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TRAINING SCHOOL	
Grade	
lst 138 2nd 84 3rd 71 4th 85 5th 68 6th 64 7th 45	555
HIGH SCHOOL	
1st Year 74 2nd Year 52 3rd Year 44 4th Year 40	210
COLLEGE DEPARTMENT	
Freshman 60 Sophomore 39	99
Special Students N. Y. A.	71
Extension Department	275
GRAND TOTAL	1,210
Boarding Department116	



We hope that you will receive this letter in the spirit in which it is written. It is not our desire or purpose to make any attempt at influencing the Trustee Board relative to the future of this Institution. We are, however, making a sincere effort to emphasize the fact that we are of the opinion that the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School now stands at the forks of the road--one leading to State control and the other to the program of a four year private church college.

Because of our love for the Institution, our knowledge of certain educational trands in our State, and our belief that you will appreciate any information that will enable you, as a Trustee, to do the best thing by the school, we are writing this letter.

Georgia is in the midst of an educational awakening. In this new educational program the Negro is enjoying greater opportunities. In 1921 there were no approved high schools for Negroes in the State; today there are 52. At present there are more than 100 High Schools employing teachers of Vocational Agriculture, about the same number with departments of Home Economics. Through legislative action Georgia has free text books, a seven months minimum term, and more highly trained and better paid teachers.

The changes that are being brought about by the new educational program in Georgia will make newer demands upon our colleges, whether they be private or public. Not least among these demands will be higher training for teachers. Since September 1st of this year, State certification for teachers has been raised to the point that the lowest certificate now issued to a beginning teacher is based upon sixty (60) semester hours of college work or two years of college training. To teach in the High Schools one must now present evidence of having at least three years of college work or ninety (90) semester hours. A wide range of courses is being required by the State Department of Education for Institutions engaged in Teacher Training. These new demands make it impossible for a Junior College to meet the requirements of Teacher Training. Paralleling these requirements are similar demands in other fields of which time will not permit our discussing.

The most significant phase of Georgia's new educational program, as far as higher education for Negroes is concerned, is the study made under the direction of Dr. W. D. Cocking of the University of Georgia. This study was completed recently and presented to the Board of Regents under the transmittal date of October 15, 1938. It is impossible to review the bulletin in a letter but mention of four points is imperative. First, the report recommends that the amount of appropriation for higher education for Negroes last year be doubled immediately. A discussion of population leads to the conclusion that the vast majority of Negroes live in that area bounded

by lines drawn from Wilkes county to McIntosh, then to Brooks up to Troup and over to Wilkes. The high point of the study is the recommendation which states that three four year public colleges are needed in Georgia; Savannah and Albany should be retained but not Forsyth. The report suggests that efforts be made to secure Fort Valley for the State to serve the great central portion in which most Negroes live.

Dr. Cocking very strongly recommends that the fees of Negro colleges remain low. One can easily see the results when the public college fees are only \$12.00 per month while private colleges set their fees at \$17.00 or more.

We are agreed that the private colleges can make a great contribution and that they are needed, but we must not overlook the growth of public support of education which makes for a situation of keen competition on the part of the private colleges. Atlanta met the competition through the merging of resources and efforts. Fort Valley can and must meet it through a four year program available upon payment of modest fees, which condition will make larger financial contributions of vital necessity.

It is not ours to say whether the school should be private or public but we do not hesitate to say that careful consideration should be given to its future in light of Georgia's new educational

program.

We would not be true to the memory of H. A. Hunt if we failed to petition you for a continuence of the objectives and ideals that he planted in the life of the Institution. He has been developing a life-related program for years. He did not wait until the State decided to set up "Seven persistent problems" because he knew years ago that our education must center around health, vocation, and character. Whether the school remains under your guidance or whether you see fit to turn it over to the State we hope that you will see to it that the work of H. A. Hunt will be built upon and not destroyed.

#### Respectfully yours,

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I thank you for your letter of January 5th, giving me the names of those who were present at the meeting of the Fort Valley Committee, the Board of Regents Committee, yourself and myself, at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, on December 30th. I received it today on returning from a tour in New York and elsewhere.

Bishop Mikell has called another meeting of the Fort

Valley Board at Macon, Georgia, 11:00 A. M., Thursday, January 19th.

I will come to Atlanta a day in advance, possibly two days in advance, and if you are there, will be mighty glad to have another chat with you to receive any further suggestions from you and to impart any information which may be of value to you. After arriving in Atlanta, I will try to call you by phone.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely,

Robert W. Patton

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See January 20, 1939

Dear Mr. Tabor: Professor Clark, head of the music department at Fort Valley, came to see me in Atlanta during the Christmas holidays. I met him and talked with him for quite a while, and I shall be happy to help him in any way possible but as I told him it is impossible for my name to be used as reference on an application for a fellowship. In fact, the name of no member of the steff of the Fund can be used for this purpose. It was necessary for Mr. Embree to promulgate this ruling because as was to be expected practically everybody in Georgia who applied for a fellowship used my name as a reference. I haven't the least idea, of course, what kind of impression Clark's application will make on the committee. It will be considered on its merits, however, and will have to meet the competition of the many other applications.

It is my understanding from what Bishop Mikell told me that the Fort Valley board met yesterday to consider the recommendation that the board's committee had planned to make to it. I had hoped to remain in Atlanta for this meeting but I had been away from the office so long that I felt it absolutely necessary to get back, so last night and today I have been wondering what action the board took, hoping of course that the board supported the committee in its recommendations. I suspect that Dr. Patton will write me but in the meantime I will appreciate it if you will let me know what you heard about the meeting yesterday.

Very truly yours,

JCD: RW

Mr. Alva Tabor State Department of Education Atlanta, Georgia FASIK

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January 21, 1939

Dear Mr. Gordon: You will forgive me, I hope, for not answering your letter of December 27 long before now. I apologize for this delay and assure you it was not because of a lack of interest in the matters presented in your letter or because I wish to be discourteous. It happened to come just at a time when we were involved in plans for a meeting of our Rural Council and when I was keeping various engagements throughout the state.

All people who are interested in the higher education of the Negro boy and girl in Georgia agree with you that the biggest problem in this area before our state just now is that one involved in the question of the transfer of Fort Valley to state control. I may have been doing, over these past years, a bit of wishful thinking in connection with this specific problem, but I do not think so because it appears to me that this transfer is almost absolutely necessary to a complete rounding out of the program.

My interest in it is both personal and official. My activity in connection with it, particularly during the last two years since I came to the Fund, has had to be very cautious and considered. The truth is that the only bases upon which I can validate my continued activity is that for a long time I worked in this field in Georgia, and I am still a Georgian and have therefore a right to a reasonable interest in the matter. I feel, however, that this interest must express itself in matters of broad general policy. I feel no hesitancy, for example, in saying to the Board of Regents that it is their obligation to do far more for the Negro boy and girl than they have ever done before. Nor have I felt any hesitancy in saying to them that they should develop an adequate institution somewhere in the central part of the state. Also, I have felt no hesitancy in saying to them that they should make every effort to secure for Fort Valley the very best personnel obtainable. None of this, it seems to me, goes counter to the policy which foundation officials must maintain in their relationship to public authorities. I have the feeling, however, that since I am a

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foundation official I must be very careful not to attempt to dictate to any public authority a matter of personnel. As I have just said, I can say, and have said, that it is the responsibility of the Regents to get the best possible personnel, but I hope that I shall not have to make any statement regarding specific individuals. The Regents themselves must select and appoint the president.

These statements are in no way intended to discourage you in your worthy ambition to the job. There will of course be several, perhaps many, applicants for it. If I were selecting the individual for the job I know the qualifications I would use as criteria for that selection, but I have no assurance that the Regents will use the same ones I would propose. They may do so, however, and it is perfectly possible that your qualifications may meet the conditions set up by the Regents. The thing for you to do. in view of this, is to get your application before them at the proper time. which time will be, I think, after the actual transfer of Fort Valley to the state. If you make an application before that time they can, and very likely will, simply write you that there is no such job, because the state does not have any such institution. I cannot give you the least idea as to what the Regents may do in this matter. I know that your interest is the same as mine, namely, to see the very best man for the job selected. I shall be glad to assist you in any possible way if you will call on me.

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

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Mr. A. H. Gordon Georgia State College Industrial College, Georgia



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January 23, 1939

My dear Bishop Mikell: Only the knowledge of the deep and abiding interest both of us have in Fort Valley, and the part it may play in improving the social and economic status of the Negro in Georgia, prompts me to continue writing and talking to you about the proposal to transfer Fort Valley to the state. You are so busy and have so many things and people making demands on your time and strength that I do not want to burden you with a single unnecessary letter or word. However, since seeing you on the thirtieth, in the joint meeting of your committee and the committee from the Regents, I have had the privilege of an evening's conference with Dr. Sanford and Messrs Smith, Callaway, and Nix, of the Board of Regents - a conference which was so interesting, so stimulating and, withal, so encouraging, that I am going to impose upon your time by telling you just a little bit about it.

Regents as well, or even better, than I do, so that the very mention of their names makes quite significant any consensus of the three of them. Cocking was in this group, also, and more than ever since hearing these three members of the Board and Dr. Sanford talk are we confident that the Regents are determined to build a good college for Negroes in Georgia. If you could have heard the three of them talk, and particularly if you could have heard Abit Nix who is, as you know, very close to the Chancellor, you would have been convinced anew, as I was, that if the state can get Fort Valley it will begin immediately and move as fast as possible in developing an adequate program at the school.

These members of the Regents and Dr. Sanford went so far in that meeting as to discuss the type of individual who should be president, and Cocking and I were most agreeably surprised to find that they recognized, not only the absolute necessity of getting the very best available person, but also the fact that the Regents would have to pay an adequate salary in



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order to get him. This feeling that Georgia must develop a good institution at Fort Valley, and that it would have to put out real money to do so, seemed to me to pervade the whole thinking of that group. So much was this so that I came away from the meeting feeling more convinced than ever before that the Regents not only want fort Valley but expect, if they get it, to build a real institution on a four-year base.

I would have gotten this to you before now, but I rather deliberately waited until after your meeting Thursday because I did not want you to feel that I was in any way attempting to put pressure on you to make to your Board the recommendation which you know I have hoped all along you would make. Since your meeting of Thursday is past, however, I feel that there is nothing unethical in my passing on to you this additional bit of encouraging news.

With personal regards and appreciation of your fine interest in this whole problem, I am

Very sincerely yours,

J. C. DIXON

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The Right Reverend H. J. Mikell 108 East 17th Street Atlanta, Georgia



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Box 488 Fort Valley, Georgia January 24, 1939

Mr. J. C. Dixon The Julius Rosenwald Fund Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dixon:

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I am today in receipt of your letter of January 20 addressed to Atlanta and forwarded to me.

I shall instruct Professor Clark on the listing of references when filing application for fellowship with the Rosenwald Fund.

The meeting of the Fort Valley N. & T. School trustees was held as scheduled and I am told by one of its members that no definite action was taken with the exception that the sub-committee was requested to secure from proper persons a more definite commitment as to transfer and the actual amount of money to be given in exchange when the deal is consumated. The sub-committee was requested to act immediately, but no definite date was stated when the general committee would re-assemble and receive the sub-committee's report for final action.

When in Washington last week attending the National conference called under the auspices of the National Youth Administration I had the opportunity to meet in conference with Dr. Patton and Dr. Horne. Dr. Patton is personally definitely committed to the transfer of the school to the state, and believes that the American Church Institute Board will be guided by his recommendations in the matter. He expressed the balief that the apparent change in the attitude of about half of the local trustees on the matter of transferring the school to the state is due to some individual or organization in carrying on a vigorous campaign to discourage the transfer. It has been his observation that about half of the trustees show varying attitudes at each meeting. It was his feeling that it might become necessary for the Church Institute Board after its meeting in March to make a public announcement of its withdrawal in the matter of financial support to the school if the trustees should continue to prolong the matter of arriving at a definite decision in turning over control to the State.

I believe that the delay in the matter of providing definitely for State control of the school merely serves to make possible political agitation and it is therefore on this point it would seem necessary for you to make a return trip to the state and help the sub-committee in securing the information it desires in bringing the whole matter to a successful culmination.

Yours very truly,

Alva Tabor

Dictated & mailed in Macon Jan. 24, 1939

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January 28th. 1938

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Mr. J. C. Dixon, Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Dixon;

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Thank you for your very interesting and encouraging letter. I very much wanted to have a talk with you and phoned your home last night, but was told that it would be some weeks before you were in Atlanta again. We had a long meeting of our Trustees in Macon last week, but many complications, chiefly of a legal nature arose, and also some opposition to giving up the School, so the matter was referred back to a committee to iron out the difficulties and report back to the Trustees for further action. Mr. Evans has introduced an objection, which . I am afraid, is going to necessitate Court action, as he contends that our Trustees have no power to deal with the question at all. Judge Pomeroy of Atlanta and General Harris of Macon, are looking into the legal phases of the matter for us and. I hope will reach a conclusion which will enable us to go on with the negotiations. The other chief difficulty is that many of our Trustees simply will not agree to giving up the School unless the Church is enabled to in some way continue a centre of work which will provide some spiritual influence. The argue that it is giving up our whole

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position on education and that doing so will effect not only Fort Valley but all our Institute Schools, and rob us of any appeal to our Church people to continue their support of those Schools.

So there are many difficulties which I would have liked to discuss with you.

With cordial regards,

Faithfully yours,

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January 51, 1939

Dear Mr. Nix: I have just received a letter from Bishop Mikell, in which he says that the Fort Valley board met recently and ran into some rough sailing in its deliberation. From his letter I gathered that much of the difficulty lay in some of the legal questions which were raised. In the letter he says:

"Mr. Evans has introduced an objection which, I am afraid, is going to necessitate court action, as he contends that our Trustees have no power to deal with the question at all. Judge Pomeroy of Atlanta and General Harris of Macon are looking into the legal phases of the matter for us and, I hope, will reach a conclusion which will enable us to go on with the negotiations."

I suppose this letter from the Bishop should be considered confidential, but I felt it advisable to pass the information on to you. It will be very desirable, if it can be done, to keep the matter out of litigation. I do not know what minimum court action will be involved in an amicable transfer, but I am sure it should be held to this if possible. So, if there is anything to be done with Mr. Evans, will you take a try at it?

I am still counting on the trip to Prairie View with you and Dr. Sanford. Why not try to set it for early March?

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Dear Mr. Dixon:

I arrived in Atlanta somewhere around the 10th of January and telephoned you, but Mrs. Dixon said that you had just left to take a train to Chicago. It was the day before the Fort Valley Board meeting, which met in Macon, Georgia.

In accordance with your and my relationship. I think I should give you briefly the status of things to date. At the Board meeting at Macon, very strong opposition was voiced by several persons, against letting the state have the School. I think Mr. Walden is now in favor of its going to the State, possibly the result of a conference between you and him. But Mr. Evans, a white Baptist from Fort Valley, again expressed strong opposition. For several reasons, especially the monkey wrench which Mr. Evans again threw into the meeting, the Board did not take a vote. Mr. Evans again brought up the point he threw into the meeting, when the Committee of the School Board met the Committee of the Board of Regents in my room at the Fiedmont Hotel, and at which you were present. On my advice. Bishop Mikell put the case into the hands of Judge Pomeroy, assisted by General Harris. The case is now in their hands and while they have not yet arrived at a solution, Bishop Mikell expects an opinion from them within the next ten days or two weeks. I fear that this delay will prevent the Institute's coming to a final decision at its meeting at the Gramercy Park Hotel in New York on February 13th, beginning with a luncheon in a private room in that hotel. Bishop Mikell said he hopes to have an opinion from these able lawyers before the Institute meets, but he is not sure of it. There was to have been another meeting of the Committee of the Fort Valley School Board and the Board of Regents in Atlanta this week, but Bishop Mikell wrote me a day or two ago that he had decided not to call the meeting of the two Committees until after Judge Pomeroy and General Harris make a legal decision on the point raised by Mr. Evans. After that, it may have to be decided by a Judge in sessions. It will not be a jury case.

Now, the thing that I should acquaint you with is

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as follows: -- I had some talk with one of the attorneys referred to. He was not willing to express a final opinion, but said that it might be necessary, in view of Mr. Evan's point, which he intends to inforce, if he can, to pay direct to the Institute as Trustee for the Church's interests concernto any funds which may be recovered to enable the Church to carry on spiritual services at the School, on land reserved for that purpose. He said that if it is finally determined that Mr. Evan's contention has any legal validity, it may be that in order to retain the several acres across the road for the church community service plant, a gentleman's agreement may have to be made in advance with the Board of Regents, to convey that tract for as small a consideration as possible, for the use of the Church. Please do not quote this except in strict confidence to any of your associates, until after these possible kinks are ironed out. I am merely anxious that you may know the substance of the situation. The last word I heard from the attorneys was that they believed everything could be straightened out in a satisfactory way, if the Church authorities accept my recommendation to let the School go to the State.

I particularly wished to let you know the situation as soon as possible, because you will recall that from the beginning, I told you in our many conversations, that I did not think that if I finally decided to recommend turning the School over to the Board of Regents, my group would support me, unless we could retain the tract of land referred to and a sufficient sum of money to make possible the establishment there of a Chapel with the other features referred to.

I was sorry I failed to meet you in Atlanta, due to your having just started on a long tour in the West. I intended to write to you immediately after the Board meeting, and so told Mrs. Dixon over the phone , but, I have been driven back and forth so much ever since, that this is my first opportunity to write you of the situation to date.

I do not know, and will not know, until a vote is taken by the Institute, whether a majority of the Institute Board will support my recommendation. I know that some of them will. I am inclined to believe that a majority will, provided this matter of the land across the highway from the School, and a sufficient sum to found an attractive plant of the kind I have frequently spoken to you, is provided. In view of the possible difficulties raised by Mr. Evans, it may be necessary, as above stated, to take care of these matters in a manner not contemplated by you or by us, before Mr. Evans threw his bomb shell into the camp.

I will be at Capitol Hotel, Richmond, until the 7th or 7th of February and then must start for my office in New York, to be there nearly a week.

I hope you had a pleasant Western trip. me to Mrs. Dixon. With hest wishes,

Very sincerely, Robert W. Patton

Bag 683 Fort Valley, Ga. Feb. 1, 1939.

Hr. E dwin R. Embree,
The Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue ERE 3 584 0
Chicago, Ill.

Hear Ar. Embrae

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Yours very truly, Catherine J. Linean.



ort Valley School Feb. 10, ATLANTA UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL ATLANTA, GEORGIA JCD 200 offo OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL MISS My dgar Mr. Liyon: Terhaps you have heard from some hoppined at our recent about meeting in Macon. nothing which hoppened at the meeting which could not be passed on to you without Violating a confidence. In effect the committee which was Rent & Confer with the Board of Regents and you, without saying with land day see of definiteness at all how they arrived at their decision merel offered a resolution to the effect that the trapsfer of the ocheve If the state be made with the details to be worked out satisfactoril to the board of the sebene. after some four or find hours of discussion devoted largely to matters mondor less irrelevant to the main issue, the board merel voted E send the committee oach for a second conserence to seleve more definite information as to what would be the future of the belove

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is offored to allowing the Church Institute & receive any funds from the transfer which they may like to build an Episcopae Church and settlement house. Several of us who represent the Church feel on that point just as he does. He also feels that Is large sum - say 300 thousand - should be received by the board of trustees in the transfer and that this amount should be added to the present endowment and cioen to the state to cuarantee the support of the school under the state in ease the State, as he fears, may welch on its obligation to support the ochoal adequatel your public funds. Hirdly, and their figures largely and is more or less confidential, he doubts the sinceret and the generosit of either the church or the state to care! adequatite for Mrs. Hunt and other faithful workers who should have a settlement made upon their now and he feels that this settlement should come from funds in the hands of the board and should not be left either to the Jeneral Church or to the State, which latter the State- Br. Patton profoses can be safel trusted to handle the matter. I may say that Waldey and I and probable several others

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February 1, 1939

Dear Mr. Nix: Reports from the meeting which the Fort Valley board has recently held are disappointing and discouraging, to say the least. Unless something can be done to stop the cleavage now developing between this board and the American Church Institute or, to be more specific, between Dr. Patton and Mr. Evans, I fear for the ultimate success of the project.

