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Dr. J.O. Bousfield.  
South Parkway.  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor Bousfield:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a health study made at the Booker Washington High School here last school semester. I trust it will be of interest in the field of school health problems.

Also you will find photostatic copies of letters written by the Superintendent in charge of High Schools and others which may be considered official endorsement of the plan and the method of examining students in the public school system.

It seems a pity that nobody has a material interest in this question of tuberculosis among Negroes in the South, or will do anything about it save talk upon statistics.

If the Fund you represent cannot help us out in our attempt to ferret out tuberculosis among the younger group of our race is it not possible that you might make favorable recommendations to other sources, for same, such as the Children's Bureau. This agency appears to have a Negro representative in the person of a recently appointed doctor.

I spoke to Dr. Rorem when I was at Nashville in 1932 about getting a scholarship to some post-graduate medical school to continue in diseases of the chest. I do some surgery along as assistant to Dr. C.W. Powell of this city and also do my own phrenic nerve operations.

It would be very nice to get some additional training along this line. Dr. Rorem suggested that I do general practice in Atlanta for a year and write him. However at the expiration of a year I was so busy trying to make a living, I had to leave off thoughts of the idea.

Perhaps by the Spring of next year, I might have an opportunity to get away if I had the chance. It seems too bad that nearly every school teacher in the the University system here can get a fellow-ship for a doctorate and the poor physician, whom must compete with half the white doctors in town and have no public hospital, cannot get a fellowship for love nor ~~money~~ (mercy)

Well excuse me for wishing myself away from here. You had better hurry and recommend something before I ask you to get me the chair of tuberculosis at Provident Hospital. Dr. Lawlak, who is recently appointed medical director is a good friend of mine.

Very truly yours,

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