

Negro Physicians
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Dear Dr. Drinker: I am very glad to have your letter of March 9, concerning Dr. William B. Perry Jr., the young Negro physician who will receive his Master of Public Health degree in June. Somehow, I seem to have given the impression, both to Dr. Perry, who has written to me, and to you, in my letter that I had a place waiting for him. That isn't quite the situation, yet I feel pretty sure that out of several developments which will come to head by June, we can place him. Practically all of these places are in the deep South, and occasionally I find that some of these young men will not go South. It might be well to point out to Dr. Perry, quite early, that many of the men who have made good in public health have done so because of the grand opportunities they find in the South. This will be particularly true with reference to Negro physicians who are so badly needed, in order to make a better attack on the public health problems of Negroes. Dr. West, who is now in charge of the Central Harlem Health Center, spent a good deal of time at Tuskegee. Dr. Maddux, who is now working with the Children's Bureau, has been spending the past six months in Mississippi.

I feel that you make no mistake in attempting to develop at least one well-trained Negro in public health each year. There is certain to be an increased demand for these persons. The State Departments of North Carolina and Texas now have Negro specialists attached to them. The United States Public Health is taking on a man in Venereal Disease. This idea is pretty certain to grow. I shall always be happy to help in placing colored men who are trained at Harvard.

Very truly yours,

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