The transfer of Fort Valley to the state is so important to me, both as a Georgian and as an official of the Fund, that I am going to presume to meddle some more. So I am returning to Atlanta this weekend to render what service I can in the matter. But, before doing anything, I shall get in touch with you and Cocking.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. DIXON

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Mr. Abit Nix Athens Georgia



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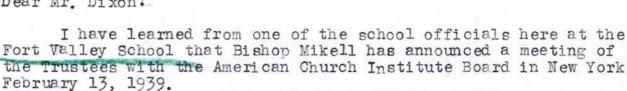
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February 2, 1939

Mr. J. C. Dixon Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dixon:



I certainly hope at this time you have received some definite information from Dr. Patton or Bishop Mikell regarding the proposed meeting as it will possibly have some bearing on your proposed plan to visit the State some time between the third and sixth of February.

Very truly yours,

Alva Tabor, Supervisor

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February 2, 1939

Dear Mrs. Hunt: Thank you for calling my attention to the article about Mr. Hunt in the December Southern Workman. I have not seen this but will get a copy of it for I should like to read it. Also, I shall get a copy of the Herald and read the article in it. I am so happy that this merited recognition is being given Mr. Hunt, even though posthumously. He deserves all such acclaim, but I think nothing can be said about him which will stand as a lasting, enduring monument like the school he built and the lives he influenced and made brighter, better, happier, and more useful.

I am leaving tonight for Atlanta and will be there Sunday. The purpose of my visit is to get in touch with Mr. Evans, members of the Board of Regents, and others who are interested in Fort Valley, in Georgia, and in the state's program of higher education for Negroes.

I am somewhat perturbed by the delay in reaching a decision about Fort Valley. The reasons for this I shall give you when I get to Georgia for I expect, with your permission, to see you while there.

Sincerely yours,

JCD: RW

J. C. DIXON

Mrs. H. A. Hunt Box 768 Fort Valley, Georgia



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R W PATTON.

#### M E M O R A N D U M

FROM

Raymond R. Paty Feb. 8. 11:45

Day Letter from Richmond to Atlanta to J. C. Dixon, & Dr. Paty

You should decide whether necessary invest time and expense make short talk institute about 3:30 afternoon 13th Some may wish your version present educational turmoil Georgia and first hand statement what Rosenwald Fund will do now and in future if you think full letter to me New York sufficient I leave to your judgment but you will be welcome.

R. W. Patton

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Fort Valley School

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February 8, 1939

Dear Curtis:

I have just read your letter of February 6th to Jackson Davis.

Mr. Davis is on a trip in the far South and will not be in the office
until perhaps February 20th. We are sending him your letter to the
Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, where he expects to spend Friday night.

I have just tried to get in touch with Dr. Patton by telephone, but unsuccessfully. He knows, of course, that we do approve the transfer of Fort Valley to the State because we have recommended this action for several years. I hesitate, as an officer of the Board, to write him about this matter. His secretary at the American Church Institute thinks that he will be in the office Friday or Saturday of this week. I shall make another effort to talk to him over the telephone, pointing out the advantages that I think would accrue by the transfer of Fort Valley to the State of Georgia.

I hardly know where to address this letter, but I am sending the original to your home in Atlanta and a copy to the office in Chicago.

Cordial regards to Mrs. Dixon and John.

Mr. J. C. Dixon 39 Alden Avenue, N. W. Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely yours,

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BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 1939

RESOLVED THAT:

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Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial S chool of Fort Valley, Georgia, and of the Board of Trustees of the A merican Church Institute for Negroes have received a request from the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia to transfer without compensation and as an a ct of public service the greater part of the physical property of the School to the Board of Regents to enable them to establish a four year Agricultural College at Fort Valley, which they agree to make the center of Negro Education in the State, allocating for its maintenance approximately \$50,000 per year as compared with the present appropriation of somewhat less than \$19,000 by the Institute and the Episcopal Diocese of the State of Georgia, and,

Whoreas we are informed that the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago in order to facilitate the transfer of the School to the authority of the State has agreed to pay the Institute as Trustee for the Church interests involved a sum not less than \$50,000 to enable the Protestant Episcopal Church to found at Fort Valley a chapel and other facilities for religious education and social service, on land the tiele to which shall be held by the Institute or by the Dioceses of Atlanta a nd Georgia, one or both, or by the Institute jointly with one or both of the Dioceses mentioned.

Whereas it is necessary to settle the question as promptly as possible, therefore,

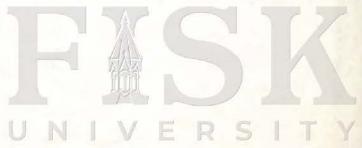
Be it resolved that the Institute, under all the circumstances, and moved by a sense of justice to the large Negro population of Georgia, approves in principle the transfer of the School to the authority of the State, and requests the President of the Institute to appoint a small com-

mittee with power to take the necessary steps to consummate the transa ction in colleboration with the Board of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School, or with a committee of that School with power

Be it further resolved that the committee to be appointed by the President is instructed as follows:

- 1. It shall endeavor to secure a fair retiring allowance for Mrs. Henry A. Hunt, widow of the former Principal, Henry A. Hunt, deceased, and for several other employees who by reason of long service and advanced age cannot in all probability find employment elsewhere.
- 2. That so far as practicable the Board of Regents shall agree in selecting teachers and employees, to give preference to the teachers and employees now on the staff of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School.
- 3. That the committee shall endeavor to secure the largest possible financial settlement in consideration of the Church's generosity in transferring to the State a property which could probably not be duplicated for less that \$550,000, and that in addition either by reserving an adequate tract of land, or by purchase in the event legal technicalities impose that course, a sufficient tract of land shall be acquired to enable the Church to perpetuate its influence in the community.
- 4. That the committee shall fulfill its responsibilities under the advice and guidance of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Atlanta,

  Judge Pomeroy, and his Assistant in this case, General Walter Harris of Macon, Georgia.

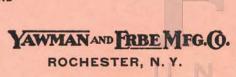




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Ant valley ERWIN & NIX ATTORNEYS AT LAW WILLIAM L. ERWIN ABIT NIX ATHENS, GA. H.A. BIRCHMORE February 18, 1939. JCD 20 Mr. Curtis Dixon, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. My dear Mr. Dixon: I am addressing this note to you at Chicago though I had hoped that I might see you while you were in Georgia. Both of your notes were received, and when I was in Atlanta I attempted to locate you but for some reason was unable to establish contact with you. I have mailed the Foundation today a copy of the memorandum given to Bishop Mikell. We wish to assure you of our very profound gratitude for your interest in this situation. With best wishes, I am Very sincerely yours AN:W

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Mr. J. C. Dixon 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois Fort Valley

1005 East Catherine Street Ann Arbor, Michigan February 18, 1939

My dear Mr. Dixon:

Perhaps you know that I am studying here at the University of Michigan on a twelve months grant awarded to me by the General Education Board. When I accepted the grant I was Academic Director and Head of the Department of Science at The Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School and I am hoping to return there in some capacity.

Realizing the unsettled conditions at Fort Valley and realizing that in the event the school becomes a state institution the State would assume no responsibility for the present personnel, I wrote the General Education Board indicating to them the possibility of my not being employed there in another year since they made certain that Mr. Hunt write them indicating that upon completion of my work I would return. I thought it best to write them so that they would be informed and so that they would not be working on the assumption that my return to Fort Valley was assured according as Mr. Hunt wrote them now that there is this contemplated change. In answer to my letter Mr. Favrot said, "I should hope that you would be expected to return to Fort Valley at the expiration of your present fellowship grant."

Since affairs are as yet not settled and since you, in my opinion will have some influence upon the appointments that are to be made, I am asking if it is your opinion that my return to Fort Valley is considered a probability. Naturally, I do not wish to wait until the last moment and then be left in the lurch as regards work for the coming year.

My graduate work during the year 1931-1932 at Atlanta — University, the summers of 1933 and 1934, and the year 1935-1936 at the University of Michigan on a grant from the General Education Board has been in Chemistry and Physics. My-readings at the University of Chicago during the summers of 1936 and 1937 have been in Education on The American Secondary Schools, The Junior College, Problems of Instruction in Science, Educational and Vocational Guidance, The Administration of Personnel Work in Institutions of Higher Learning, and the Organization and Administration of Teacher Education. At present I am working

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toward the degree of doctor of philosophy in Education taking my sequence in Secondary Education with my emphasis being in the Teaching of Science with my special interest being the Orientation Courses in Science offered to Freshmen and Sophomores in college. As a matter of fact I have always been interested in the four years of college work divided into a general and a major division particularly as regards the type of work that we have been doing at Fort Valley in the training of practical workers in the field of teaching.

I should appreciate a reply from you so that I may begin to formulate my plans for another year. Thanking you for your interest in the work at Fort Valley and with every wish for your continued success. I remain

Very truly yours,

W. W. E. Blanchet



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WILLIAM L. ERWIN
ABIT NIX
H. A. BIRCHMORE

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ATHENS, GA.

February 18, 1939.

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Rosenwald Foundation, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Attention: Dr. Embree.

Dear Dr. Embree:

Enclosed herewith is a memorandum which
I have filed with Bishop Mikell. For your information, I am sending a copy to your office.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AN:W

### MEMORANDUM REGARDING FORT VALLEY NORMAL INSTITUTE

The special committee authorized by the Board of Regents with power to act, and appointed by the chairman, the Honorable Marion Smith, was empowered to seek the transfer of the Fort Valley Normal Institute from the present control Board to the possession and control of the State Board of Regents. The Board of Regents after a careful study of Negro higher education in Georgia considers it necessary in order to complete a State picture of necessary higher education for Negroes of the State to have an efficient and effective institution properly located in the central section of the State. The Fort Valley institution is almost ideally located for this purpose.

The Committee therefore hereby makes formal request of the present control Board or Boards of the Fort Valley Normal Institute for the transfer of the institution to the State Board of Regents, such transfer to be subject to the formal execution of necessary legal papers, and to be effective as of July 1st, 1939.

As indicative of the good faith of the Board of Regents in seeking said transfer, and of their desire to develop a strong State institution at Fort Valley, the following statements of fact and intention are made:

- 1. The Board of Regents has already disposed of the present State institution at Forsyth, possession of the plant to be given July 1, 1939. All legal matters in connection with this transaction have been completed.
- 2. The Board of Regents will transfer the appropriations now made to Forsyth to Fort Valley together with such additional appropriations as the size



- of the student body, the character of the program, and the amount of State funds available to the Board make necessary and possible.
- 3. The Board of Regents expects to develop at Fort Valley a program which is necessary to meet the needs of higher education of Negroes in this great concentration area of Negro population.
- 4. The Board of Regents is committed to finding an outstanding and competently prepared Negro educational leader as President of the institution.
- 5. A faculty of outstanding excellence for the institution will be employed. Such members of the
  present faculty who may by training and experience
  meet the demands of the situation will be given
  favorable consideration.
- 6. The Julius Rosenwald Fund has appropriated an amount of \$50,000, or such part of it asmay be necessary, for the purpose of affecting the transfer of Fort Valley to the Board of Regents, and doing whatever else is necessary to place the institution in readiness for the new program.
- Rosenwald Fund and the General Education Board for appropriations over a period of years to aid in carrying on the necessary program at Fort Valley. While the Foundations have as yet taken no formal action, it is known that they are most sympathetic to this request. The amount of such appropriations will not be less than \$50,000 a year, and if the program requires it, it may be more.



Fort Valley Solve

## THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ATHENS, GEORGIA

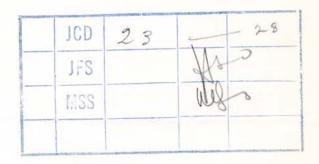
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 20, 1939

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Mr. Curtis Dixon 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

My dear Curtis:



I am enclosing copies of certain letters for your information, namely, a letter from Mr. Nix to Bishop Mikell on the Fort Valley situation and in which he enclosed a memorandum which I prepared and in which I think you will be interested; a letter to the Fund and to the General Education Board signed by Chancellor Sanford and Mr. Marion Smith requesting funds to aid in the development of Higher Education for Negroes in Georgia; copies of letters sent to the Julius Rosenwald Fund and General Education Board asking for funds to aid in the expanded program of the College of Education at the University. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the report on the Program of the College of Education. I want to call your special attention to pages 44 to 69 in the report in which the new projects are described.

I surely hope that you will use your influence to aid us in securing financial assistance for our program. I am foolish enough to believe that if we can get the proper financial aid, we will be in a position to have at the University one of the most outstanding Teacher Education Programs in all America.

I feel that the Fort Valley situation will clear itself in good time and that the Board of Regents will ultimately secure the institution. What I am trying to do now is to hurry the decision. I have arranged with Mr. Nix and Chancellor Sanford to take them to Fort Valley within the next two weeks to look over the institution and and incidentally have Mr. Evans show us about. It is our hope that on this visit Mr. Nix will be able to get Mr. Evans to agree to an amicable settlement with Dr. Patton without carrying on long drawn out deliberations. Any suggestions that you have I shall be very pleased to receive.



Page #2 Mr. Curtis Dixon

I am particularly anxious to get these letters into the hands of Dr. Embree and Mr. Favrot prior to the meeting of the Association of School Administrators at Cleveland so that if desirable we could discuss both matters with them.

Where are you stopping?

Sincerely yours,

Walter D. Cocking

Dean, College of Education

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enclosures.



February 20, 1939

General Education Board 49 West 49th Street New York, New York

Attention: Mr. L. M. Favrot

Gentlemen:

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia is negotiating as you know with the Control Boards of the Fort Valley Normal Institute to secure the plant of that institution for the State of Georgia. If our efforts are successful, we hope to build at this institution an outstanding State College for Negroes in line with the recommendations of the recent study of Higher Education for Negroes in Georgia which you so kindly aided to finance.

In the event that satisfactory plans are arranged for the transfer of the Fort Valley institution to State auspices, the Board of Regents will then be faced with arranging a necessary program, employing a President and faculty, and making plans for adequate finances.

The people of the state and their representatives in the legislature are rapidly appreciating the necessity for providing a more adequate program for Negroes. However, it will be sometime in the future before the State will be in a position to provide the full amount of finances which are necessary. The Board of Regents deems the needs of the situation so great that it is amxious to proceed as rapidly as possible with a complete program.

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Respectfully yours,

Marion Smith Chairman, Board of Regents

S. V. Sanford Chancellor, University System of Georgia SK

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February 18, 1939

Bishop H. J. Mikell Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mikell:

Enclosed herewith you will find a memorandum with reference to the Fort Valley Normal Institute.

It is needless for me to say that we are quite anxious to expedite the matter as rapidly as possible.

You will note that the Forsyth property has actually been disposed of.

If there is any service which I could render, or which could be rendered by any members of my committee, I am sure that we will be pleased to help.

Thanking you, and with every assurance of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

/s/ Abit Nix



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- 2. The Board of Regents will transfer the appropriations now made to Forsyth to Fort Valley together with such additional appropriations as the size of the student body, the character of the program, and the amount of State funds available to the Board make necessary and possible.

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- 3. The Board of Regents expects to develop at Fort Valley a program which is necessary to meet the needs of higher education of Negroes in this great concentration area of Negro population.
- 4. The Board of Regents is committed to finding an outstanding and competently prepared Negro educational leader as President of the institution.
- 5. A faculty of outstanding excellence for the institution will be employed.

  Such members of the present faculty who may by training and experience meet
  the demands of the situation will be given favorable consideration.
- 6. The Julius Rosenwald Fund has appropriated an amount of \$50,000, or such part of it as may be necessary, for the purpose of affecting the transfer of Fort Valley to the Baord of Regents, and doing whatever else is necessary to place the institution in readiness for the new program.
- 7. The Board of Regents has requested the Julius Rosemwald Fund the the General Education Board for appropriations over a period of years to aid in carrying on the necessary program at Fort Valley. While the Foundations have as yet taken nonformal action, it is known that they are most sympathetic to this request. The amount of such appropriations should not be less than \$50,000 a year.



Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Attention: Dr. Edwin R. Embree

Gentlemen:

Attached to this letter is a copy of a Report of the Present Program of the College of Education at the University of Georgia and of Teacher Education needs in Georgia. The report makes clear the need for an expanded program of teacher education at the University of Georgia and proposes a definite plan of action by which it is believed these needs can best be met.

The Board of Regents believes that the program outlined in the report is sound, practical, and necessary. During the past two years the Board of Regents has given special budgetary and other attention to the development of the College of Education. As rapidly as possible it hopes to expand the program described in the report. However, the need is so great and so important that it is necessary that the program outlined here be realized at the earliest possible moment.

Because of the known interest of your Board in teacher education we are requesting your assistance at this time to make this entire program effective over a period of years. Present and proposed activities of the College of Education for the complete operation of the expanded program are described on pages 44 to 68 of the report. We ask your careful study of these projects and financial aid in helping to make them possible.

Respectfully yours,

S. V. Sanford Chancellor, University System of Georgia

> Marion Smith Chairman, Board of Regents



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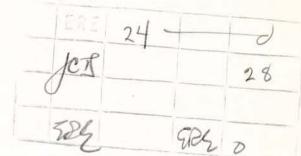
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Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Attention: Dr. Edwin R. Embree

Gentlemen:

February 20, 1939



The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia is negotiating as you know with the Control Boards of the Fort Valley Normal Institute to secure the plant of that institution for the State of Georgia. If our efforts are successful, we hope to build at this institution an outstanding State College for Negroes in line with the recommendations of the recent study of Higher Education for Negroes in Georgia which you so kindly aided to finance.

In the event that satisfactory plans are arranged for the transfer of the Fort Valley institution to State auspices, the Board of Regents will then be faced with arranging a necessary program, employing a President and faculty, and making plans for adequate finances.

The people of the State and their representatives in the legislature are rapidly appreciating the necessity for providing a more adequate program for Negroes. However, it will be sometime in the future before the State will be in a position to provide the full amount of finances which are necessary. The Board of Regents deems the needs of the situation so great that it is anxious to proceed as rapidly as possible with a complete program.

Appreciating the continued interest of your Fund in education in Georgia and Negro education in particular, we are again coming to you for assistance. We hope that your Fund will find it possible to grant to the Board of Regents at least \$50,000 a year for a period of years so that we may proceed with the comprehensive program of higher education for Negroes to which our Board is committed. We assure you that if such a grant is made we shall do everything in our power to use it for the greatest possible benefits to the State and the Negroes in particular.

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Respectfully yours,

Marion Smith

Chairman, Board of Regents

S. V. Sanford

Chancellor,

University System of Georgia

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February 21, 1939

Dear Cocking:

I had to be in Washington and New York last week, and while in New York Dr. Patton asked me to attend another meeting of the American Church Institute on the thirteenth. It is a little difficult to write about this meeting, because I am getting a bit fed up with the indecision and vacillation and petty jealousies involved. The meeting, however, was encouraging in some respects because Dr. Dillard for the first time expressed himself as favoring the transfer of Fort Valley to the state. So did Hunter, the treasurer, and Bishop Tucker, the chairman of the Board. Patton, however, did something which I thought was a very poor policy. Bentley, his assistant, opposes the transfer of Fort Valley to the state, and Patton, out of the kindness of his heart, allowed Bentley to speak to the Church Institute and oppose Patton's recommendation of transfer to the state.

I can't tell you all that transpired in a letter but Bentley did a rather smart job of transferring the whole consideration from a practical to an emotional base and got some support from the Church Institute. We had hoped to get the Institute to appoint a committee with power to act; instead, as a result of Bentley's peroration, it appointed a committee of Bishop Mikell and Dr. Patton, who were to select a third member, and asked this committee to meet with the committee of the Fort Valley Board and report back to the Church Institute. Dr. Patton and Bishop Mikell added Bentley to the committee, and Bishop Mikell is hoping to get a meeting of the three committees on the sixth of March.

Everybody agrees that the Church Institute can't continue operating Fort Valley successfully, but they always get back to the question as to whether or not the state will do a reasonably good job if it gets the school. I think I know some of the questions they will ask in the joint meeting of these three committees, and I think Mr. Nix is the man who can answer those questions to the satisfaction of this group. I should like, therefore, if it is possible, to get to Atlanta in time to see you and Mr. Nix prior to the meeting of these committees so that I can apprise you of some of the questions which will arise.

