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Negro Physicians

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Dear Doctor Bousfield: I hope this will find you well. Just a line to let you about ^{some} things down this way. Have worked with the city health department in the Social Disease clinic since past June and find work interesting.

There has been talk of starting an all Negro clinic at the University Homes for outpatient service however so far this has only been rumored. Dr. Weidner, assistant collaborating epidemiologist has charge of most of the health promotion work and I am working with him.

This past Summer we conducted several out of door health movies at Washington Park and other places stressing the adequate treatment of social diseases.

We are still working at the Atlanta Tuberculosis Association clinic, with an overflowing crowd of pneumothorax cases. Still severely limited to a few county beds however for institutional care and the neediest cases only are admitted.

There are three new doctors who have entered the field lately, to replace those lost. They seem to have real good training but I suspect getting started will be discouraging. I see Dr. Butler occasionally and he seems well and happy, though I suspect he is rather glad to be away from London just now, perhaps he misses the hospital opportunities.

I think I mentioned before that I had been able to attend the clinics at Grady pretty regularly and am actually working in two of the clinics, but so far haven't been able to take any other physicians in with me. Of course this is not in an official capacity.

I don't regret not having gone to Alto and I have heard that they have a white lady physician who does some of the Negro work. Have not seen any of those fellows lately such as Schenk.

My private work has been about sufficient to make me satisfied, at least I keep busy pretty much all of the time, in one way or the other and I think the Tuskegee experience was just grand. Someone told me Dr. Walwyn was leaving around the first of November.

Dr. Carver painted Mrs. Thomas a vase and I expect to run over and get it soon. Have tried peanut oil out a number of ways. Some I think ~~xxx~~ to therapeutic advantage. Well this is about all at present, would be pleased to hear from you. Did Dr. Campbell ever get in touch with you.

very truly
M. G. Thomas

