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Negro Physicians
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Dear Dr. Bausfield,

During the national convention of the Public Health Association held at the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York City last fall I talked with you concerning the colored physician's chances in the field of public health and especially in venereal disease work.

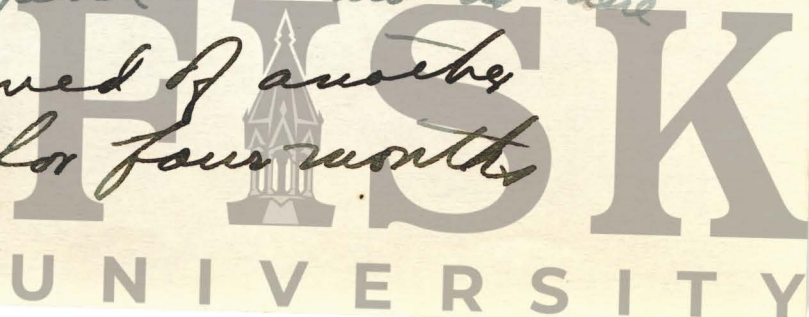
Last month I went to Trenton to talk with Mr. William H. McDonald, chief of the bureau of local health administration in New Jersey about the possibilities of a colored physician working in the public health service of New Jersey.

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He said that chances were very few and that the city with the greatest possibilities is Newark. However, during this visit to his office I was able to convince him of the need of trained colored physicians and he was kind enough to grant me tuition (\$50.00) for a "clinical course in dermatology and ophthalmology" at Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital 2nd Ave and East 23rd St. New York City. I have been attending that course for 4 weeks now, three times a week. The course is very interesting and informative and I hope to spend three months there.

Later, I learned of another course offered for four months



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at New York University for persons
already engaged in health
work. I was too late to enter as
only a very few part time
general practitioners are accepted.
The course will be given again
next fall. I expect to enter then.

I want to thank you
for your interest and encouragement
to enter this field and ask you
to keep me in mind if anything
of this nature should be granted the
Colored physician of New Jersey.
I am only a twenty minute ride
from Newark so part time work
there or full time would be easy for
me from my home here in Englewood.

Thanking you again. I remain,
Very truly yours,

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