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I have been even more officious in this whole thing, because last week I went to Macon and talked with Mr. Crump and Mrs. Harrold, members of the Fort Valley board. I shall have some interesting stories to tell you about these conferences when we get together. The main reason for mentioning them, however, comes out of something which Mr. Crump said to me - that if both Mr. Nix and Mr. Marion Smith (if possible), or one of them, would attend the next meeting of the Fort Valley board, he felt that their presence and statements from them would have such an effect on the board that there would be little question of a favorable decision.

I should like to talk with you and Mr. Nix about all of this as soon as I can get back to Atlants, which I hope will be some time prior to the sixth of March. The main purpose of this letter is to report my further activities and to get the two of you thinking about the possibility of Mr. Nix and Mr. Smith meeting with the Fort Valley board. I shall notify you before my arrival in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCD: RW

Dr. Walter D. Cocking University of Georgia Athens, Georgia



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February 22, 1939

Dear Mr. Favrot:

Although I had not expected do so, at the last moment Dr. Patton thought it would be advisable for me to attend the meeting of the Church Institute on February 13. I called your home and talked to Mrs. Favrot who told me that you were out of the city. I presume that both Mr. and Mrs. Davis were away, too, because I was unable to get anyone to answer at their apartment.

I hardly know what to do next in the Fort Valley matter. The Church Institute group is such a mixed one - that is, with such divergent background - that it is difficult to know how to approach them. In this last meeting, Bishop Tucker, Dr. Patton, Mr. Hunter and, to my surprise, Dr. Dillard advocated the transfer of Fort Valley to the state. Mr. Bentley opposed such action, and for some strange reason Dr. Patton asked Bentley to express his opinion in the meeting. This he did from a purely emotional and religious point of view, securing, as was to be expected, support from some members of the Board.

We had hoped to get the Church Institute to appoint a committee of its members, with power to act for the Institute in further negotiations with the Fort Valley board and the Board of Regents. Largely because of Bentley's talk, the Church Institute felt it inadvisable to do this but did appoint a committee composed of Dr. Patton, Bishop Mikell, and Mr. Bentley, to meet with the committees of the Fort Valley board and the Regents and to report back to the Church Institute. I have worked in situations of this kind long enough to know how slow and tedious a progressive, forward movement may be. But I think that I have never been in quite the situation I find myself in now, because it is just about ten times as difficult to deal with three authoritative groups as it is to deal with two.



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The night after the Institute meeting in New York I was about ready to throw up my hands in abject surrender and admit that the whole thing had me whipped, but I cannot afford to do this because the need is just as evident and urgent now as it has ever been. In fact, it is in some respects even more pressing because, as you know, the Regents have already gotten rid of Forsyth.

I appreciate your calling Dr. Patton and Mr. Bentley, and I do think your judgment in the matter had some influence. If you and Mr. Davis feel that you can do it, I shall appreciate it very much if you will talk further with Bentley about the matter. He has broad confidence in your judgment and integrity, and what you say will have great influence with him.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCD: RW

Mr. Leo M. Favrot General Education Board 49 West 49th Street New York City



Fort Valley

February 22, 1939

Dear Mr. Blanchet: Just now no one can say what will result from the negotiations between the state of Georgia and the American Church Institute, regarding the transfer of Fort Valley to the state. All of us hope that this will materialize, of course, because it seems to be indicated as the proper development, both from the point of view of the state and the Church Institute.

If the transfer of Fort Valley to the state is not made, you of course do not have anything to worry about because it is my understanding that everybody involved is expecting you to return there. If the transfer is achieved, I still do not see that you have anything to worry about, although you understand that this is purely a personal opinion and that I have absolutely no official connection with Fort Valley.

If it becomes a state school, however, it is to be hoped that the Regents will select an outstanding man as president. And if he is an outstanding person he is going to be extremely loathe to go too rapidly into personnel changes. If I were you, then, I would make all of my plans and do all of my work with the idea in mind of returning to Fort Valley next fall.

Very truly yours,

JCD: RW

Mr. W. W. E. Blanchet 1005 East Catherine Street Ann Arbor, Michigan



Fort Valley School

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February 22, 1939

Dear Mr. Tabor: Dr. Patton asked me to attend the meeting of the Church Institute on February 13. This I did and have been quite perturbed since; for I can't see that we are getting anywhere with the negotiations. This is a discouraging note in a way, I know, and I would rather not try to write you everything that is in my mind. The next time I am in Georgia I shall try to run down for a long talk with you.

Very truly yours,

JCD: RW

Mr. Alva Tabor Box 488 Fort Valley, Georgia J. C. DIXON



Fort Valley School

# ERWIN & NIX ATTORNEYS AT LAW ATHENS. GA.

WILLIAM L. ERWIN
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H. A. BIRCHMORE

February 24, 1939.

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Mr. J. C. Dixon, Rosenwald Foundation, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Dixon:

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I have a copy of your letter to Dr. Sanford and have been giving the matter some thought. Of course, we are faced with the situation as to whether or not the State can arrange with a private institution for training and thereby avoid the effect of the Missouri decision. I would like to investigate it a little more and think about it a bit before actually passing judgment on it. You can rest assured, however, that I am very grateful to you for your suggestion and will continue to investigate the situation and communicate with you further.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely youts,

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February 24, 1939

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Dear Dixon:

I have just read your letter of February 22nd.

I am surprised to find you at work on Washington's Birthday!

Apparently Dr. Patton is leaning over backward in asking Mr. Bentley to express his opinion. Bentley told me over the telephone that he would vote against the transfer. I did not realize that there was any emotional or religious basis to his objection. He told me over the telephone that he opposed the transfer because he felt that aid from your Fund would be for only a limited period of time and he did not seem to trust Georgia permanently to carry out any pledges they might make at this time. I think his mind is pretty well made up, and I am afraid I shall have no opportunity before leaving for Cleveland and Chicago to speak to him. We are very much rushed now considering a large number of fellowship applications, both white and Negro.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Curtis Dixon Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

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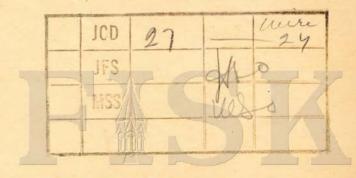
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PRESIDENT

February 27, 1959

Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy Court House Atlanta, Georgia

Change of plans after seeing you Atlanta made it impossible see Evans. Recent letter from Nix indicated he and Cocking planned see Evans in Fort Valley. If you have not done so I suggest you talk with Bishop Mikell relative Church Institute meeting New York thirteenth. Present plans will put me in Atlanta Saturday. Hope to have opportunity brief conference you early next week.

J. C. Dixon

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Charge to Julius Rosenwald Fund RW





February 28, 1939

Dear Cocking: I hope you are right in your feeling that the Fort Valley situation will clear itself in good time and that the Board of Regents will ultimately secure the institution. This kind of encouragement comes very nicely for me right now, after having sat in the American Church Institute meeting in New York recently. I do hope we can hurry the development of this project, because I am quite anxious to be able to go before our Board at its April meeting with a specific request for aid in the development of a program there.

Mr. Embree and I both have received your report on the program of the College of Education. It is broadly conceived and I wish you could put every item of it into operation immediately. But I think that, in all fairness to yourself, you should be prepared for some failure, because I doubt very seriously that you are going to be able to do the whole job at once. I think you know from conversations you and Mr. Embree and I have had that we are definitely interested in certain aspects of your program. Mr. Embree and I will study these very carefully in your report. Sometime during March I hope that both of us may be in Georgia and get an opportunity to sit down and talk them over with you further.

If you did not see Favrot in Cleveland, it might be worth while to consider the advisability of trying to arrange a conference of representatives of the General Education Board, the Rosenwald Fund, your staff, and the Board of Regents. If you have already seen Favrot, as I surmise you will be doing this week, you, Mr. Embree, and I can go ahead with our discussions when we get to Atlanta.

I shall leave here Friday, March 3, and will be in Georgia and South Carolina for the next two or three weeks. If you come to Atlanta during the week of March 6 to 11, call me.

Sincerely yours,

JCD: RW

Dr. Walter D. Cocking University of Georgia Athens, Georgia FASIA



February 28, 1939

Dear Mr. Smith: You know, of course, that the Rosenwald Fund is interested in the effort your Board is making to secure the plant of the Fort Valley Normal Institute, in order that the state may develop an outstanding collegiste institution for Negroes there. We have evidenced this interest both by action of our Board and by the personal activities of our officers. And this interest, we hope, will continue so long as we feel we are in a position to cooperate with the state in its efforts.

As you know, the Rosenwald Fund is interested not only in the general development of Fort Valley but will be quite specifically interested in certain aspects of the program which your Board may see fit to include there. It appears to us that it would be somewhat difficult to determine what these elements are until after the state has actually acquired Fort Valley, and until due consideration is given to the present program of Fort Valley, the optimum program of the state, and the immediate next steps. From this point of view, the time is hardly right for us to say that we will make a flat appropriation to the Board of Regents for Fort Valley, but, although I am speaking personally, I think there is no question but that if the state acquires Fort Valley and does all that it can to develop an adequate program there, your board will receive favorable consideration when it approaches us for specific grants.

To be more specific, I hope that some time during the month of March Mr. Embree and I may have the privilege of a further conference with you and others in Atlanta, at which time we can go into very pointed discussion regarding the needs of Fort Velley.

May I take this opportunity to say that the things you and other members of the Regents and Dr. Senford and Dr. Cocking are now doing are of broad significance to our state. I hope you may be successful in all of these undertakings, and I wish to assure you that I want to be of all possible personal assistance.

Sincerely yours,

JCD: RE

Mr. Marion Smith, Chairman Board of Regents Atlants, Georgia

Copies to Dr. Sanford, Mr. Nix, and Dr. Cocking.

### Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue CHICAGO

To

Mrs. Catherine Duncan

Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School

Fort Wiley, Georgia

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March 2, 1939

Dear Mrs. Duncan: Enclosed you will find our check for \$180 covering the second payment on our grant of \$540 toward your salary and travel expenses for the 1938-39 school term. The final payment will be sent to you on June 1.

Very truly yours,
DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE: AM

Mrs. Catherine J. Duncan
Fort Valley Normal and Industrial Institute
Fort Valley, Georgia





March 2, 1939

My dear Mr. Bentley: We are both honest in our thinking about Fort Valley, and since this is true we ought to be able to consider the matter frankly and fully. To do this it is necessary to discuss each and every aspect of it with the fullest possible amount of intellectual honesty and the coldest, most dispassionate judgment. Both of us are in critical positions, for from our thinking and acting may emerge policies and actual transactions of the greatest significance to the church and to the state. In view of this onerous responsibility we cannot afford to be less than absolutely frank - even to the point of bluntness. So, if this letter in spots seems to be that even to the point of discourtesy, you will understand, won't you, that it is not so meant, but is rather an intense effort to arrive at the truth, to determine the best policy, and to proceed on it?

To begin with, will you grant the position, which I take, that I know the field of Megro education in Georgia today perhaps as fully as anyone else? I am even bold enough to say that I know the whole area of education in Georgia reasonably well. This should be true, anyway, for I know it both from study and from long experience in it. Since September of 1913, when as a youngster just out of college, I ventured on my first teaching job, I have, except for a period of two years in the army, been closely related to the development of Georgia's program of education, And since 1925, I have been more closely related to, and necessarily more observant of the whole pattern of Negro education. For twentyfive years, then, it has been my job to see Georgia's program of education, to watch and to help stimulate its speed and its direction. and to be a very definite part of the whole movement. This close contact, coupled with my interest in Georgia and the education of its people, has given me, I think, a knowledge of the situation not had by one with less experience in the area.

These considerations prompt me to refer to some of the statements you made to the Institute on the thirteenth, to disagree markedly with them, and to point out wherein and why I disagree.

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You said, in effect, that Georgia was not now doing, and for that matter, had not done anything which would substantiate either her present good intentions or prove much improvement over the past. Bear with me a bit while I give you a bit of the history of education in the state. I grew to young manhood in a small town in southwest Georgia, where I did my elementary school work and such secondary work as was available. But this latter (in 1910) was only three years. This was not exceptional for the small towns, for in those days only the larger cities had four-year high schools. The accrediting movement was just starting and public secondary education was the exception rather than the rule. The number of denominational secondary schools (the Baptist and the Methodist churches operated about thirty) was evidence of this and, had it not been for these, many boys and girls would have had no opportunity for the advantages of high school education. There were few colleges in the state doing reputable work and these, for the most part, were church schools. Irrefutable evidence of this could be secured by determining where the professional people - teachers, lawyers, doctors, etc. - came from. Except for the technical workers. who came from Georgia Tech (which has long been an outstanding technological school), they came from Mercer University and Emory University. Likewise, Shorter, Agnes Scott, Wesleyan, and Bessie Tift turned out the women who took prominent parts in affairs of the state. Most of the state colleges were distinctly inferior institutions. Only two - Georgia Tech, and the old State Normal School under Parks at Milledgeville - had any reputation either within or without the state. Most of the state schools, which are now teachers colleges, normal schools, junior colleges, or liberal arts colleges, were at this time regional high schools operated by the state under the title of district agricultural and mechanical schools.

During these days there was no such thing as a state program of higher education. Rather, there was a group of sectional, competitive institutions, feeding at the public trough, fighting among themselves for state support, presenting a potpourri of courses developed, more, to be sure, to offer the same courses offered by competitive centers than to meet the needs of a state and its people. In large part, this disorderliness continued until 1931. This is not entirely true, of course, for it was inevitable that some institutions should forge ahead of the pack because of the able, forceful personality of the administrative heads. But this was the exception rather than the rule. The fight for public funds for current

support and for capital outlays made lobbyists out of the presidents and the boards of the colleges. The competitive fight for existence made almost impossible any constructive professional efforts. By describing the programs and the areas of activity of each institution in existence at that time and by trying to weave a state pattern out of the whole motley array, I believe I could show you that not only was there not a state program but also that there was no evidence of a state plan or even any indication of the desire for one. But this would take too much time and space; you will just have to take my word for it.

This is the picture of higher education in Georgia up to about 1931. Today, in spite of your feeling that the state has done little to indicate its good intentions, there is an entirely different scene. Of this plethora of colleges which existed prior to 1931, nine have been closed; individual trustee boards have been replaced by one central board - the Board of Regents - controlling all higher education in Georgis; legislative appropriations to the Board of Regents to be allocated to individual institutions have been increased; physical plants have been improved; and institutional personnel has been up-graded. (And I can supply you with concrete evidence of each of these facts if you feel you need it.)

But these things are in no way significant in and of themselves. On the contrary, if considered as separate, unrelated moves or developments, they are open to questioning and to criticism. Their significance lies in their unity and in the way in which they came into existence - through a state-wide plan of higher education for the whole state. Now, let's go back to your statement which called into being my tirade up to this point. (I refer you to the first sentence in the fourth paragraph of this letter.) I am sure you will agree that some unity of organization, and some centralization of control are necessary elements of good organization, for your own set-up proves this. Furthermore, other instances (in New York state, for example) of such unification seem to prove my point. Won't you agree, then, that the present University System of Georgia, as opposed to the earlier heterogeneous mass of individual, competitive college units; the allocation of areas of interest and effort to specific institutions, as opposed to the allthings-to-all-men policy of earlier days; the increased expenditures for people (in terms of salaries), as opposed to the earlier penury



expressed in the employment of the cheapest personnel; the state-wide planning of curricula in terms of state problems, as opposed to the earlier plan of having each institution plan its own program - won't you agree that all of these are evidence not only of a valid and defensible intention but also of actual achievement?

You see, as I have already said, one's reaction to the status of higher education in Georgia (and in this I include higher education for Negroes) is valid only in so far as it is made on a relative base. If the person passing judgment is a newcomer who forms his judgments only on the here-and-now basis and evaluates only on the basis of present actualities, he misses much of the significance of developments in Georgia within the last seven or eight years. The present status is admittedly unsatisfactory; the present program is inadequate. But the encouraging significance lies in the fact that there has been marked development in recent years, that this development was not superimposed from without but that it emerged from within, and that present attitudes, feelings, intentions, and policy indicate, without any doubt, that there exists in the state today substantial evidence of the state's good intentions for the present and for the future.

In addition to your doubt that one could depend upon the state's good intentions and rely upon its judgment as expressed in official acts, you said also that the state would not do as good a job at Fort Valley as has been done there in the past. In the first place, I call your attention to your own admission that the work at Fort Valley during recent years has been inferior to that which was done there earlier and to the fact that, on the scale now existing there, you have little hope, because of financial limitations, of doing much to expand or improve it. Again, let me analyze and state some of the historical facts which will, I think, refute your position. As I have already said, there was a time in the history of the state when, except for the work done at Georgia Tech, the private and denominational colleges (particularly the latter) did work which in its honesty, in its value, and in its permanent influence was far superior to any then done in state institutions. This is no longer true. The merit of the work of any institution is both absolute and relative - absolute in so far as its evaluation is done within the limits of its own walls: relative in so far as the institution is thought of in relation to the whole area of its

influence which, by the very geography of institutional placement, overlaps other institutional service areas. Now, as I have already pointed out, there is no question but that the state colleges in Georgia are doing a better job than they have been doing in the past, and the somewhat sinister implications of this for Fort Valley are very significant to me and must be given full consideration in the future projection and direction of the program there. In other words, the public program of higher education for Negroes in Georgia is improving, in actuality and in prospect; we are unable to say the same thing of the work at Fort Valley. In the future, then, it will not be enough that Fort Valley do as good a job as in the past; it must do a much better job. This job must be a better one not only in terms of program but also in terms of finance, for although money does not make the school it does definitely control, in part at bast, the kind, the quality, the quantity, and the variety of the program. In this regard, furthermore, it seems to me that you are arguing that, since a certain condition has existed in the past, it must inevitably exist in the future. This is against all experience, all observation, all history, for any condition or any status must be defined in terms of a specific time. If I were not sure that I have more thoroughly and accurately interpreted the present intentions of the Regents and the citizens of Georgia than you have, I should be inclined to agree with you that the state will not do as good a job as Fort Valley has done in the past. But since I believe I see, understand, and appreciate trends which you may have missed, I am forced to feel that there is more than a fifty-fifty chance that the state will do a better job at Fort Valley than has been done in the past. In fact, as I told you when we talked in New York. I consider it a professional and a personal responsibility of mine to see that this is done.

You had much to say also about the iniquity of politics in Georgia. Now, I have no intention of proffering a brief for politics unless I can define my term. I shall go further and admit that I have even less patience than you have with the undesirable elements of politics because I have been more often within the whirl of its action. But in a government such as ours politics is not only inevitable but also necessary and it is our job and our responsibility not only to decry the deplorable, unsavory effect of some political action but also to determine that which is good and savory and make all possible effort to see that this latter becomes operative in governmental action.



In addition to this, the impact of politics political machination, graft, demagogy, reactionism - varies in intensity, influence, and measurable effect in different areas of interest and activity. The strength of undesirable political action in any area is quite often in direct ratio to the presence of opportunities for financial graft, and the extent to which the grafter is willing to attempt to graft is often in direct ratio to the effective interest he thinks the electorate has in a function of government. Now, as you will agree, there is much less interference on the part of politicians with the financing of education than there is with the financing of a program of road construction, of public building construction, of the purchase and distribution of supplies for governmental agencies. In these latter areas graft, political corruption, bribery, and dishonesty are perhaps quite common, but in education this is not so. It is, I think, a peculiar, inexplicable fact that public appropriations for education are more nearly sacrosanct than are those to other functions of government. I do not know why this should be true, unless it is that education is something which is everymen's, something in which every citizen has had or now has a direct personal interest, and therefore something in which the grafting politician hesitates to interfere. If by politics you mean the continuous interplay of human thought and action designed to secure specific ends, I agree with you that it controls education in Georgia. But so also does it control all other deliberative and formative action - even that of your own board - and it is well that this is so; for, from this point of view, it is a medium for stimulating a people to take the next step in their evolution. Yes, there is politics in Georgia and no one can tell either the future speed or direction of political philosophy any more than one can predict the speed or direction of any other change in our culture. But don't you think it is significant that (1) the politicians in Georgia make little effort to control or influence the Board of Regents; (2) since the organization of the University System the legislature has acted favorably on nearly every request of the Board of Regents; (3) there has been, in spite of unstable budgets and income, a gradual increase of state money going into higher education for Negroes and whites: and (4) the legislature has not yet reversed the Board of Regents in any of its major actions? If so, isn't it true that your fear of



politics emanates from a concept of politics in general rather than in specific relationship to education?

