

Negro Physicians

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Dear Dr. West: First, I desire to congratulate you upon your assumption of duties as District Health Officer in New York City. Your appointment, being the happy culmination of considerable effort, is deserving of special mention because of its importance to other Negro physicians in this field.

With specific reference to Dr. Easterling's problem, I have on my desk an application from her for a scholarship. I confess that I am somewhat disturbed at the magnitude of the problem. It seems to me that it involves research which would take many years of effort to determine whether success is at all possible. It seems to me that there may be some question as to the facilities which Howard could offer for such a project, having no immediate control of tuberculosis patients. While certainty of result is no criteria for research, I am working with a very limited budget and such a venture could well involve so much time and money as to make it inadvisable to consider so problematical a project. It would help greatly if you would support Dr. Easterling's application with some sort of illuminating statement.

Very truly yours,

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