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(Perry)



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My dear Dr. Bousfield:

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A few years ago a committee from our State Medical Society appeared before the Governor of North Carolina and asked him to intercede for us in placing Negro internes at our State Hospital for Insane in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He spoke very favorably of this situation and promised to look in the matter and we were to look around the country and find some, but we were not able to find an available man. We have definite information that Negro patients at this institution are not well cared for and the people on the outside have not been able to do much about it. The men in our state have decided that if we could get some Negro doctor prepared in this line of work it would be possible sooner or later to get him placed in this institution and eventually have a Negro Superintendent.

We have a young man in our state by the name of Dr. John Sinclair Perry. He informs me that he has applied to the Rosenwald Fund for a Fellowship in Neuropsychiatry. He is greatly interested in this subject and has written several very excellent papers which have been read before our State Society and the National Medical Association. One of his articles was carried by the Journal of the National Medical Association and the Medical Record.

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He has been in person to the Neurological Center in New York and they have decided to place him where he can get excellent training in this line of work. He now has staring him in the face his maintenance while he is getting this training as it is necessary for him to take care of his expenses. They promised to furnish him adequate training and he could study as long as he saw fit.

This is a line of work that we need to develop some Negro doctors in. At the present time we have nobody in our section to refer

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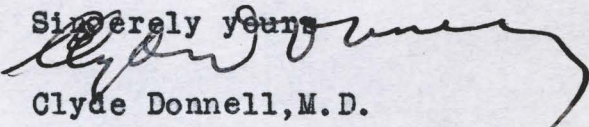
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our nervous cases. If it is possible for the Rosenwald people to help Dr. Perry, it will certainly be a great blessing to the people in North Carolina.

Dr. Perry is full of ambition and a hard worker and a very good student of medicine. He is a member in good standing of our State Society and the National Medical Association. I will appreciate personally anything you can do in his behalf.

Thanking you for your many past favors, I remain

Sincerely yours


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