Now, may I be brief about two or three factual statements of yours?

You said that, even though the present : governor was favorable to education and, being so, let the Regents operate so as to contribute to the best interest of the colleges, any succeeding governor could come in, appoint a new Board of Regents and completely control said Board. The legislative act creating the University System and providing for a Board of Regents happens to be so formulated that this is not true. The Board is composed of sixteen members appointed by the governors. The term of one of these members is coterminous with the term of governor. The remaining members five from the state-at-large and one from each of the ten congressional districts - are appointed for terms of six years. The terms of the appointees to the original Board varied in length so that individual terms now overlap and expire at varying times. This operates so that no governor, in his maximum governorship of two terms, or four years, can appoint enough members to the Board to secure control of it through his appointments. Furthermore, expiration dates of the terms of members are so spaced, as a result of the appointment of the members of the original Board, that deaths would have to be far in excess of those expected on the basis of present mortality figures. in order for the governor to gain control of the Board. I might add that the personnel of the Board of Regents has been of a very high type.

You also made a statement which members of the Church Institute interpreted to mean that the state, if it secured possession of Fort Valley, would simply add another institution to the three it was already inadequately supporting. You did not mean to do this, for I am sure you understood, as is the case, that the state has already gotten rid of Forsyth, having transferred it legally to the city of Forsyth and the county of Monroe. In other words, even though the state may not secure Fort Valley the



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removal of Forsyth from the University System is an accomplished fact. You remember, we discussed further aspects and implications of this at lunch on Tuesday, February 14.

Again, your statement that day gave your Board the impression that the Julius Rosenwald Fund was interested in helping Georgia develop at Fort Valley a four-year liberal arts college. This, also, I doubt that you intended doing because such is not at all our interest. What that interest is I think we discussed fully at lunch on the fourteenth.

There are so many things I want to say that I could write on and on. But I mustn't do this, for I have already written a too lengthy - and perhaps a seemingly belligerent epistle. You will pardon this though, won't you, and understand that the emphasis comes from intense interest alone? As I said earlier, you and I have grave responsibility resting on us in this matter. I hope we may arrive at the right decision - whatever that may be - for upon it, I think, rests the possibility of the development of higher education for Negroes in Georgia for some decades to come.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your interest in this matter - even though our judgments and opinions vary widely - and hoping that we may continue our interest to a successful culmination with which we may both be satisfied, I am

Most cordially yours,

J. C. DIXON

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Mr. Cyril E. Bentley American Church Institute 281 Fourth Avenue New York City





Fort Walley N. + D. School

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March 2, 1939



Mr. J. C. Dixon 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your recent letter. It was indeed shocking to learn that very little or no progress was made at the recent meeting toward bringing the proposed plans to a satisfactory culmination. I have been somewhat relieved to learn that a meeting of representatives concerned with the proposed plan will be held in Atlanta around March 11. I have not had any word from Dr. Patton since February meeting nor has Dr. Horne had any contact with him according to a recent letter from Dr. Horne.

At the request of officials of the State Division of Vocational Education and the State Division of National Youth Administration, I prepared and presented before these officials in a meeting at Forsyth last Monday, a recommended program of vocational training for enrollees in the NYA residential project. This program was adopted by the group including the officials in the State Teachers and Agricultural College and is now in effect. At this meeting, President Hubbard stated that the Forsyth school would be taken over by the Monroe County school board as of July 1. At that time, it is contemplated that further plans are to be made for a permanent NYA residential program in this school.

Mr. W. N. Elam, Federal Agent, Agricultural Education, is spending this week with me, inspecting departments of vocational agriculture. He stopped at Athens enroute here and is under the impression that we shall have in operation a new program of teacher training by the beginning of the ensuing fiscal year. I merely mention this to further emphasize the tragic situation in which the whole program of vocational training will be left if for any reason the pending plan does not go through.

I shall be pleased to know when you are coming to this State as I shall like very much to have the opportunity to see you prior to the Atlanta meeting above mentioned.

Very truly yours,

Alva Tabor, Supervisor

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WILLIAM L. ERWIN ABIT NIX H. A. BIRCHMORE ATTORNEYS AT LAW
ATHENS, GA.

March 3, 1939.

Mr. Curtis Dixon, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Dixon:



I hand you herewith copy of letter received today from Judge Pomeroy, legal advisor, to Bishop Mikell. This letter is self explanatory.

Yours very truly.

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Cordele, Georgia March 2, 1939

Hon. Abit Nix, Athens, Georgia

My dear Sir:

Yesterday I had a long talk with Mr. Evans and Mr. Sheppard.

They were very friendly and cordial and I am convinced they are very much interested in the school and want to do what is best for it. They seem very much determined, however, to procure an endowment fund of some considerable sum from some source to assure the proper continuance and operation of the school under any and all circumstances. They do not care to have any hand in the handling of this fund but are perfectly willing for the fund to be held in trust by the Board of Regents for the benefit of that particular school. Considering the long connection with the school which Mr. Evans has had, I believe that Mr. Evans has no selfish interest in his demands but that his real purpose is to benefit the school.

I do not feel that we should be discouraged at all but would like for us to go forward with the plans and let the matter funally be developed at a joint meeting of the committees which Bishop Mikell has called for the 10th at All Saints Parish House. Atlanta.

Upon my return to Atlanta not later than Sunday, it is my intention to get in touch with Bishop Mikell, Mr. Dixon and others and develop our final plan and you will hear from me by telephone or otherwise prior to that meeting.

If we can in any way meet Mr. Evans' views there would be no objection whatever on his part to the consummation of the plan as hoped for.

I believe that Mr. Evans would be satisfied with assurances that this endowment fund would be created over a period of years in the future.

Let us therefore go forward with our plans with a hope of successful culmination of them.

Sincerely,

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CCs.-Hon.Edwin Sterne, C.& S.Bank Bldg. C'o City Attorney, Atlanta, Ga. Edgar E. Pomeroy

Bishop H. K. Mikell, 108 East 17th St. Atlanta.Ga.

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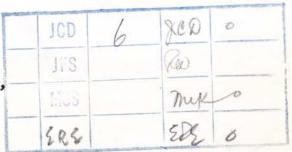
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March 3, 1939

Mr. J. C. Dixon, Director for Rural Education, Julius Rosenwald Foundation, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.



Dear Mr. Dixon:

I have your letter of February 28th, which I have read with interest.

I shall look forward to discussing the matter with you when you and Mr. Embree are in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

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Copy - Dr. Sanford.



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Fort Valley School

CONFERENCE WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE FORT VALLEY NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AND DR. PATTON AT A MEETING AT THE PIEDMONT HOTEL, ATLANTA, MARCH 10th, 1939.

SUBJECT: -- THE JUSTION OF THE TRANSFER OF THE FORT VALLEY N & I SCHOOL FROM THE CONTROL OF THE CHURCH TO THAT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

### Cuestions asked by Dr. Petton:

(1) What financial guarantees for the support of the school from the state for the next five or six years before Julius Rosenwald Fund liquidates its resources?

- (2) When the Julius Rosenwald Fund goes out of existence as is expected within five or six years, will the Fort Valley School be endowed as an insurance against any possible change in political sentiment towards Negro education in the State of Georgia?
- (3) Are the Board of Regents confident that their present intentions towards generous support of the Fort Valley School will not be defeated by opposition already somewhat active by the friends of the state schools at Savannah and Albany?
- (4) Am I correct that if the transfer to the State should be agreed on, the endowment held by the Institute will remain with the Church?
- (5) Is it understood that the Church reserves the right, should it so desire, to reserve several across of the school land on that part of the school property situated across the highway from the campus?

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(8)	How much	essist	ance w	ill the	Institut	e receive	to enab	le the
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(7) Who will provide the pensions for several old employees at Fort Velley, including Mrs. Hunt, as the total annual cost for such pensions may be as much as \$2,000 more or less?

- (8) How soon will it be necessary to make a final decision as to transferring the school to state control?
- (9) Suppose the Institute and School Board decline to transfer the School to the state, will that decision be disestrous to the present policy of the state, for the education of Negroes?



Atlanta, Ga., March 11, 1939.



To the Board of Trustees of The American Church Institute for Negroes.

Your Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board, consisting of Bishop Mikell, Dr. Patton and Mr. Bentley, to confer further with the Committee of the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia and the special committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School, reports that these three groups met in All Saints Parish House, Atlanta, Ga. on March 10th. For two days previous to this joint meeting your committee held several conferences with Mr.J.C.Dixon, representing the Rosenwald Fund, Judge E.E.Pomeroy, Chancellor of the Diocese of Atlanta, and made every effort to gain a clear grasp of the whole question as to the transfer of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School to the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia.

At the meeting on March 10th the Board of Regents, through its Committee, presented a Proposal which outlined its plan if the Fort Valley School were transferred to its system of public education. The proposal indicated that the Board of Regents is in a position to support the school adequately. In addition to funds provided by the State they are confident of receiving \$50,000.00 per year or more from the Julius Rosenwald Fund and the General Education Board. We were also assured that the five or six employees, including Nrs.H. A. Hunt, widow of the late Principal, at Fort Valley who are now too old to find employment elsewhere will be pensioned by the Board of Regents.

Mr.A.J.Evans, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Valley School at the time the Church became associated with it, and still serving on that Board as well as being a member of the special committee of the school to confer with the Board of Regents committee and the committee of the Institute, objected seriously to the Church receiving the \$50,000.00 promised by the Rosenwald Fund to enable the Church to continue its religious activities at Fort Valley after the transfer of the school to the State. He was accompanied by his attorney and they held that any money exchanged relative to the transfer of the school should be added to the endowment of the school and transferred to the Board of Regents as an asset of the institution along with the school's endowment fund. Mr. Evans also stated that he believed that the three members of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Valley School who were on the Board at the time the school came under the Church's control and are still in service were the proper authority to transfer the title of the school to the State. They claim that the Church's contract with the school under which its members hold at least 51% representation on the Board of Trustees with the agreement that the church contribute at least \$10,000 per year towards the school's support, will terminate the moment the church withdraws its appropriation and that the authority of the present Board of the school will then revert to the remaining members of the original Board of Trustees.

This brief outline will indicate that there is a possibility that the entire matter of the transfer of the Fort Valley School may have to go through the Courts. It should also be clearly understood that the \$50,000 promised the Institute by the Rosenwald Fund stands in serious jeopardy. It is possible that the Institute may receive it directly from the Rosenwald Fund. It may also develop that only a small part of it, perhaps \$10,000 to \$20,000, will come to the church to enable it to carry on religious activities at Fort Valley. The church may have to raise the balance needed. In that case, the remainder of the \$50,000 will be given

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to the Board of Regents in trust for the Fort Valley School, as a compromise with Mr. Evans.

In spite of these complications and after long deliberation, your committee unanimously recommends that the Institute advise the Fort Valley Board to transfer the school to the authority of the State of Georgia in order that the State's excellent program for Negro education may not be defeated. We are convinced that the State and the great educational foundations referred to will provide adequately for the school through appropriations totalling at least \$70,000 per year as compared with the Institute's present appropriation of \$18,000.

We must bear in mind that the matter of transferring the Fort Valley School to the Board of Regents is a matter in regard to which only the Fort Valley Board of Trustees can take legal action. The Board of the Institute can only act in an advisory capacity in this matter.

Judge Pomeroy is a devoted Churchman, a distinguished jurist, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Atlanta. On the request of Bishop Mikell he has been our adviser. He has studied the case with great care. He heartily approves the recommendations of your Committee.

It is confidently expected by Judge Pomercy, Bishop Mikell and all of us who have participated in these discussions that a sufficient tract of land will be deeded to the church on which to build the facilities for religious education, social service and a chapel, and that a sufficient sum of money will be granted to construct at least the first unit of the buildings referred to. This is to be done with the cooperation of Mr. Evans and without litigation. Your Committee has requested Judge Pomercy to negotiate an agreement along the lines embodied in this report and to present the same at the meeting of the Fort Valley Board on March 20th.

The Fort Valley Board, however, is anxious to know the mind of the Institute before passing on this entire matter. The advice of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute will be helpful to them in determining what their duty is.

The majority of the Board of the Institute has agreed that upon receipt of this report, its members shall immediately mail their vote to the Rev.Robert W.Patton, D.D., Capitol Hotel, Richmond, Va. Your Committee trusts that you will carefully weigh the substance of this report and send your vote on the matter to Dr.Patton by return mail if possible.

Henry J. Mikell, Chairman Robert W. Patton Cyril E. Bentley.



#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FORT VALLEY N. & I. SCHOOL

We hope that you will receive this letter in the spirit in which it is written. It is not our desire or purpose to make any attempt at influencing the Trustee Board relative to the future of this Institution. We are, however, making a sincere effort to emphasize the fact that we are of the opinion that the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School now stands at the forks of the road—one leading to State control and the other to the program of a four year private church college.

Because of our love for the Institution, our knowledge of certain educational trends in our State, and our belief that you will appreciate any information that will enable you, as a Trustee, to do the best thing by the school, we are writing this letter.

Georgia is in the midst of an educational awakening. In this new educational program the Negro is enjoying greater opportunities. In 1921 there were no approved high schools for Negroes in the State; today there are 52. At present there are more than 100 High Schools employing teachers of Vocational Agriculture, about the same number with departments of Home Economics. Through legislative action Georgia has free text books, a seven months minimum term, and more highly trained and better paid teachers.

The changes that are being brought about by the new educational program in Georgia will make newer demands upon our colleges, whether they be private or public. Not least among these demands will be higher training for teachers. Since September 1st of this year, State certification for teachers has been raised to the point that the lowest certificate now issued to a beginning teacher is based upon sixty (60) semester hours of college work or two years of college training. To teach in the High Schools one must now present evidence of having at least three years of college work or ninety (90) semester hours. A wide range of courses is being required by the State Department of Education for Institutions engaged in Teacher Training. These new demands make it impossible for a Junior College to meet the requirements of Teacher Training. Paralleling these requirements are similar demands in other fields of which time will not permit our discussing.

The most significant phase of Georgia's new educational program, as far as higher education for Negroes is concerned, is the study made under the direction of Dr. W. D. Cocking of the University of Georgia. This study was completed recently and presented to the Board of Regents under the transmittal date of October 15, 1938. It is impossible to review the bulletin in a letter but mention of four points is imperative. First, the report recommends that the amount of appropriation for higher education for Negroes last year be doubled immediately. A discussion of population leads to the conclusion that the vast majority of Negroes live in that area bounded

by lines drawn from Wilkes county to McIntosh, then to Brooks up to Troup and over to Wilkes. The high point of the study is the recommendation which states that three four year public colleges are needed in Georgia; Savannah and Albany should be retained but not Forsyth. The report suggests that efforts be made to secure Fort Valley for the State to serve the great central portion in which most Negroes live.

Dr. Cocking very strongly recommends that the fees of Negro colleges remain low. One can easily see the results when the public college fees are only \$12.00 per month while private colleges set their fees at \$17.00 or more.

We are agreed that the private colleges can make a great contribution and that they are needed, but we must not overlook the growth of public support of education which makes for a situation of keen competition on the part of the private colleges. Atlanta met the competition through the merging of resources and efforts. Fort Valley can and must meet it through a four year program available upon payment of modest fees, which condition will make larger financial contributions of vital necessity.

It is not ours to say whether the school should be private or public but we do not hesitate to say that careful consideration should be given to its future in light of Georgia's new educational

program.

We would not be true to the memory of H. A. Hunt if we failed to petition you for a continuance of the objectives and ideals that he planted in the life of the Institution. He has been developing a life-related program for years. He did not wait until the State decided to set up "Seven persistent problems" because he knew years ago that our education must center around health, vocation, and character. Whether the school remains under your guidance or whether you see fit to turn it over to the State we hope that you will see to it that the work of H. A. Hunt will be built upon and not destroyed.

### Respectfully yours,

Administrative Committee

G. A. Towns, Acting Principal Aaron Brown, Dean L. R. Bywaters, Treasurer Mrs. F. J. Hunt, Dean of Women Mrs. V. J. Woodward, Secretary



To the Members of the Institute Board.

Gentlemen:

You will note from the report of our Committee that I am recommending the transfer of the Fort Valley School to the State of Georgia.

By way of explanation, let me state that my change in attitude is due to:

- (1) My investigation of the organization and operation of the Georgia Board of Regents convinces me it is as sound and free from political influence as such a group can be.
- (2) The Rosenwald Fund is not only financially but actively interested in the State and Fort Valley educational programs and will safe-guard their operation not only by contributing funds annually for several years, but by the personal supervision of Mr. J. C. Dixon of the Rosenwald Fund of whose integrity and singleness of purpose I am confident. Negro education in Georgia needs not only support but protection from sinister political influences and I believe both are provided by the above plan to be in force at Fort Valley.
- (3) Most regretfully I acknowledge that there seems to be a larger opportunity for Fort Valley to expand, prosper and serve more Negroes in a larger way under State rather than under church control. Particularly is this so in view of the present financial condition in the church and its apparent inability to change that unhappy condition at least in the immediate future.
- (4) I am recommending the transfer of the school to the State whether or not the church receives any part of the \$50,000 we originally expected it would receive to continue a spiritual service to Negroes.

Finally, I wish to say I am still in principle averse to the Church's surrendering its educational institutions. However, we are, in the case of Fort Valley, facing a situation in which it appears the State can render a larger service to the Negroes of the whole State through the school than the church can hope to render by keeping the institution under its care. I therefore feel morally bound to do everything possible to assist the State to perform its educational obligation to its colored citizens.

Respectfully,

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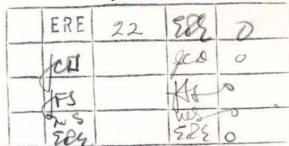
## REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL. ATLANTA

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

March 18, 1939

Dr. Edwin R. Embree Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Embree:



There is no need to have a thought unless one expresses it. I am sure Mr. Dixon has told you about the recent meeting of the constituted and related authorities of the Fort Valley project. From my point of view, it was far from satisfactory.

Since the adjournment of that meeting new developments have taken place which make the problems involved look brighter, and perhaps on Monday, March 20, the whole situation will change in our favor. I have had our legal attorney in constant conference with Judge Edgar Pomeroy with the hope that these two able men could draw a legal document satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Suppose they cannot do so. Then why should you abandon a project for the promotion of higher education for negroes in Georgia when it is no fault of the Regents and the Chancellor? I am simply asking the question based on the assumption you might do so, and yet you must recognize the fact that the Regents have done all in their power to cooperate with you and others in your plans.

We have expanded the physical plants both at Albany and Savannah. Albany has the same agricultural conditions as Fort Valley, and Savannah has a better physical plant now than Fort Valley. The overhead would be far less if we had two good institutions rather than if we had three. Our funds are extremely limited.

No personnel has been selected for the collegiate year 1939-40. So the problem of Holley at Albany cannot be a factor in favor of Fort Valley. Again, if Albany should be selected as the unit for doing the same type of work as that planned at Fort Valley, then I am confident that additional funds other than those contemplated from the Julius Rosenwald Fund and the General Education Board could be secured from the present benefactor of that school who has done a great deal for it. This third factor is worthy of consideration.

I see no reason why we should be delayed in our program simply because of the so-called legal or technical difficulties in the Fort Valley school. My deductions from that conference last week were to the effect—not what agency or agencies could do more for the negro in Georgia, but what agency or agencies through selfish interests would get the benefit of the \$50,000 made possible by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. I may have

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stated my conclusion too bluntly. Under no circumstances would I intentionally do any party an injustice.

As I have repeatedly stated to you, I hope by intelligent and well-directed effort to build a University System in which every unit is on the accredited list, white or black. I want to see our higher institutions of learning for negroes receive the same recognition as the whites by the properly authorized agencies.

Why we are being delayed in this undertaking by what some are pleased to call legal technicalities but which I interpret to be selfish interests and in no case for the good of the negro youth of Georgia is no fault of the Regents, yet the authorized committee has sacrificed many hours to bring to pass a happy solution of the Fort Valley problem. We have done more than our part.

I hope you, Mr. Dixon, and your associates can forget Fort Valley. Spend this \$50,000 in Albany and Savannah, and make Albany what you have in mind to make Fort Valley. It will require less money to support two institutions. If we combine the appropriations to Forsyth and to Albany, we shall then be able to do a better job than if we have to find funds to support three institutions.

