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Negro Nurses
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My dear Dr. Bousfield nos 11/3 nos 11/8
I am well and doing nicely.

There have been much to do here, but I am glad to say that things have been very pleasant. All of the suggestions which I recommend to Dr. Whittington have been done. The laboratory and library have been taken care of nicely. I have met many of the Negro Organizations who promised to give me some money to help me with the books for the library. I am selling some chances for a lucky number to raise some money which is doing nicely to help out some. I am going to have a silver tea this month.

The students are doing well with their theory and practice work. The Negro doctors are helping me very well, teaching the students also with the library. There are coming

more doctors here next year. The doctors are allowed to do more here than in Richmond which makes it very nice for them. The doctors operate on patients, write orders on their patients. The doctors have one of the white pathologists of the hospital to lecture to them twice per month 1st and 4th Thursday nights of each month. The meetings are held in the Nurse Home in the class-room.

We have seventeen graduate nurses doing general duty. We have organized the group so that I might be able to start some staff education classes this month. I had one meeting last month. The group seemed to be exceedingly interested.

Mrs. Stauper was down to see us on the 3rd + 4th of Oct. She seemed to think that we had accomplished much for the short time. Mrs. Stauper was very pleased with the set-up of the School of Nursing
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and the general set up of the hospital.

When you come this way stop to see us. I shall be glad to have you at any time.

Miss Wash wrote you about a scholarship. She did not plan to go to school before June or July of next year. She is interested in taking work in surgery for she wants to be an operating room supervisor here. They are using white supervisors here in each department. I hope that these positions will be turned over to the Negro nurses in the next year. I am working on this now. Of course some of the graduates are going when the student goes on for 8 hours, then I hope for some changes and ranks for the nurses. Glad to hear from you.

Yours truly,
S. G. Purdie