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Dr. M. O. Bousfield,
Assistant Medical Director,
Julius Rosenwald Foundation,
Chicago, Ill.

My. Dear Dr. Bousfield:

I am writing to you in the interest of Dr. John Sinclair Perry who is making application for a fellowship in Neuropsychiatry to the Julius Rosenwald Foundation.

Dr. Perry is a physician of excellent character, an ardent student and a man of broad experience. He, in addition to having received the degree of M. D.,-his early medical work having been done at the University of West Tennessee and Leonard Medical College,-has an academic degree from Shaw University. He also studied at Long Island Medical College and did Post Graduate work at Freedman's Hospital. He has a Regent's Certificate from the University of the State of New York and has been a regular attendant of the Post Graduate Fortnight Clinic of the New York Academy of Medicine. A phase of the clinic held in 1930 was reviewed by him and published in the Medical Record of June 20, 1932. He has publications on file at the Library of the New York Academy of Medicine.

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Dr. Perry has made important contributions to our own Journal of the National Medical Association, having read an interesting paper at the last Washington meeting entitled, "Emotions as Functional Factors in the Etiology and Prognosis of Diseases" which was published in both our National Organ and the Medical Record. There was read at the Nashville Meeting a paper entitled, "Some important Trends in Modern Medicine".

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In compliance with the request of Dr. W. Harry Barnes, president of the National Medical Association, Dr. Perry is arranging illustrative data relative to individual criminal types with which to augment a paper that he will read before the coming session of Philadelphia Meeting. A research study from the Neuropsychiatric angle of crime in Negroes will be made by Dr. Perry and is being considered by the North Carolina State Prison and the North Carolina Commission of Public Welfare.

Dr. Perry has long been active in health work in our group. His early activities were the founding of the Piedmont and Tide Water District Medical Association. He was among the first to advocate the establishment of the North Carolina Sanatorium for the treatment on Tuberculosis in the Negro. He was founder and Physician-In-Charge of the Provident Health Center of Wilmington, North Carolina which institution rendered much aid to the people of that city and surrounding sections prior to the instituting of Federal Relief activities. The center had on it's Advisory Board some of the most outstanding physicians, dentists and laymen in the State. Dr. Perry is a potent factor in stimulating health consciousness in our group in this State, having recently appeared before the Governor of North Carolina in the interest of instituting measures by which there might be developed Negro psychiatrists for doing mental health work in the State. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Old North State Medical Society.

I have known Dr. Perry for over twenty years. During this time I have been greatly impressed with his excellent moral character, his superior intellect, and his active unselfish interest in the health and welfare of the people of this State. He has been progressive in his attitude and a persistent student. To my personal knowledge, he has assigned to work in the Neurological Institute of New York. Upon the completion of this work, the Lincoln Hospital

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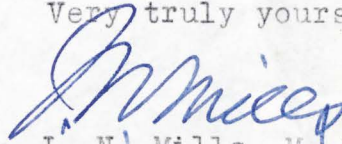
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Hospital of Durham, N.C. will be glad to use his services. Although I am acquainted with some able colored physicians who would acceptably fill the position at the hospital should they rigidly prepare themselves, I know of none that would exceed Dr. Perry in richness of experience, breadth of interest, progressive attitudes and sterling personal worth.

It is a pleasure to say this in his behalf, and to recommend him unreservedly to the Julius Rosenwald Foundation for a grant to pursue special work in Neuropsychiatry.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



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