Let me assure you again that no personnel has as yet been selected for the two negro colleges. This letter is not to suggest that we abandon any plans you may have in mind, but merely to suggest another line of thought. The Regents and the Chancellor do not wish to be put in the position of losing any help from the Julius Rosenwald Fund, the General Education Board, or from any other sources of help, simply because those in control of Fort Valley, whether in fancy or in fact, stand in our way.

I hope you may see your way to consider these two institutions—Albany and Savannah—instead of a third unit—Fort Valley. I have grown weary of the selfish battle over the \$50,000, yet it may be solved in a few days or weeks. From the many conferences held, I am confident that for many years there will be too many perplexing problems to solve incident to Fort Valley.

May I say that this letter is written on my own initiative and without conference with Regent Nix or Dean Cocking. It is my own suggestion under the circumstances arising from the last long drawn out conference of last week.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

S. V. Sanford Chancellor

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ADOPTED MARCH 20th, 1939.

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WHEREAS: This Corporation has received from the Regents of the University System of Georgia a proposal to take over and operate the Fort Valley School, which proposal is attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A", and made a part hereof, and it is deemed advisable by the Trustees of this Corporation, acting as such at a duly called meeting thereof, that said proposal be accepted, and:

WHEREAS: A difference of opinion has arisen between the members of the Board as to the disposition of a fund of \$50,000.00 voted by the Julius Rosenwald Fund under which certain members are contending: (a) That this sum was appropriated in such a manner as to become a part of the assets of this Corporation, and certain members are contending, (b) since the Church has during the past twenty years and more caused to be contributed more than \$650,000.00 or other large sums for the development of buildings and equipment and for the maintenance and support of the school and during that period or longer has furnished religious and moral training along with the mental and manual training of the school, and that said sum was appropriated in the belief of the Church that it would ultimately be delivered to certain agencies of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the contimuance of the work of religious and moral education and advancement by such church agencies in connection with the mental and mamual training given otherwise by the school; and it is desired to settle and compose the differences of opinion arising as aforesaid:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FORT VALLEY NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, A CORPORATION, AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

FIRST: That all of the assets of this Corporation on the east side of the Marshalville Road of every kind and character, both real and personal and mixed, and including endowments, buildings, apparatus, equipment, furniture, fixtures and all else except as hereinafter expressly set forth, be transferred to the Regents of the University System of Georgia, and the President of this Corporation is hereby authorized to cause to be filed in the Superior Court such proceedings as may be necessary to effectivate and consummate the purposes of this resolution.

Title to the principal's home or residence is excepted or at least an estate for the life of Mrs. Hunt shall be excepted - provided that this provision may be waived if necessary.

The grave lot of Dr. Hunt shall be excepted or accepted with proper provisions as to care, protection etc.

The President and the Secretary of this Corporation are hereby authorized in the corporate name to execute such deeds, contracts and agreements under the seal of the Corporation as may be needful and necessary to carry out the full intent and purpose of this resolution, either in compliance with any Court order, or, if it be acceptable to said Board of Regents, to make deeds, contracts and agreements without any court order.

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Said property when so transferred to said Regents of the University System of Georgia shall be held and managed by the Board of Regents under the same uses and trusts as now held or as provided in Sections 32-117, 32-118 and 32-119 of the Code of 1933, and pursuant to all other laws relative to the said Board of Regents, or in such other manner as the President may determine.

The said sum of \$50,000,00 above referred to SECOND: shall be used: (a) to pay the deficit for the current year, (expenses of these proceedings, attorneys fees, and other debts of this Corporation;) (b) to pay to the American Church Institute for Negroes, or such other agency of said Protestant Episcopal Church as may be determined by the President, the sum of \$15,000.00 in cash for the purpose of continuing religious and moral training; (c) The balance of said sum of \$50,000.00 is to be turned over to and held by the said Regents of the University System of Georgia in trust, under the law, with the other endowment, for the use and benefit of this particular institution and for the education of negro youths in Georgia, provided, however, that the said Regents of the University System of Georgia shall use the income therefrom, so far as it may be necessary for the purpose of paying pensions to those who are now pensioned by this Corporation and to such other present employees of

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this Corporation as shall in the future become entitled to and in need of a pension. If this part of this proposal is not accepted by the Board of Regents, then such endowment fund shall belong to this corporation.

The President of this Corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to make such plans with reference to its distribution and to procure such changes in the present resolution of the Rosenwald Fund as may be advisable and necessary and as he may deem advisable for the purpose of consummating and carrying out the terms and agreement of this resolution.

THIRD: That this Corporation shall deed to the American Church Institute for Negroes or to such other agency of the Protestant Episcopal Church as the President of this Corporation may determine, a tract of land of approximately two and a half acres more or less, lying across the paved public road, approximately opposite the present main entrance and residence of the principal, for a consideration of ten dollars, and in consideration of the agreements herein set forth relative to said sum of \$50,000.00, which tract of land is more fully and particularly described as follows, to-wit: bounded on east by paved road; south by county school property; west by street; north by Pair Street; being all the property of this Corporation across paved road from campus except three lots and houses north of Pair Street.

That the President of this Corporation and the Secretary thereof are hereby authorized to sign the corporate name and affix its corporate seal to a special warranty deed conveying said tract of land as herein set forth upon such terms and conditions as they may determine.

Upon consummation of all the terms of this resolution all members of this Board serving pursuant to the resolutions of May 11, 1938 shall retire, after providing for proper corporate succession, and all obligations of agencies of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and of the church itself, shall then cease and terminate.

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The President of this Corporation is hereby authorized to include in any court order or any deed, contract or agreement that may be made hereunder such terms and conditions as he may approve for the purpose of effectuating and consummating the general plan and purpose herein expressed, even though such terms and conditions may be contrary to the provisions hereof.



### EXHIBIT "A"

February 17, 1939.

### MEMORANDUM REGARDING FORT VALLEY HORMAL INSTITUTE.

The special committee authorized by the Board of Regents with power to act, and appointed by the chairman, the Henorable Marion Smith, was empowered to seek the transfer of the Fort Valley Normal Institute from the present control Board to the possession and control of the State Board of Regents. The Board of Regents after a careful study of the negro higher education in Georgia considers it necessary in order to complete a State picture of necessary higher education for negroes of the State to have an efficient and effective institution properly located in the central section of the State. The Fort Valley institution is almost ideally located for this purpose.

The Committee therefore hereby makes formal request of the present Control Board or Boards of the Fort Valley Normal Institute for the transfer of the institution to the State Board of Regents, such transfer to be subject to the formal execution of necessary legal papers, and to be effective as of July 1, 1939.

As indicative of the good faith of the Board of Regents in seeking said transfer, and of their desire to develop a strong State institution at Fort Valley, the following statements of fact and intention are made:

- 1. The Board of Regents has already disposed of the present State institution at Forsyth, possession of the plant to be given July 1, 1939. All legal matters in connection with this transaction have been completed.
- 2. The Board of Regents will transfer the appropriations now made to Foreyth to Fort Valley together with such additional appropriations as the size of the student body, the character of the program, and the amount of State funds available to the Board make necessary and possible.
- a program which is necessary to meet the needs of higher education of negroes in this great concentration area of negro population.
- 4. The Board of Regents is committed to finding an out-

standing and competently prepared Negro educational leader as President of the institution.

- 5. A faculty of outstanding excellence for the institution will be employed. Such members of the present faculty who may by training and experience meet the demands of the situation will be given favorable consideration.
- Fund and the General Education Board for appropriations over a period of years to aid in carrying on the necessary program at Fort Valley. While the foundations have as yet taken no formal action, it is known that they are most sympathetic to this request. The amount of such appropriations will not be less than \$50,000.00 a year and if the program requires it, it may be more.

### The Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School

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RT. REV. H. J. MIKELL, D. D., 108 17TH ST., N. E., ATLANTA, GA.

> MR. A. J. EVANS, FORT VALLEY, GA.

FOR THE TRAINING OF COLORED YOUTH

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Fort Balley, Georgia

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G. A. TOWNS, ACTING PRINCIPAL

L. R. BYWATERS, TREASURER

Mr.J.C.Dixon
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4701 Ellis Avenue
Chicago,Ill.

My dear Mr. Dixon:

I am glad to know that the Trustees of The Fort Valley Normal & Industrial have decided to accept the offer to transfer the school to the State.

I am asking your support in aiding me to become the head of this new Unit of the University System. My training, experience, knowledge of Georgia and its problems, and the fact that Mr. Hunt said that he wanted me to succeed him cause me to feel justified in seeking the position of president.

As you know, I hold an A.B. from Talladega College; an A.M. from Atlanta University; and have attended Chicago University and Columbia University during summer sessions. It has been my pleasure to work in South Georgia, Central Georgia, and North Georgia. I have had success in every position except Forsyth, and I have no excuses to make for my work there. Success is almost impossible at Forsyth. I have attended all important meetings in the State and have developed a wide range of friends of both races. I think I am clear on the race problem.

This year at Fort Valley has meant much to me; I have studied the possibilities of the school and if given the opportunity could develop an outstanding program.

Yours very truly,

Aaron Brown, Dean

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G. A. TOWNS, ACTING PRINCIPAL

L. R. BYWATERS, TREASURER

Mr.J.C.Dixon 39 Alden Avenue, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Dixon:

I sent a letter to your Chicago address yesterday and learned this morning that you are in the State.For this reason I shall state briefly the contents of the other letter.

Since the Trustees of this institution have voted to accept the offer of the Cocking Report and transfer the school to the State, it is time to mention other matters relative to the future of the school. You can understand that there is a deal of unrest on both the part of the faculty and student-body. The sooner details, such as the nature of the work for next year and the personnel, can be worked out and announced the better. Many of our students have applied for entrance to other schools; several members of the faculty are seeking work elsewhere.

Nothing would please me greater than to be given the opportunity to head this new Unit of the University System. I think my training, experience, knowledge of Georgia's Problems, and my work with Mr. Hunt, justify my asking your support in aiding me to be considered for the next President.

Yours very truly,

Aaron Brown, Dean

### THE FORT VALLEY NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL Fort Valley, Georgia

March 20, 1939

To the Board of Trustees of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School:

The Administrative Committee are deeply concerned in the transfer of our School to the management and control of the State of Georgia. For that reason we wish to set before you certain ideas relative to the transfer, for your consideration:

(1) There are a few on the staff of teachers and workers who because of their long and faithful service ought, in our opinion, to receive some degree of special consideration. A list of such persons we give below:

### TEACHERS

### Incapacitated:

1- Mrs S. O. Moore-----31 years

### Still Useful:

- 1- Mrs. V. J. Woodward-----26
- 2- Mrs. H. J. Walden-----20 "
- 3- Father W. H. Marshall-----20
- 4- L. R. Bywaters----20
- 5- A. D. Watson-----16 "
- 6- Miss J. M. Jordan-----15
- 7- Mrs O. B. Shuften----13 "
- 8- Mr A. T. Wilson-----11
- 9- Mr. G. A. Towns----- 9

### OTHER WORKERS

### Incapacitated:

- 1- Timothy Roberts-Cook and General
- Utility Man 25 2- Henry Davis---Night Watchman-16
- 3- W. S. Stamps----Chef-----12

#### Still Useful:

- 1- Eugene Henry---Truck Driver--13
- 2- Clarence Smith-Fireman-----13
- (2) We do not know what disposition of the endowment fund will be made, but we should like to recommend to your favorable consideration its use as a pension fund for those who have served the school long and well, and we make this recommendation especially with reference to Mrs. F. J. Hunt, the wife of our late Principal, who shared with him all the labors in bringing the School to its present state.

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3uch action seems especially appropriate in view of the fact that the State makes no provision for such workers.

- (3) It seems to us that in addition to the fitting memorial of chimes which we have previously mentioned, it would be only a just tribute to re-name the School for him, connecting his name in the title-such for example as the H. A. Hunt State College.
- (4) We further suggest that definite provisions be made for the location and maintenance of the burial site of the principal H. A. Hunt, and his wife.
- (5) Next we suggest that any deficit we may have be cleared out of the money received from the transfer of the School.
- (6) We wish especially to call to your attention the fact that upon your authorization the summer school is advertised to begin the 7th of June and to continue until July 15th. It is therefore necessary that definite provision be made for the summer school as soon as possible because some of our teachers have the understanding that they will be engaged for the summer school. No adequate provision has been made for the weeks before or after the transfer, although advertisement has been made broadly that we are going to have a summer school.
- (7) We know that you wish to conserve the strong points the School has developed during thirty-five years under our late Principal; therefore we urge that a man of his fine spirit be Such a man, in our opinion, should unequivocally manifest the following:
  - (a) He should be a man first of all of sound personal character who will be an example for the students. That is more needed in schools of this kind than would be in the case among other groups.

    (b) He should be free from political chicanery and of

broad training.

(c) He should be sympathetic toward the ideals set up here in the past, even though a somewhat different procedure in the conduct of the School may be

necessary in the future.

(d) He should be a man of wide outlook and of a bearing that will win respect and consideration for the School.

(e) He should be a man of sympathy for humble folk whom the School has especially served in the past.

(f) He should be a man of imagination who can take more than his customary point of view and so be able to cope with the many-sided problems he must meet.

(g) He should have had experience and should be known to possess patience and tolerance for those who honestly differ with him in opinion. Such a man we feel will be the best guarantee that the good done here by Henry Alexander Hunt will be conserved.

We hope that all of these suggestions will be taken in the good spirit with which they are given and that they will recommend themselves to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School.

Signed:

Aaron Brown L. R. Bywaters Mrs. H. A. Hunt
Mrs V. J. Woodward
G. A. Towns, Chairman

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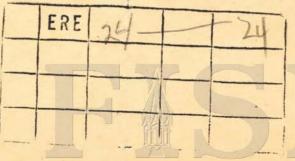
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Mr. L. R. Siebert Board of Regents University System of Georgia State Capitol

Atlanta, Georgia

DAY LETTER

March 24, 1939

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NO APPROPRIATION BY JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND TO FORT VALLEY.

TRUSTEES HAVE AUTHORIZED OFFICERS TO EXPEND NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ENABLE REGENTS TO ACQUIRE FORT VALLEY SCHOOL.

WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE FORMAL COMMITMENT OF THIS AMOUNT ON SUCH
TERMS AS REGENTS SUGGEST AS MOST HELPFUL TO THE FUTURE OF THIS
SCHOOL

J. C. Dixon Edwin R. Embree

JRF, 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

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March 24, 1939

Dear Mr. Brown: It is difficult for me to know just how to answer your letter of March 22, because, though I know what I should like to have the Regents do in selecting the presidents for the Georgia colleges, it is very unlikely that I shall be consulted about the selection of one for Fort Valley.

Let's look at the Georgia situation together for a moment. I believe you will agree with me that the state colleges for Negroes in Georgia have been woefully inadequate, that they have not operated on a well-designed program or plan. There are many reasons for this. But whatever they may be, all of us should begin an effort to counteract them through every possible means. One of these means is to assure the selection of the very best available people for the presidencies. This applies to Fort Valley as it does to any other institution. I do not know who should be selected for the job there, but I have some ideas about the kind of individual who should be selected. It seems to me that the time has now arrived when, in Georgia as well as in other southern states. responsible people must select as heads of the Negro colleges men who, from every point of view, can occupy those positions and maintain such relationships as are made necessary because of their official positions.

You know, of course, that I have long been interested in you and in your professional development, and I shall hope to continue to be interested. In fact, so much is this so that I have been hoping that you can have an opportunity for additional graduate study. Now, I do not know that it is necessary for the Regents to select a president who has his doctorate, but I have the feeling that perhaps it is advisable to do this because, from the point of view of training as well as from certain personal angles, I should like to see the president at Fort Valley be comparable to the better presidents of the white institutions. As you said in your letter, you have had a successful professional experience except at Forsyth, and I agree with you in your implication that that failure cannot be charged to you alone. I think



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that you will agree with me that in my position I cannot afford to try to influence the Board of Regents in behalf of any one certain individual. It is much better for me to continue hammering into them the idea that they must select the very best qualified man to be found in this country. And, knowing as I do that you have the same interest that I have in the matter, I believe you will feel that this is the proper approach for me to make to the Regents.

I haven't expressed myself very well in this letter, I am sure, because I have not said that I would advocate your selection or oppose it. This has been intentional because I am not sure that I know what to do. The best thing for me to do is to talk with you the next time I am in Georgia to try to give you some of my ideas regarding this very important matter facing the Regents at the present time. All of us interested in the Negro boy and girl in Georgia, and in Fort Valley specifically, should think the matter through thoroughly and insist that the Regents make the very best possible selection at the present time.

Whatever the result in this matter, you have a very definite place in the picture, it seems to me, and you should attempt to look as far ahead as possible so that you can continue training yourself for the ultimate position which you are going to have to occupy.

Very truly yours,

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J. C. DIXON

Mr. Aaron Brown, Dean Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School Fort Valley, Georgia



Fort Valley School



March 27, 1939

Dear Mr. Tabor: By now you know, of course, what the joint committee of the Fort Valley board and the Church Institute did in its meeting in Macon on March 20. The results of this meeting certainly should make it possible for the responsible agencies to go ahead with the transfer of Fort Valley to the state. This is already in the process of being accomplished, I understand. From what Judge Pomeroy told me, either he or General Harris will submit this as a legal matter to Judge Malcolm Jones in the very near future.

All of the available evidence now seems to point to the fact that the proposition in which you, I and others have been interested will be an accomplished fact within a reasonable time. If you know of any reasons why this may not be true, I would like to know them as soon as possible. If, however, we can expect this, I see no reason at all why you should not begin your plans in agricultural education. You should keep in mind, however, the fact that these plans should be prepared, to some extent at least, in the light both of the general program to be offered at Fort Valley and in the light of the philosophy of the administrative head, whoever he may be.

I do not know now just when I will be back in the state, but I will get in touch with you the very first time I am there and have an opportunity to do so.

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

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Mr. Alva Tabor Box 488 Fort Valley, Georgia

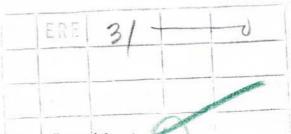


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WILLIAM L. ERWIN ABIT NIX H. A. BIRCHMORE ATTORNEYS AT LAW
ATHENS, GA.

March 29, 1939.



Dr. Edwin R. Embree, President Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Embree:

I have your letter of March 27. It will be a pleasure for me to meet with you and these other gentlemen at the Biltmore Hotel on Saturday evening, April 15, at about seven o'clock. I preume you mean seven o'clock Central or Atlanta time and not Eastern time.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

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### The Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School

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L. R. BYWATERS, TREASURER

Mr.J.C.Dixon The Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Fort Halley, Georgia March 29,

On October 14th, 1938, we had a letter from Mr. Edward S. Harkness' secretary, Miss Virginia Wilcomb, in which she stated that Mr. Harkness asked her to say: "Since it is his understanding that consideration is being given to the possibility of the State taking over the School to incorporate it in its system, he does not care to make further contributions until a definite decision has been reached with regard to the future of the School." She closed her letter stating: "We will be glad to be kept informed as to the School's affairs." There has been no further communication.

I am wondering about the proper channel in which to place this letter for giving the information concerning the School to Mr. Harkness. Mr. Harkness has been over a long period a substantial contributor to the School. His secretary who retired last year was a warm friend of Mr. Hunt and myself and had served the Harkness family through a long period of years. She had great influence with the Harknesses. Her present address is-Miss Gertrude Moore, 3548 87th St., Jackson Heights, N.Y.

I want also to bring to your attention the forming of a foundation of the George F. Baker Estate, 2 Wall Street, New York City, in May. I have kept in touch with Mr. Baker's secretary, Mr. Heinkel, for a good many years. He told me last April a foundation would be set up in May 1939 and that he would speak for the School at that time. I have not been in touch with Mr. Heinkel since then. I don't know that he is aware of the passing of Mr. Hunt. You might be able to ascertain if any help could be gotten from this Estate. Possibly I should have written earlier but really I have not been able to think clearly about anything. My health is improverse.

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley has sent a letter to the Board of Regents asking that the School be named the Henry A. Hunt Such an act would greatly increase my chances of being State College. happy again.

I want to talk with you concerning the matter of writing a biography of Mr. Hunt. I am wondering if a fellowship could be given for such a project? Please think of this. I hope I am not asking too much of you nor imposing too heavily on your friendship. There are still other matters I should like to talk over with you but just now the above is much in my thought.

