentioning its date, for, I am ashamed to do so. In reply, I shall inquire into your patience, your friendship, and your spirit of forgiveness, — in that I ask you to bear with me in a most kindly attitude through these pages; friendship, in that I want you to answer at length this week and let me know that you think none of the loss of the writer; and, spirit of forgiveness in that I want you to forgive this my delay in answering your good letter. Now I may have rambled much above in trying to extricate myself from a very embarrassing predicament; yet, I have too much respect for you to "beat around the bush" even in telling the truth. In short, I wanted to reply almost immediately and the gradual delay overtook me, I guess to the point of disgrace.

For emphases, let me advise here that I want and shall look for a letter from you this week, having for its import especially the fact that your respect for me has not decreased over my apparent neglect in writing you. I can use the worn-out statement to good advantage when I say that I have thought of you often. But how did you know it?!x

Your warm personal gift expressed a fond thoughtfulness that seems one of your inherent qualities. I feel that we are good friends — still should I tell you from my heart what I thought upon receiving same, I might lose that which I now enjoy. Thus, I shall have to wait until I see you again.

2.

Please accept my grateful thanks and appreciation for same.

Have I ever written you since I have been in these parts without making excuses? Well, here is somewhat of another. I take the liberty now to tell you of my keen appreciation over your kind invitation to attend "the Pierrot-Pierrette party." I did not acknowledge its receipt when I wrote you last for you called my attention to it recently. Louise, I do know better. Now the question is: "How are you to know it?" I am glad to know that the party was a huge success. I glean somewhat the pleasure derived therefrom for courtesies of Louise and your city are still fond memories of my younger days. I think often of them.

We are rapidly preparing for our commencement season and the coming summer session. My! how the time is passing! Believe me when I tell you that I am keeping pretty busy. I am still in the same capacity as far as the school is concerned with an additional class in geometry. My law studies at night and duties as a Notary keep me fairly well tied down. You noticed, even thus far, that I have made no excuse directly for my apparent negligence for I want you to believe me from my honest allusions et al.

How is your school work progressing? I noticed that you intend to go East next summer to study. May I ask when?

How are your parents? Please extend my best personal regards to all. Do you ever hear from Helen Willborn? It has been over a year since I have.

Louise, a very interesting paragraph in your letter causes me to ask you a question. I refer to, "Perhaps while in your section I'll have the pleasure of seeing you again. Until then, believe that I remain your friend in spite of the fact that I have been negligent. Please discontinue the attitude that your letter implies and do as we school teachers sometimes do — "suspend judgment." Now the first part of this is very clear. I quote it only to give you the gist of it all. But from "Please discontinue the attitude etc, etc." has come in complete understanding. I understand clearly of having again requested of you to change your dispositive stand of a couple of years ago. Again too, I do not wish to appear persistent against your will, especially since I have not your attitude due to our long span of time in seeing each other. In case I am not clear, I make again the request that seemed to make you think me capricious in Louisville, the request that caused the statement — evolution rather than involution. Do you remember these statements? Haven't I a fair memory?

In closing let me ask if you would accept a visit on my part to you in your home, for the purpose of talking over points of view relative to future friendship which would have a chance for development into something more sacred? Would this kind of a visit be acceptable?

Please don't let this question keep you from writing soon. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely
Savoy.

Please excuse this envelope. I am away from the office.

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Sunday PM
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My dear Louise,

Just another surprise!

Received a letter from you not long ago while in D.C., and delayed in its reply due to the expectancy of a change. I resigned as stenographer at the Treasury Department to come here as Secretary to the excellent President of this Institution: Mr. John W. Davis, whom you all know—especially your father. He is one of the finest gentlemen whom I have ever met; and being as accomplished as he is, everybody from the Governor of this State down expects him to lift this Institution to the plane of the acknowledged schools of learning of its kind. I hope and trust, and with your good wishes and prayers will, answer the call by serving in the capacity of secretary as he serves as president. I might say that this is my chance to "make good"—an opportunity of opportunity. You are going to help me beside in prayer, by writing soon, often and at length. Your photograph of size, when received, will be the only one that I'll have, for only one purpose, used as a guiding star in my every day activities. May I not wait long for it.

Louise, I'm sorry, but I can't be

interesting in this letter. Trust I will not disappoint you.

My surroundings and environments here carry me forcibly back to camp life, only on a more refined plane. Regular hours for sleeping, eating etc. The Institute is situated in, I might say a mountainous part of the Virginia just about five miles from Charleston. Now see me play the life of the hermit and student for a few months. I should be glad to receive a word from your mother as you said.

I know you enjoyed your vacation. Be sure and write soon. Remember me to all your parents and our friends. You may be interested to know that prior to leaving D.C., Sydney Williston and Lawrence came down on an excursion from Pittsburg. Quite a surprise and we enjoyed a lovely Sunday. Saw St. King the same day. Also saw Carrie Moore who had just come down from New York. We conversed of you at some length. I suppose he is teaching somewhere in Atlanta by now.

Louis, I don't understand why you changed the salutation in your last letter. — I have not gotten "Sixth Week." Touch upon that subject. Be good and write soon, with love and best wishes

(Won't you send that picture?) As ever
Savoy

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