

Negro Physicians

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Dr. M.O. Bousfield,
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2901 Ellis Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor Bousfield: I hope this will find you well. Just a line to wish you and the family a belated Happy New Year. I rather mean that the wish is belated and not the new year (ha ha)

Dr. Weidner , our collaborating epidemiologist it is reported has resigned from the city health department. At least has left town to work in Alabama .

He told me before he left that he had been criticised for installing three colored nurses and myself in the social disease control work. However I did not get a chance to talk with him before he left. He is the same person you talked with some time ago about the possibilities of financing a part time at least colored health officer.

It appears that they are now trying to locate someone to take his place. And I suppose that it will depend upon who is selected as to the possible outcome of Dr. Weidner's program.

Otherwise we spent a quiet Xmas. except for the snow and ice last week all has been quiet in respect to any other development.

I sometimes wonder what you meant in your last letter about possible expansion of medical care program. Were you speaking of Tuskegee ? And by the way I visited my good friend Dr. Carver a little after Thanksgiving and he presented Mrs. Thomas with two beautifully painted vases. I recall the argument we had while making the trip from Tuskegee to Alto.

By the way they invited us and we went to Alto, a few weeks ago. They are building a new division of the white sanatorium which seems to be about as large again as the present one. I asked the Supt. what would be done about new beds for Negroes and he simply said " I cannot explain it " referring to the new building for whites and none for Negroes. However I think that Dr. Abercrombie, at least he said so, has some scheme for taking care of tuberculous Negroes on a cheap basis , handled by the counties.

Well this is all for the present.

Very truly yours,

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