> Most sincerely, Florence J. Hunt Mrs. H. A. Hunt, Fort Valley, Ga.

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March 30, 1939

Dear Judge Pomeroy: I have read the resolution which the Fort Valley Board adopted on March 20, 1939, and, though I understood from what you said that these were more in the nature of a present pattern than of a final contract, it seemed advisable for me to ask a few questions of policy and of fact.

- 1. The Principal's home. I should like to see this made available to Mrs. Hunt during the remainder of her life; but I do not think this would be at all advisable, nor do I believe the Regents would agree to such an arrangement. As a matter of fact, the availability of the principal's home will have such to do with the success or failure of the Regents in their efforts to secure the right kind of man for the principalship or presidency.
- 2. I know little of legal terminology; but, ever since the idea of the Fort Valley Board being a trustee came into consideration, I have wondered whether the Regents could take over Fort Valley as trustee. You and Mr. Nix would know the terms of the legislative act creating the Board of Regents and I mention this only to be sure that we have full and complete understanding on the matter. Someone on the Fort Valley Board - sometime during the many conferences I have had on the matter - proposed that the transfer be made with the proviso that, if the present Fort Valley Board - even though it would then be out of existence - was not satisfied with the way the Regents were handling the school, the school should be transferred back to the Fort Valley Board. In effect, this meant that the Fort Valley Board could demand the return of the school at any time. Such an agreement is impossible both for the Regents and for those who may be interested in helping the state develop the school. I know you have already seen this dilemma, but I thought it not unwise to refer to it.
- 3. In the last paragraph on page two, reference is made to "pensions to those who are now pensioned by this Corporation and to such other present employees of this Corporation as shall in the future become entitled to and in need of a pension." This is a broad and inclusive proposal and one which might spread to such



proportions as to create a real problem for the Regents. Just recently I have had a letter from the Administrative Committee of Fort Valley, in which four people were proposed for pensions and eleven others were suggested as being in line for early consideration. The Regents cannot do such a thing. They do not have the money and, even though they had enough to pension all old employees at Fort Valley, they would still be unable to do so because of their inability to do the same thing elsewhere. It will be much better if it is understood that Mrs. Hunt and perhaps one or two other old employees will be retired and pensioned but that the whole procedure shall be done in the discretion of the Regents.

4. It is to be hoped that Mr. Evens will not propose for consideration the question of the Rosenwald Fund creating a permanent endowment for the institution. The officers of the Fund have every reason to expect that our Board will authorize and provide for substantial cooperation with Fort Valley over a period of years, but we also feel that the Board would not be favorable to any proposal that we provide endowment for Fort Valley. In fact, it is altogether unlikely that the officers will even present any such proposal to the Board, so I hope it can be kept out of the deliberations.

We are now in the process of preparing the docket items for the meeting of our trustees, to be held the last week in April. The item on Fort Valley will be a very important one, a basic one, in fact, upon which some others will depend. You will pardon me, then, if in view of this I seem to belabor the need for all possible dispatch in schieving a culmination of the Fort Valley transactions.

I expect to return to Atlanta the thirteenth, fourteenth, or fifteenth of April, but will return to Chicago on the sixteenth. During this time there I shall call you.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation and wise counsel and guidance, and with personal regards, I am

JCD:RW

Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy Fulton County Court House Atlanta, Georgia



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March 31, 1939

Dear Mr. Brown: The statement drawn up by the Administrative Committee of Fort Valley under date of March 20, contains some interesting suggestions to the Board of Trustees. Some of these, of course, are very workable and should be given full consideration in the transfer of the institution. I should like, however, to enlist your cooperation in connection with one or two of them. In the first item were listed four people who, judging by the fact that they were classed as now incapacitated, should be retired. Eleven others, with service ranging from nine to twenty-six years, were included. I do not know whether this group includes the whole staff at Fort Valley. Unless this is true I do not see why some of them should have been mentioned in connection with pensions, because certainly quite a few of them still have many years of valuable service to render to Fort Valley or to some other institution.

There is little question in my mind that the Board of Regents will do everything possible to make provision for those old employees of Fort Valley who not only are entitled to some pensioning consideration but who apparently must have it. You recognize, however, that this is not going to be an easy matter for the Regents to deal with, in view of the fact that they have no general retirement provision for employees of the University System. This necessitates exceptional action on their part, then, and I hope that no effort will be made to make the financial load growing out of the pensioning of employees so heavy that the Regents cannot carry it. If some of the funds, which are now the subject of discussion and debate between the Church Institute and members of the Fort Valley Board, are made available for capitalizing a retiring fund, part of this problem, of course, will be solved. Even if all available funds from these sources are used for retirment allowances, the total income from these will certainly not amount to more than \$2,000. In view of this and in view of the fact that it is going to be difficult to secure additional funds, it is necessary that only those people who absolutely must be retired be given consideration. Certainly you know that I understand that Mrs. Hunt is to be included in this group.



At no time in our discussions has any reference been made to the possible name for the school, if and when it comes under state control. I appreciate the sentiment which you and your committee expressed when it is suggested that the school be named after Mr. Hunt. However, this is a matter which I feel the Board of Regents should make a decision on without any undue pressure from an outside source.

I am sure the Board of Regents will give due consideration to the proposal made in number four of your communication.

It is my understanding from the last conference I had with the parties, who will ultimately have to make a decision in the matter, that the Regents, the Fort Valley Board of Trustees, and the American Church Institute all agree that any reasonable deficit in this year's operating budget may be provided for out of whatever money is now available with which to secure the transfer to the state.

Dr. Patton, Mr. Bentley, and I discussed the matter of the 1939 summer school for a few minutes when I last saw them. There is no question but that you should go ahead and carry out your plans for the summer school and make every effort to have it as effective as possible. It is my understanding that the present connection of the American Church Institute will continue through June 30 and that the Board of Regents will take possession of the institution on July 1. Furthermore, I believe that Dr. Patton and Mr. Bentley have accepted responsibility for financing up to that date. It seems very important that the summer school should be carried on because this will undoubtedly be a very important part of operation of the institution under state control. You should therefore continue your plans and discuss with the proper authorities the matter of financing.

All of us, I believe, may rest assured that the Regents will take the time and go to the trouble to select for the presidency the very best man to be found and to be secured in this country. As I wrote you recently, I haven't any idea who that will be. I know something of the kind of man who ought to be selected and I agree with you and your committee in your specifications of



Mr. Brown - page three

him as an individual. All of us must continue, until this selection has finally been made, to impress upon the Regents and their committee the absolute necessity for getting an able educational statesman. That, however, is not going to be the only thing we are going to have to do, because when the Board of Regents secure this kind of an individual, which I think they will, it is going to be up to me, to you, and to everybody else interested in the education of Negro boys and girls in Georgia to give him every bit of the support he needs. I am not worried about this, however, because I believe that the Board of Regents, and white and Negro citizens of the state generally, are earnestly honest in wanting to see developed at Fort Valley an adequate institution of higher education for Negroes.

I am quite happy over the recent action of the Fort Valley Board, although I realize that not yet is the actual transfer achieved. The project could not have reached even its present stage had it not been for the intelligent interest of you and your co-workers at Fort Valley and interested parties throughout the state.

Very truly yours,

JCD: RW

J. C. DIXON

Mr. Aaron Brown, Dean Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School Fort Valley, Georgia



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RT. REV. H. J. MIKELL, D. D. 108 17 ST., N. E. ATLANTA, GA.

> MR. A. J. EVANS FORT VALLEY. GA.

FOR THE TRAINING OF COLORED YOUTH
ACCREDITED CLASS "A" JUNIOR COLLEGE

Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
POST OFFICE BOX 822

Fort Halley, Ga.

April 1, 1939

Mr. J. C. Dixon Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Dixon:

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G. A. TOWNS, ACTING PRINCIPAL L, R, BYWATERS, TREASURER

Attached are copies of letters I have sent to Bishop Mikell, Chairman of our Trustee Board. These letters are self explanatory and I solicit your cooperation in these matters.

Yours very truly,

Aaron Brown, Dean

Encl. AB:



April 1, 1939

Rt. Rev. H. J. Mikell, D.D., 108 17th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Bishop Mikell:

I can understand the fact that you have given a deal of time and thought to our situation here at Fort Valley. Too, I realize that details relative to the future of the school cannot be worked out over night. But, as Dean of the College, I think I should call your attention to certain conditions of unrest noticeable both on the part of the faculty and students.

Attached is a copy of a letter I received from the Student Council and Sophomore College class. In spite of the fact that this is April, only eight weeks before graduation, I am unable to answer their letter. If some definite announcement regarding the cost of schooling here next year, the nature of the work, the level of training, etc., is not made in a few weeks most of our desirable students will have applied for entrance to other schools.

As you know, many colleges begin visiting high schools in early April to contact senior classes. I know of three Georgia colleges that have published their 1939-40 bulletins and have begun scouting for students. I am expected to visit seven accredited high schools by April 15th upon invitation of the principals to solicit students for next year. My going to these schools will mean nothing unless I can answer such vital questions as I have indicated above. Most desirable students are contacted by colleges prior to May 1st, and I hope that you will lend every effort to enable us to intelligently do

Yours very truly,

Aaron Brown, Dean

Fort Valley Normal & Industrial School Fort Valley, Georgia March 27, 1939

Mr. Aaron Brown, Dean N & I School Fort Valley, Georgia.

My dear Dean Brown:

With reference to the probable change that this Institution is likely to undergo, I wish to remind you that there is a decided unrest among the student body relative to the nature and maturity of this change, and, especially is this manifestation shown in the present Sophomore College Class members who hope to be graduated this June.

Several members of the Sophomore Class have been deeply concerned about the future status of our Institution, and, have been to you concerning this matter. Each time you have successfully evade the issue. As President, I believe it is my duty to express to you the sentiment of the whole class. We believe that it is expedient on our part to know definitely the out-come of our beloved Institution so that we, as Seniors, may know how to plan our future school career, too, I am sure that most of the Instructors are equally interested because the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial College has been far reaching in its attempts to assist its students in whatever way possible.

There are a great many of students who would desire to remain here in the event that a third year be added to its College department. Because of the intense uncertainty as to its future they are gravely handicapped. We think and believe that we should have some knowledge as to the future of our school before we make further contacts with other schools.

We trust that we may have a reply relative to this matter as quickly as possible. We are,

Most respectfully yours,

The Sophomore Class

Lucius Williams, President

Paul L. Lockette, President

The Student Council

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### RADIO ADDRESS

Ву

Dean Aaron Brown Sunday, April 2, 1939--Station W. M. A. Z.

In Georgia, as elsewhere, the two most important socioeconomic endowments are its people and its physical resources. Georgia,
with its 37,584,000 acres, ranks 19th among the 48 states in total
land area and is the largest State east of the Mississippi River. Our
State has the largest forest area in the nation and more than 50 types
of trees having commercial value are found in Georgia. In order to
appreciate our wide variety of minerals one must observe the collection
of the State Department of Natural Resources; one of these collections
is located in the lower hall of this building. Georgia can boast of
more than 900,000 head of cattle, more than 6,000 miles of railroad,
a thousand miles of shoreline with two good seaports, an annual mean
temperature ranging from 50 to 69 degrees, an average annual rainfall
of 49.3 inches, and an exceptionally long growing season, ranging from
179 days per year, in the Blue Ridge section to 270 days in the Coastal
Region.

But, there is a darker side of our State picture of which time will permit my listing only a few implications. The most urgent need at the present is the adequate financing of our common schools, the seriousness of this problem is fully realized when we know that our lack of greater progress can be traced to the lower educational status of our citizens. There is a growing need for better school buildings, more equipment, higher paid teachers, and increased library facilities. There is common agreement that Georgia should increase at once her emphasis upon Vocational education through a wider employment of teachers of Agriculture, Home Making, and Industrial Arts. In addition to our educational needs there is a deficiency in the proportion of total population found in the productive group-men between the ages of 20 and 50.

According to the Resettlement Administration Georgia has more than eleven million acres of good farm land of which only  $8\frac{1}{2}$  million are now being cultivated. Our State ranks first in eroded acres, 1,724,000 of our population are using unsanitary prives, and in rural

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areas nearly  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million people secure water from questionable wells and springs.

A conscious effort to contribute to the solution of these problems represents the strongest justification for Institutions such as the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School. The school began in an old lodge hall more than 40 years ago with a handful of students and three teachers. There are now 50 instructors and workers, more than 1,000 students enrolled with 800 more in summer school and extension classes. The plant covers 90 acres, consists of 18 well constructed buildings, is valued at over a half million dollars with an annual budget of more than \$80,000. This development is due to the capable leadership of the late Principal H. A. Hunt who has been nationally recognized for his achievements in rural education. He made possible the transition of Fort Valley from an elementary school to its present status, as the only Junior College for Negroes in the entire state of Georgia accredited in class "A" by the Southern Association of :Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The objectives of the school are sound, the curricula offerings are practical, and the scope of its usefullness is wide. All courses are organized around two definite and distinct curricula, Liberal Arts and Teacher Training. The first two years of high school are identical representing broad and vital training; specialization begins in the third year of secondary school and continues through the Sophomore College class. All extra class activities are organized so that they will contribute to the major objectives of the school. This choir is is an example of the relationship existing between the actual classes and the out-of class experiences provided by the Institution. Other examples include athletics in which the emphasis is placed upon mass participation, the school paper, the New Farmers of America, and the several other clubs that are contributing to the well rounded development of our students.

The influence of the school is not restricted to the limits of the campus. In addition to the relationships existing in the local community, the school has an extension Department operating in 12 cities with a present enrollment of 325. The summer school, which pen June 7th, is designed to help in-service teachers raise their qualifications and efficiency of instruction.

Our faculty recognizes the importance of continued study to meet the demands of a changing civilization, the foremost expression of this recognition is the Tuesday afternoon professional Faculty meetings.

The Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School has a past to cherish and a future to fulfill.

Filed 5/4/39

MEMORANDUM TO DR. S. V. SANFORD:

### Re: Fort Valley Normal & Industrial School

Following up our previous conferences and memoranda in regard to the transfer of the negro school at Fort Valley, I can report the following progress toward a completion of the transfer:

- 1. The charter of the corporation holding title to the property has been revived in accordance with Georgia law.
- 2. The trustees of the corporation who are in reality the directors of the corporation, by meeting of March 20th, 1939, have adopted a resolution providing in substance the following things:
  - A. The school assets, including buildings, furnishings and equipment, are to be deeded to the Regents with the following exceptions:
    - (1) Certain lands across the paved public road approximately opposite the present main entrance and residence of the principal, said property to be deeded to the American Church Institute for the purpose of erecting thereon a chapel and auditorium to be used for religious training of the students of the school. Also three houses north of Pair Street.
    - (2) The principal's home or residence, or at least the estate for the life of Mrs. Hunt, widow of the principal, provided that this provision may be waived if necessary.
    - (3) The grave lot of Dr. Hunt, unless accepted by the Regents on condition that it will be cared for and protected.
  - B. Said property is to be deeded to the Regents by special warranty deed to be held and managed by the Board of Regents under the same uses and trusts as now held, or as provided in Sections 32-117, 32-118 and 32-119 of the Code of 1933, and pursuant to all other laws relative to the said Board of Regents, or in such other manner as the president (Bishop H. J. Mikell) may determine. It is to be noted that considerable leeway has been given in the resolutions of the trustees insofar as the character of the deed is concerned.

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C. The \$50,000.00 to be paid by the Julius
Rosenwald Foundation is to be distributed
as follows:

(1) A sufficient amount is to be used to pay the deficit for the current year together with the expenses incident to the transfer of the property and all other debts of the corporation, including attorney's fees.

(2) \$15,000.00 is to be paid to the American Church Institute for Negroes or such other agency as the Episcopal Church may designate, the said sum of \$15,000.00 to be used for the purpose of continuing religious and moral training.

- (3) The balance of fund is to be turned over to the Regents in trust along with the other endowment to be used for the purpose of benefiting this particular institution, and for the education of negro youths in Georgia, provided however, that the Regents shall use a sufficient amount of the income of the endowment to pay the pensions of those who are now pensioned by the school corporation, and to such other present employees of the courporation as shall in the future become entitled to and in need of a pension. If this part of the proposal is not accepted by the Board of Regents, the endowment fund shall belong to the corporation.
- D. The president of the corporation is authorized to cause to be filed in the Superior Court of Houston County such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate and consummate the purposes of the resolution. In this connection, it seems advisable to have a Bill for Direction filed by the trustees of the corporation in order that a court order might be obtained directing the transfer of the property to the Regents. This would have the effect of releasing the property from any particular trust limitations which may now or might later be imposed under the original articles of incorporation, and under the court order the property would be held and administered under the same terms and con-

ditions as all other property in the University System.

Judge E. E. Pomeroy who has handled this matter for the Episcopal Church and for the corporation is concerned about the wording of the Rosenwald resolution. That resolution provides that the money shall go to the Regents for the purpose of obtaining the school. In order to obtain the school, it will be necessary for the funds to be expended as outlined above. Judge Pomeroy wishes a committment from the Regents agreeing either to a request that the Rosenwald resolution be rewritten to permit the distribution in accordance with the above plan, or if the present resolution can be construed as authorizing the Regents to make the distribution in accordance with the plan, an agreement from the Regents that the money will be so distributed. In this connection, Judge Pomeroy has scheduled another conference with Mr. Dickson of the Rosenwald Foundation. He feels confident that this detail can be worked out without difficulty.

At the present time it appears that the only things for the Regents to pass upon are the questions of the acceptance of the endowment funds with the agreement to pay the stipulated pensions, and the question of revision of the Rosenwald resolution, or in the alternative a committment from the Regents that the money will be distributed in accordance with the previously mentioned plan.

As soon as these details have been taken care of and the funds are available the necessary deeds will be prepared and the Bill for Direction filed. In connection with the deeds, it is to be noted that the law firm of Harris, Harris, Russell and Weaver of Macon, Georgia, has abstracted the titles to the property in question, and the deeds will be prepared from the descriptions furnished by them.

A copy of the resolutions of March 20th of the trustees of the Fort Valley Norman and Industrial College is hereto attached for reference. You will be advised of all further develop-

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HAMILTON LOKEY
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
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# FORT VALLEY NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL



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Rev. L. M. Alexander	12
Ernest Alexander	11
Mrs. E. Alexander	10 1/2
Miss R. Ashemore	10 1/2
R. H. Beasley	11
Aaron Brown	12
H. E. Bryant	12
L. R. Bywaters	12
E. R. Clark	10 1/2
Miss F. L. Clark	11
L. M. Collins	9
Miss M. E. Cureton	10 1/2
F. R. Davis	10 1/2
Mrs. E. H. Harreld	- 9
Miss E. B. Hendricks	10 1/2
Mrs. J. Hall	11
Mrs. F. J. Hunt	12
Mrs. M. V. Hunt	10 1/2
Miss J. M. Jordan	11
Rev. W. H. Marshall	12 (board only)
Miss L. Y. Merriweather	10 1/2
Mrs. L. J. Moore	10 1/2
Mrs. S. O. Moore	12
Mrs. W. B. Moore	11
Miss M. H. Murphy	9
W. H. Pipes	10 1/2
R. J. Pitts	10 1/2
Mrs. O. B. Shuften	11
G. A. Towns	12
Mrs. H. J. Walden	10 1/2
A. D. Watson	12
A. T. Wilson	12
Mrs. V. J. Woodward	12



### Peach County Training School

Mrs.	A. R.	Beasley	9
	M. I.		9
Miss	Hatti	e Hatcher	9
Miss	J. C.	Hubert	9
Miss	J. C.	Jefferson	9
Miss	J. N.	Jolley	9
Mrs.	K. C.	Pitts	9
Miss	M. I.	Pearson	9
Rev.	E. F.	Ridley	9
Hiss	R. B.	White	9
Miss	F. M.	Williams	9

### Other Workers

Henry Davis	12
Eugene Henry	12
Clarence Smith	12
W. S. Stamps	12
T. R. Roberts	12

Remainder are seasonal workers as needed, averaging nine months' employment period.



Fort Valley School



April 3, 1939

Dear Mr. Brown: It is unfortunate that the negotiations of the Fort Valley transfer have had to be so long drawn out. This has created a very unsatisfactory situation for the faculty members and for the student body, I know. No one realizes this any more than all of us who have been involved in these negotiations, but you know, of course, that we have been able to move at only a certain speed. This, the faculty and the student body should recognize.

I do not in any way presume to suggest how you should handle such a matter, but it seems to me that you would be both honest and accurate in your statements if you would simply tell the faculty and the student body the present status of negotiations and say to them, as I believe is true, that there is no question but that the state will assume responsibility for operating the school beginning July 1. To me this implies that students and faculty may expect the summer school to be promoted as it has been in the past and that they can expect, also, that the state will operate the school in such a way as to create just as little disturbance in the transfer as possible.

I do not know that the third year of college work will be added at fort Valley next year. This is a question that the new administrative head and the Board of Regents will have to answer. It seems to me that you should go ahead with whatever plans you have for visiting the various high schools in the state, because whether the school is operated by the state or by the present board of trustees you are going to have to have students next year.

If I were answering the questions presented by your sophomore class in their letter to you, my answer would be (1) that they could count on the continued operation of Fort Valley, (2) that they could countyon an efficient, worth-while offering being provided, certainly, on a two-year basis, and (3) that there is a good chance that the third year would be added for those who would be interested in undertaking it.

JCD: RW

Mr. Aaron Brown, Dean Fort Valley N. and I. School Fort Valley, Georgia Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

R. B. WHITE



April 4, 1939

Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy Fulton County Court House Atlanta, Georgia

Hope you conclude Fort Valley matter by April 10 as you originally planned. Our conference with Regents Smith and Nix concerns other colleges in the University System as we have assumed Fort Valley already settled except possibly for minor details. Exceedingly important that transfer to state auspices be concluded at earliest possible moment.

J. C. Dixon

Julius Rosenwald Fund RW



April 4, 1939

Dear Mrs. Hunt: Thank you very much for your letter of March 29, in which you made reference to the possibility of securing continued assistance for Fort Valley from Mr. Edward S. Harkness and also suggested the possibility of getting some financial aid from the Baker Foundation, to be created in May of this year. Both of these are interesting suggestions, particularly in view of the fact that Fort Valley is now about to become a public institution, because it has been generally true in the past that public institutions have received very few outside gifts except from one or two of the larger foundations. The new president of Fort Valley. whoever he may be, should know of the possibility of getting money from these sources and I suggest that you mention it to him after he is elected.

May I wait and talk with you about some of the other matters mentioned in your letter the next time I see you?

Sincerely yours,

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J. C. DIXON

Mrs. H. A. Hunt Box 768 Fort Valley, Georgia



Fort Valley School

JUDGES:

JOHN D. HUMPHRIES E.D. THOMAS EDGAR E. POMEROY VIRLYN B. MOORE HUGH M.DORSEY PAUL S. ETHERIDGE

J.W. SIMMONS,

CHAMBERS OF THE

## Indges of the Superior Court of the Atlanta Circuit Atlanta, Georgia

April 5, 1939

10 JCD Mr. J. C. Dixon JFS 4901 Ellis Avenue c/o Julius Rosewald Fund Chicago, Illinois MSS

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I have your letter of the 30th and telegram of the 4th. As to the latter, Mr. Seibert tells me that he talked with you over the 'phone and and I should not answer it. However, we are doing everything we can to bring the matter to a head, but the Regents have not given us definite word to go ahead and we are waiting until they do to work out the minor details.

In this connection, I am writing Dr. Sanford a letter today asking him to arrange a conference as soon as they are ready.

The matter of the principal's home would have to be worked out with the Regents. Our authority is elastic enough to meet any contingency.

As to the manner in which the Regents are to hold it, it has not yet been determined, but will be determined at the conference. I do not think there should be any reversion of the Tolests to the present corporation.

The provision as to pensions is only to be paid so far as the income on the residue of the \$19,000. or possibly on that and the other endowment.

others at your fund should provide any additional endowment for this particular school. Of course, I do not know what the Regents contemplate.

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JOHN D. HUMPHRIES E.D. THOMAS EDGAR E.POMEROY VIRLYN B. MOORE HUGH M.DORSEY PAUL S. ETHERIDGE

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## Indges of the Superior Court of the Atlanta Circuit Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. J. C. Dixon

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The resolution of March 20th is not a final contract, it is merely an authority for the officials of the Fort Valley Corporation to turn over the school on the conditions therein mentioned.

When we hear from the Regents there will be much to be done, but this will be largely in the hands of General Harris and will proceed as rapidly as such matters can. However, when we do hear from them we will then know definitely what to expect and within a short while can tell about when it can be consummated.

There will be some delay even after that, but not much. However, there should be no real uncertainty but that the plan will be consummated.

Sincerely yours,

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J.W. SIMMONS,

# Indges of the Superior Court of the Atlanta Circuit Atlanta, Georgia

April 24, 1939.

Mr. J. Carter Dixon, Care Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Ills.

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Dear Mr. Dixon:

As you are advised, the Regents of the University have now finally accepted the resolution passed by the trustees of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School on March 20, 1939.

Negotiations are now progressing for determining certain alternative provisions of the resolution, and so far as I know and believe, there will be no disagreement over any of these provisions. Just as soon as these matters are agreed upon the matter will be finally in the hands of the attorneys, to-wit General Walter A. Harris, Edwin Sterne and A. T. Walden. It is my expectation to have a conference with them to-morrow, and as soon as the petition can be prepared it will be presented to the court and there should be no delay whatever in having the transfer of the property approved by the court, and it being consummated by deeds and contracts if it be decided by counsel that they are necessary.

While I have not talked with General Harris, who is leading counsel, definitely on the question as to just how soon he can present it, never-the-less, it is my view that it will be presented the latter part of this week or the first of next week, and it is expected that a final order on the transfer will follow within a few days.

Since January 12 in a certain sense, and representing Bishop Mikell, I have had charge of all

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April 24, 1939.

Mr. J. Carter Dixon, Page #2

of the negotiations from the standpoint of the school and of course have given consideration to the matter from the standpoint of the regents, and I know of no reason whatever why the matter cannot be consummated as herein outlined.

Respectfully, Esque Som



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JOHN D. HUMPHRIES E.D. THOMAS EDGAR E. POMEROY VIRLYN B. MOORE HUGH M. DORSEY PAUL S. ETHERIDGE Judges of the Superior Court
of the Atlanta Circuit

Atlanta, Georgia

April 25, 1939.

J.W. SIMMONS,

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Mr. J. Curtis Dixon, Care Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Ills.

My Dear Mr. Dixon:

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I am enclosing herewith a couple of resolutions, one making \$15,000 payable directly to Bishop Mikell and the other making \$35,000 payable to the Fort Valley School. I am particularly interested in the first resolution.

If in your opinion the passage of these resolutions complicates the situation, or if you would prefer not to present them to your Board, or if your Board desires not to pass them, I can still, never-the-less, work out the matter with the Regents under your present resolution as I understand it, by requiring the Regents to pay the whole \$50,000 to our Board at the time of the transfer in the nature of a consideration or for the expenses of the proceedings and the balance to go to the endowment fund. I therefore leave this matter entirely to your discretion, feeling sure that you will comply with my views if you deem it wise to undertake to do so.

If you can make the \$15,000 payable to Bishop Mikell and make \$35,000 payable to the Regents for the purpose of acquiring the property, that would be preferable to having the whole amount paid to the regents and then to the school. As stated, however, I leave it entirely with you and can work it out in either way, even though it not be quite as satisfactory and secure from the church's standpoint.

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JUDGES:

JOHN D. HUMPHRIES E. D. THOMAS EDGAR E. POMEROY VIRLYN B. MOORE HUGH M. DORSEY PAUL S. ETHERIDGE

J.W. SIMMONS,

CHAMBERS OF THE

Indges of the Superior Court of the Atlanta Circuit Atlanta, Georgia April 25, 1939.

Mr. J. Curtis Dixon, Page #2

Will you advise me at once what is done, sending copy of any new resolution, or a copy of the old.

Hoping to hear from you promptly, I am,

Sincerely yours,

JUDGES:

JOHN D. HUMPHRIES E.D.THOMAS EDGAR E.POMEROY VIRLYN B. MOORE HUGH M. DORSEY PAUL S. ETHERIDGE

J.W. SIMMONS,

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Indaes of the Superior Court of the Atlanta Circuit Atlanta, Georgia

Be it resolved by the trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund that the resolution of this Board day of , 193 , authorizing payment of \$50,000 to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, be and the same is hereby rescinded;

Be it further resolved that upon the consummation of the transfer of the property of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School to the said Regents as provided in the resolution of the trustees thereof dated March 20, 1939, that this Board pay to Bishop H. J. Mikell or to his order, the sum of \$15,000.

Resolved further that upon the consummation of the transfer of said properties to said Board of Regents under said resolution, that the sum of \$35,000 be paid to the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School to be used by said Board of Trustees of said school in accordance with the provisions of the resolution adopted by them on March 20, 1939.



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 26, 1939

Mr. L. R. Bywaters Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School Fort Valley, Georgia

PLEASE SEND AIR MAIL LIST OF ALL EMPLOYEES AT FORT VALLEY AND STATE SALARY OF EACH.

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april 26, 1939.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. L. R. Bywaters
Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School
Fort Valley, Georgia

Please include in information requested earlier wire statement of post held by each employee.

J. C. Dixon

Charge to Julius Rosenwald Fund RW



The Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School INCORPORATED G. A. TOWNS, ACTING PRINCIPAL

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Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools POST OFFICE BOX 822

Fort Valley, Georgia

April 26, 1939

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L. R. BYWATERS, TREASURER

Mr. J.C. Dixon, 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I really did not have time to check over the statement sent you on the afternoon train and since returning from the station I find that there are some corrections and explanations that should be made.

Rev. W.H. Marshall, retired Chaplain, receives no compensation whatever for his services but we do furnish him with table board.

You will notice that some of the teachers in the Peach County Training School receive board and others do not. Those receiving board have some classes in the High School Department and that is why the School supplies their board.

Teachers are charged at the rate of \$30.00 per month for board, room and laundry. Homes are furnished to three of our teachers for fifteen, twenty and twenty-five dollars per month, respectively.

On page number 2 there is an error in adding the total of Mrs. K.C. Pitts' salary and board. It should read \$87.50 instead of \$30.00.

Regretting that I did not have time to correct these errors before mailing the information to you, I am

Very truly yours,

LRB: wbm

Bywaters, Treasurer

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### STAFF OF THE FORT VALLEY NORMAL & INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

#### 1938-1939

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NAME	POSITION SA	ALARY	BOARD OR HOUSE	TOTAL
Alexander. Rev. L. M.	Chaplain & teacher of Bibles	100.00		\$ 130.00
Alexander. Ernest.	Phy. Ed and Proctor	75.00		105.00
Alexander. Mrs. E.	Ass't Matron	25.00		55.00
Ashemore. Miss R.	Home Ec. (clothing)	50.00		80.00
Beasley. R. H.	Science and Pur. Agt.	90.00		
Brown. Aaron	Dean, Registrar & Education			
Bryant. H. E.	Agriculture	116.00		116.00
Bywaters. L. R.	Treasurer, Bus. Mgr. & Book-			142.50
Clark. E. R.	keeper) -ClarkMusic	70.00		100.00
Clark. Miss F. L.	Secretary to Dean	45.00	- 500 P4V 50 TEST (1)	75.00
Collins. L. M.	H. S. English	60.00		60.00
Cureton. Miss M. E.	Social Sciences	60.00		90.00
Davis. F. R.	Biology	85.00	20.00	105.00
Harreld. Mrs. E. H.	Matron	35.00		65.00
Hendricks. Miss E. B.	Home Ec. (Foods)	80.00		110.00
Hall. Mrs. J.	Matron	50.00		80.00
Hunt. Mrs. F. J.	Dean of Women	73.00		73.00*
Hunt. Mrs. M. V.	Music	65.00		65.00
Jordan. Miss J. M.	Dietician	6z.50	30.00	92.50
Marshall Rev. W. H.	Social Sciences		30.00	30.00
Merriweather. Miss L. Y		60.00	30.00	90.00
Moore. Mrs. L. J.	Nurse	75.00	30.00	105.00
Mpere. Mrs. S. O.	Custodian	45.00	30.00	75.00
Moore. Mrs. W. B.	Sec. to Bus. Mgr & Treas.	45.00	30.00	1705.00
Murphy. Miss M. H.	H. S. Eng. & Soc. Sciences	65.00	30.00	95.00
Pipes. W. H.	College English	100.00	30.00	130.00
Pitts. R. J.	Mathematics & Science	100.00	30.00	130.00
Shuften. Mrs. O. B.	Matron	50.00	30.00	80.00
Towns. G. A.	Act. Prin. and Latin	120.00	30.00	150.00
Walden. Mrs. H. J.	Home Ec. (Handirraft)	60.00	30.00	90.00
Watson. A. D.	Supervisor Bldg. & Grounds	115.00		115.00
Wilson. A. T.	Manual Training	115.00		115.00
Woodward. Mrs. V. J.	Secretary to Principal	90.00		90.00
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## PEACH COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL

Beasley. Mrs. A. R. Brown. Mrs. M. I.

1st grade 4th & 5th grades 47.50 -- --55.00 -- -- 47.50

# STAFF OF THE FORT VALLEY OF THE FORT VALLEY NORMAL & INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL 1938-1939

NAME P	DSITION	SALARY	BOARD OR HOUSE	TOTAL
Hatcher. Miss Hattie Hubert. Miss J. C. Jefferson. Miss J. C.	2nd grade 4th grade & FrenchH. S. 1st grade	47.50 55.00 50.00	30.00 30.00	47.50 85.00 50.00
Jolley. Miss J. N. Pitts. Mrs. K. C. Pearson. Miss M. I.	5th grade % Education H. S. 3d grade	47.50 57.50 47.50	30.00	47.50 30.00 87.50 47.50
Ridley Rev. E. F. White. Miss R. B. Williams. Miss F. M.	6th grade 2nd Phy. EdH. S. Principal	57.50 57.50 60.00	30.00	57.50 87.50 60.00

### OTHER WORKERS

N. V.				
	11.25			
Eugene Henry -Truck Driver	12.50	per	week	
Clagrance Smith- Fireman & Utility	12.00	per	week	
Robert Lester -Ass't Chef			weekBoard and Room	
W. S. StampsChef			weekBoard	
Charles Lyons Grounds	1.00			
Pete SmithLaborer-farm		per		
Ellis Lyons Do. Do.	.80	-		
Albert Copeland Do. Do.	.80			
	.80	per	day	
Sarah Martin Do.	.80	per	day	
Mary Miles Do.	.80	per	day	
Mrs. Mary Miller Do.	.80	per	day	
Wellington Reed Ass't Farm Mgr.	13.00	per	month and Board	
T. R. Roberts Cook	30.00	per	month -Ill on leave of absence.	
Waldo Whatley Ass't Farm	40.00	per	month	
Dr. G. N. Woodward School Physician	n			

L.R. Bywaters, Treasurer

To: Mr. J.C. Dixon
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Ill.



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G. A. TOWNS, ACTING PRINCIPAL

L. R. BYWATERS, TREASURER

Mr. J.C. Dixon 4901 Ellis Avenue c/o Julius Rosenwald Fund Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

In compliance with your telegrams of this date we are mailing to you list showing name, position and salary of our staff for the current school year 1938-39.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the following teachers are doing extension work each Saturday and supplement their salary by \$4.00 per trip:

Messrs. R.H. Beasley, Aaron Brown, H.E. Bryant, F.R. Davis. W.H. Pipes, R.J. Pitts, A.T. Wilson and Mrs. K.C. Pitts.

I am rushing to get this information on the afternoon train and if there is further information you wish we will be glad to furnish it.

Very truly yours,

LRB: wbm

L.R. Bywaters, Treasurer

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ATHENS, GA.

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April 26, 1939.

Mr.Curtis Dixon, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Curtis:

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Everything seems to be working all right now as to the Fort Valley situation. I made a trip yesterday with Dr. Sanford and Dr. Cocking down to Albany and talked over the situation there, and we are going to Savannah on Taturday. So I see nothing in the way at all, so far as we are concerned.

If you will advise me how you finally decide to handle the money matters with reference to the acquisition of the school, I will appreciate it. I am ready to cooperate in every possible way.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially and sincerely yours,

AN:W



Fort Valley School



April 28, 1939

Dear Judge Pomeroy: Thank you very much for your letters of April 24 and 25.

They will be of help to me in presenting the Fort Valley docket item to our board tomorrow.

about the matter of changing our earlier resolution, which appropriated money to the Board of Regents with which they were to acquire the Fort Valley plant, I have decided to leave it as it is. Mr. Embree feels, and I agree, that we can handle the matter to the satisfaction of yourself and Bishop Mikell under our present resolution.

Since my plans will have me back in Georgia next week I shall talk further with you about this at that time rather than trying to write you in more detail today.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCD: RW

Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy Superior Court of the Atlanta Circuit Atlanta, Georgia





April 28, 1959

Dear Mr. Bywaters: Mr. Dixon has asked me to write to thank you for the lists of the employees at Fort Valley, which have come in this morning. They are just what he wanted and he appreciates very much your sending

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Very truly yours, RUTH WARREN

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them to him.

Secretary to Mr. Dixon

Mr. L. R. Bywaters Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School Fort Valley, Georgia



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NEWCOMB CARLTON CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD J. C. WILLEVER FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 29, 1939

L. R. BYWATERS
FORT VALLEY HORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA

PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT NUMBER OF MONTHS EACH SALARY IS PAID TO EACH EMPLOYEE IN THE LIST YOU RECENTLY SENT ME.

J. C. DIXON

Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois



This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its de-ferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or pre-ceding the address.

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### REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

STATE CAPITOL, ATLANTA

May 5, 1939

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Dear Doctor Bond:

You remember that on Saturday, April 22, I called you over the telephone and, acting for the Board of Regents, offered you the presidency of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School which is being incorporated into the state's system of public colleges for Negroes. This letter is a confirmation of that offer.

I recommended your election to the Education Committee of the Board of Regents. This committee approved your selection and recommended your election to the Board of Regents as a whole. The Board of Regents acted affirmatively on this recommendation and elected you at a salary of \$4800 a year, payable on a twelve months basis. In addition to this the president's home on the campus will be furnished to you and your family.

You know, I am sure, what the Board of Regents has in mind in connection with its program of college education for Megroes. We are determined to improve conditions just as rapidly as possible. One of the most urgent needs just now is an adequate program for teacher training—particularly teachers for rural schools since so much of our task of elementary education is in this area. The Regents propose, then, to emphasize the program of training elementary teachers at Fort Valley. Incidental to this general program of teacher education are other more specific and limited activities. The inclusion or exclusion of these are matters which we shall have to decide after conference, the main question being as to their relationship to the program of teacher education. As we develop the state program other allocations of functions and training areas will be necessary. Decisions on such matters can be made after you have had the time to work in Georgia long enough to see the whole picture. The Board of Regents is now ready to promote the whole program of higher education for Negroes, including a program for the training of teachers at Fort Valley.

Now, to be specific about official position, relationship, and authority at Fort Valley.



You are to be the administrative and executive head of the Fort Valley school, responsible, of course, through the Chancellor to the Board of Regents. You are held responsible for that institution. You will propose institutional policies, formulate institutional plans and procedures, select your own faculty, determine salaries (in terms, of course, of the total amount of money you have available for current operations), prepare and present your own budgets, formulate, in consultation with your faculty and the Chancellor who will present your financial budget to the Finance Counittee and your personnel budget to the Education Counittee. These are then submitted to the Education Counittee. These are then

In fact as well as in name we want you to administer and direct the Fort Valley unit of the University System. The Regents will assist you in every way possible. You must always keep in mind that this is a public institution and that it will almost inevitably happen at times that in some particular issue we shall be stymied because of this fact.

The Regents and the Chancellor are sincere in wanting to build a good school at Fort Valley and raise the other two institutions to a high level. If you accept the offer we foresee good for the Negro youth of this state. Flease let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

Yours truly,

S. V. Sanford.

Chancellor

SVS/RM

Dr. Horace W. Bond Fiske University Nashville, Termessee



Fort Valley School

May 7, 1939.

Rose Vase Chatham County Industrial College, Ga.

Mr. J. C. Dixon
Director for Rural Education
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

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My dear Mr. Dixon:

During the month of January we had some correspondence concerning the transfer of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School over to the State of Georgia to be used henceforth as one of the Negro units of the University System. In your letter to me under date of January 21 you stated among other things that you hoped that you would not be asked to name any members of the personnel or to make any specific suggestions in that direction when the school was taken over. You stated that, in your opinion, the Chancellor and the Regents of the University System should "select and appoint the president."

Since the date of the letter mentioned above the Fort Valley plant has actually been transferred to the state except, possibly, for some minor details. As you suggested I filed a formal application for the presidency as soon as I was sure that the school would be operated as a state institution. I understand that several white and colored friends in the state have expressed opinions favorable to me to the Chancellor and several members of the Board of Regents.

In your letter you stated that you would be glad to assist me in any possible way if I would call upon you. I am writing you at this time because I now am sure that you can be of great and very definite assistance to me in this project.

A very influential member of the Board of Regents wrote a friend of mine and told another in a personal conversation that the Regents had decided to consult with some officials of the Rosenwald Fund on the matter of personnel at Fort Valley because he thought that this was due the Board since it had promised to help with this project in a very liberal way. Thus it seems that regardless of how you may personally think and what your official attitude may be the Regents are asking for some suggestions from the Rosenwald Fund as to personnel. I am therefore asking that you use your influence in my behalf if you can conscientiously do so.

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As stated in your last letter you and I are in perfect agreement as to the significance and importance of the state taking in the Fort Valley School to bring about "a complete rounding out of the program." I think, too, that you and I agree fundamentally on the task Fort Valley is to perform in the future as a state institution.

We are also in the same boat in our desire to do something worth mentioning for Negro education in this state. For ten years now I have worked at the Georgia State College and I think that, considering the limitations under which I have had to work, I have done some good. However I have not been able through the years to do as much as I wanted to do and have wished for such an opportunity as is now presented by Fort Valley - an opportunity to cooperate fully with you and others who are really interested in our state and its development.

In 1936, I was asked by Mr. I. J. K. Wells to consider the presidency of the Teachers College of West Virginia at Bluefield. I am told that he and others thought I was the best person they considered for the place but I failed to get this appointment because those responsible, I understand, decided that the position should go to a West Virginian or one who had worked long in the system and this was done. I am hopeful that the "shoe is on the other foot" in this Fort Valley project in my own state. I am much more interested in this than I was in the West Virginia school.

In view of statements made above I think perhaps I do not need to add that if I go to Fort Valley as president I shall be glad to cooperate with you and other officials of the Rosenwald Fund in personnel and program in so far as you think it advisable to get results.

I had a talk with Mrs. Hunt and she stated to me that she though that I was the best person in the system at present to take charge at Fort Valley. Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Hunt were always my friends and I taught at Fort Valley two summers several years ago.

Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to give toward placing me in position to render larger and more effective service for the white and colored people of Georgia through the Fort Valley School, I am

Sincerely yours,
A. H. Gordon.
A. H. Gordon.
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#### A BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROFESSOR GORDON'S

#### TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- NATIVITY: Born at Monticello, Georgia (Jasper County), May 30, 1898.

  Farents: Edmund J. Gordon, Blacksmith and Madora J. Gordon, country school teacher before marriage.
- Early Training and Family Life: Professor Gordon's parents were both members of the A. M. E. Church during most of their adult lives. His father, Edmund J. Gordon, was superintendent of the Sunday School for thirty five years. The family training was not only religious but strictly moral and honest. There was never any family disruption nor were there any moral or social scandals in the family life.
- Rormal Education: Was graduated from High School at Ballard Normal School, Macon, Ga. as valedictorian of the class. Earned the A. B. at Atlanta University with the class of 1917; Received the LL.B. degree after completing a three year course in Law with the Hamilton College of Law of Chicago (this work was begun in the residence school but completed in the correspondence school.) After several years in teaching and administrative work in the field of Education, Professor Gordon did graduate work at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. and also at the University of Minnesota, Minn. He received a fellowship from the General Education Board by aid of which he completed the requirements and received the degree of A. M. (in American History) from Columbia University in 1932. He later studied an additional year at Columbia completing the course (residence) requirements and also the

modern language requirements toward the Ph. D. degree in

American history at Columbia. This degree will be conferred upon completion of an assigned dissertation topic and the

Creative Work in Special Field. Professor Gordon has written two books in the field of his special interest and training; namely, SKETCHES OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, published in 1929, and THE GEORGIA NEGRO, a history, published in 1937. He contributed a chapter to a book by Professor E. H. Webster of Atlanta University called Chums and Brothers and contributed articles to the Journal of Negro History and reviewed books for the Historical Review under the supervision of Doctor Harry Carman of Columbia University.

passing of final oral examinations.

Administrative and Executive Experience. Professor Gordon's first work in the field of Education was as educational secretary of the Army Y. M. C. A. stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., 1917-1918 and with the S. A. T. C. stationed at the S. C. State College



Orangeburg. Later he became Professor of History and Economics at the S; C. State College and Director of the Department of Social Sciences. He held this position with satisfaction and distinction until he resigned in the fall of 1928 at President Hubert's urgent request to come to Georgia State College and become Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of History. For the past ten years he has served in teaching, administrative, and executive positions at the Georgia State College. In the latter part of this period he has been acting as Professor of History and Director of the Division of Social Sciences and Research and Publications at the College.

Service in the University System of Georgia: The fact that Professor

Gordon has been employed regularly for ten years in responsible positions at the senior Negro vollege in the University System working all these years with President Benj. F. Hubert to his satisfaction and that of the two chancellers: Doctors Weltner and Sanford, would seem to indicate that he is an able, efficient, and loyalwworker who deserves recognition and promotion and who has a past record which is the best guarantee of future satisfactory and progressive service—an ideal choice, it seems to us, for the Presidency of the Fort Valley School.

McAllister, a teacher in the college. She has an A. M.
in Socielogy from Columbia University but is not now teaching.
The Gordons have one child, a boy, almost three years old.
Professor Gordon lives in his own house which he purchased near the college campus and otherwise he has developed a family life which is an excellent example for the colored boys and girls who have and may come under his influence.
We feel that this is something worthy of consideration in selecting a leader for our young people—an example of wholesome family life, examples of which are all too rate in our time.



### STATE TEACHERS & AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

FOR THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS



BOARD OF REGENTS UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

FORSYTH, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTION

Mr. J.C. Dixon 39 Alden Street Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Fort Valley 7, 1939 JCD JFS MSS

We, the faculty members of State Teachers and Agricultural College, have been informed that the college department of this school will be discontinued in June; however, we have not been told what disposition will be made of the members of the faculty other than work in the public school here in Forsyth. Those who qualify for college work have not been notified concerning any provisions made for them by the university system.

We who have done advanced work and are employed in the college department at State Teachers and Agricultural College have been in the employment of the university system for two or more years.

If possible, we should like very much to continue working in the University System of Georgia. Since the college department will be discontinued here in Forsyth, and due to the small enrollment of the high school, the entire staff of our present faculty can not be taken care of in the public school system in Forsyth.

We would appreciate very much if the services of the college instructors here could be continued in some other units of the University System of Georgia, preferably Fort Valley.

We shall be very grateful for your kind consideration in this matter. Since time is passing rapidly, may we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Undergraduate school

Respectfully yours. Pays on T.C. Calhoun L.E. Burg Atlanta Univ. H. B, M.S. Head of Sci.

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T.C. Calhoun, Fish University, Jish University, Education

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Box 683
Fort Valley, Georgia
May 8, 1959

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Mr. J. C. Dixon The Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I have been planning to write you for some time but for various reasons I have waited.

I have realized that I should give you and others time for certain hopes and plans to crystalize. I have waited with this thought in mind. I believe, however, that you can understand my position when I ask you to advise me whether to look for work in another situation or to wait on here for developments. If I should be looking for employment elsewhere I should like to do so at this season of the year when schools or systems begin contemplating changes. When Mr. Cousins was here a few weeks ago he asked me about working at Paine College in Augusta. I did not quite understand why he did so. But it made me begin to wonder if there might be plans for the work here in which my services would not fit. If this is the case I should certainly like to know early enough to make as wise applications for work as possible.

I have enjoyed the work this year but I feel that I have not done anything like the amount of work that needs to be done. Because of the real reason for Macon County getting a supervisor (to help with the required records from colored schools) I have spent much of my time there on this phase of the work. With the poorly trained teachers it has naturally been quite a burden some task. It has required much of my time and energy that I rather guiltily felt should have been put on more fundamental things. I do think the work has definitely proved to Mrs. Moore, the superintendent, the usefulness of a Negro supervisor. She has left many tasks in my hands. This has led me to believe that building a foundation of faith in her and her board that a supervisor can discharge responsible tasks well and on time, will eventually pave the way for other things to be done in the county. If I did not feel this hope for the type of work have done in Macon County this year I would consider my year not as profitable educationally as it should have been. I am sure also that the teachers have been made to think of adapting material to suit the needs of the pupils. And thinking about it is certainly the first step to getting them to practicing the principles. The teachers are also more conscious of the part the schools should play in developing health habits and ideas in the communities they serve. The health units in the schools and the outhouses we have built are proofs that at least the teachers have been awakened somewhat. I was asked to make a report to the Macon County Board of Education at its last meeting. At the close of the report I asked for a few definite things. The most important one was better prepared teachers. The board members discussed the matter some in my presence and I am hopeful of the outcome.

As soon as I complete my present clerical work I plan to prepare a write up about the schools and communities in Peach and Macon Counties for the Rosenwald Fund.



Mr. J. C. Dixon May 8, 1939

Page Two

I have been hoping and looking forward to seeing all of you of the Fund when we might have time to talk but I know that all of you are busy people and I must probably forego the pleasure.

Please remember me kindly to all of my friends in the offices, especially Mr. and Mrs. Simon.

Catherine J. Annean

C. J. Duncan



Fort Valley

### Julius Rosenwald Fund

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May 9, 1939

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Dear Mr. Embree:

You'll not like this letter. I should much prefer not to write it, in fact. Perhaps I should postpone it until Thursday or Friday, but I won't. So here goes!

Bond has been here today. Came in early this morning and had a long talk with the Chancellor at 10:30 A.M. I picked him up immediately after that at Cousins' office and the first thing he said to me was that he had decided not to take the Fort Valley job. He plans another talk with Sanford this afternoon and then expects to return to Nashville tonight. He is to call you over the 'phone after he reaches Nashville and perhaps I should have waited for his return there before writing you for he may change his mind. This I doubt, though, and I felt it advisable to let you know developments. Please do not write, call or otherwise get in touch with Bond until he first gets in touch with you.

I cant imagine what helped Bond come to such a definite conclusion this morning. His conference with Sanford seemed to be about what he expected it to be. Everything else he has known all along. He came out home with me and we talked for quite a while but I still do not know what influenced him in his decision. I had the feeling that he wanted the job but that there was something which made him feel that he had better leave it alone.

Bond's decision is probably final. If so, the next question relates to those who are to be considered for the job. This, I think, we should talk about right away -- probably here where we can get Cocking and Nix together. I had planned the trip to Callaway's the last of next week but we may be able to change it. I'll write you further after I can get in tough with Cocking.

Excuse the bad news and don't let it worry you. There's a way out.

Sincerely,

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EDWIN R EMBREE.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Fort Valley School



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May 12, 1939

Dear Mrs. Duncan: Your letter to Mr. Dixon has come in during his absence, and since he will be out of the office for several more weeks I thought I had better send word along to you.

Of course all appointments at
Fort Valley will be made by the new president. We are
hoping very much that the appointment of this new president will come along in the very near future. Could
you hold up everything a little longer? We are all very
hopeful that you will be a part of the Fort Valley
venture, and we should hate to have you take another
post and then an opportunity present itself at Fort
Valley. On the other hand, I realize that you cannot
wait much longer. Do, if you can, bear with us for
another few weeks.

It seems impossible that so long a time has gone by without our seeing you. Let's hope that we will see you very soon.

Very truly yours,

MSS: McK

Mrs. C. J. Duncan Box 683 Fort Valley, Georgia



Fort Valley School

Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee May 13, 1939

Mr. Edwin R. Embree 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Embree:

After talking to you by telephone I wish to assure you of my recovery from a state of exhaustion resulting from some continued sleepless hours and continuous travel. Far from being the gloomy soul you might take me for, I am my own cheery, optimistic self again, ready and willing to do wonders.

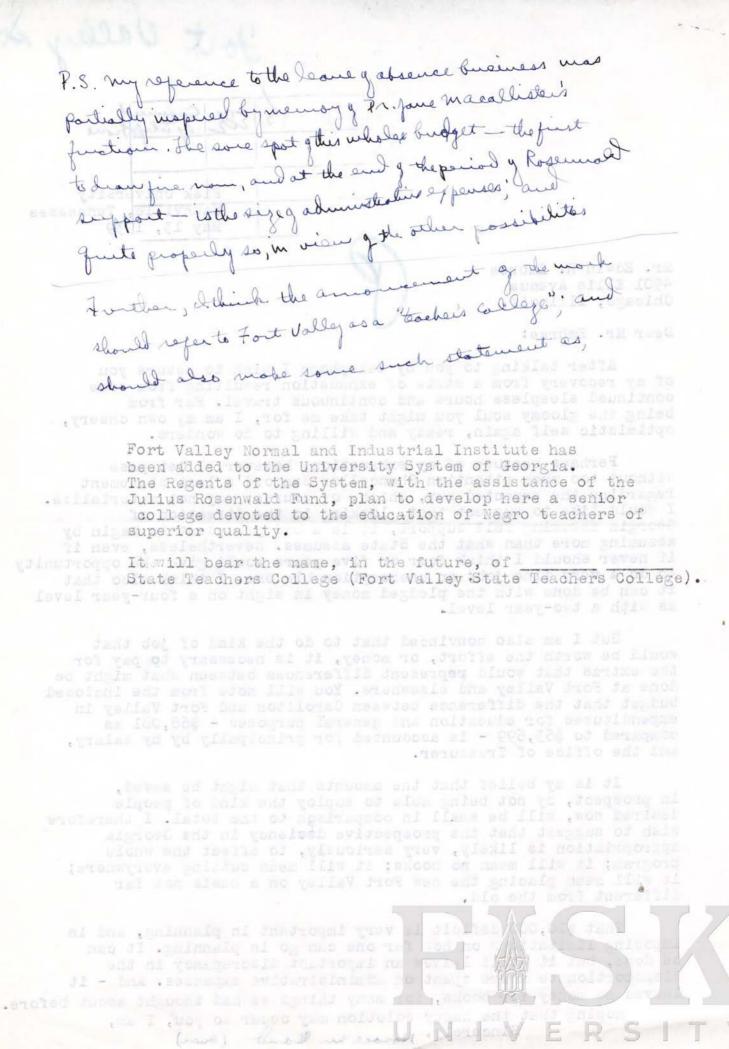
Perhaps because of my exhaustion, however, I let pass without too much attention Changellor Sanford's last statement regarding the expected cut, which, of course, may not materialize. I would like to suggest that, looking in the direction of Georgia assuming full support, it is a bad precedent to begin by assuming more than what the State assumes. Nevertheless, even if it never should I think four or five years would give the opportunity to do a very fine job; an unexceptionable one. I think also that it can be done with the pledged money in sight on a four-year level as with a two-year level.

But I am also convinced that to do the kind of job that would be worth the effort, or money, it is necessary to pay for the extras that would pepresent differences between what might be done at Fort Valley and elsewhere. You will note from the inclosed budget that the difference between Carollton and Fort Valley in expenditures for education and general purposes - \$68,081 as compared to \$63,699 - is accounted for principally by my salary, and the office of Treasurer.

It is my belief that the amounts that might be saved, in prospect, by not being able to employ the kind of people desired now, will be small in comparison to the total. I therefore wish to suggest that the prospective desiency in the Georgia appropriation is likely, very seriously, to affect the whole program; it will mean no books; it will mean cutting everywhere; it will mean placing the new Fort Valley on a basis not far different from the old.

That \$10,000 deficit is very important in planning, and in imposing limitations on how far one can go in planning. It can be done, but it still leaves an important discrepancy in the dispoportionate share spent on administrative expenses. And - it leaves no money for books, for many things we had thought about before.

Hoping that the happy solution may occur to you, Eam, Sincerely, Horoce we Bow (our)



\*\*The Carrollton item is smaller because the President serves as Treasurer, employing only a clerk in the office. I hardly see how we could dox without a person at the present Fort Valley salary. \*\*\*The plant at Fort Valley is larger than that at Carollton, I understand. However, I have put the same item quoted at Carollton here, for Fort Valley.

\*\*\*\*The larger Fort Valley item includes \$1,950 for repairs, equipment, supplies, not included in the Carollton budget. However, it includes nothing for books; books would have to be bought out of funds from some source not estimated in this budget.

\* Social Studies as here defined would include: four persons at \$1,800 each, one for history, one for rural sociology, one for economics, one for general survey. It is probable that this amount could be reduced by as much as \$3600, from the total on page 1.

#### Summary:

Adding Mr. Hubbard, at probably \$1200; subtracting the dual office and salary to be held by the person to be Registrar and Science man, in (2) and (9-c) above; subtracting, perhaps, \$1,000 in the amount set aside for library repairs, etc.; subtracting the \$3600 for two persons proposed in the social studies, not immediately to be employed:

\$72,981 \$74,181 minus \$1,500(Registrar, charged to science man)
\$74,181 \$1,000(library supplies, equipment)
3,600(for two social studies people not immediately to be employed)
\$6,100

leaving \$68,081 for which I can see little relief. This is assuming that all auxiliaries, the high school, and the practice school, except as mentioned above, will pay for themselves.

#### INCOME

FORT VALLEY			CAROLLTON
From Government	\$20,400	(Amt. actually expected to be paid of Jeorge allocation	\$34,000
From Private Gifts, e From Student Fees From Auxiliaries	34,000 3,000 457,400	(estimated)	10,000 14,300 6,294 64,594
Proposed Expenditures for Education and Ger Purposes	neral		\$63,699
Deficit or Surplus	\$10,681	(deficit)	\$885 (surplus)

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## Budgets - Proposed for Fort Valley Compared to West Georgia

Fort Valley and Dam's		West Georgia
1. President's Office 2. Dean and Registrar's	\$6,140	\$4,540 (alsotreamer)
Office when Heady Science & 3. Dean of Women 4. Treasurer's Office 5. Dean of Men	1,000** 3,040** 500	\$4,540 (alsotroanner)  1,625* (salang monly defined from 300** Dept. y Education)  1,530**
6. General Administrative Expense	2,455 \$16,635	1,785 \$9,780
7. Plant Operation and Maintenance 8. Library	\$9,326*** 4,915***	\$9,326*** 3,689
9. Instruction a. The Fundamentals b. Social Studies leveluel inc. Natural and Physic	1,200 7,200*	
duction Sciences d. The Arts and	6x225\$6,225	6,225
Humanities e. Educational and Professional	6,300	7,905
subjects	朱文紀20 15 <b>,</b> 085	22,335
f. Community Services g. Practice School h. General Instructio syllabi, tests, lecturers for	2,895	2,705
faculty, etc. Takakyxīnsknuski	1,250	
i. Summer School Total - Instruct	1,800 ion	1,200
	42,105	\$40,350****
GRAND TOTAL	\$72,981	%xx800\$63,145

\*This item includes a provision of \$2500 for the salary of a person who would act as Dean and Registrar, unless the President assummed the duties of the Dean; (which I think is how it would be done). The Registrar would then also be Professor of Sciences, which would reduce the total under 9-c by from \$1500 to \$2100. The total of \$72,981 might be reduced thereby. However, it will be noted that not included in the above is the prospective salary for Mr. Hubbard, of Forsythe, which would add even more to the administrative load. \*\*At Carollton the Dean is also the Registrar and Professor of Education.

\*\*At Carrollton the Dean of Women is paid principally from dormitory (auxiliary) income. Our Nagro students fees are not dependable. Hence this larger allotment at Fort Valley.



May 15, 1939

Dear Mr. Embree: Bond called me again last night and expected to return to Georgia romorrow night or Wed-Beginning then he and I will go to Fort Valley nesday morning. and do the things necessary in the preliminary arrangements. you left I began thinking of some of the conditions which pertain to Fort Valley as a result of our discussions in Athens. member Dr. Sanford said he would include \$34,000 in the state budget for Fort Valley but that this \$34,000 would be subject to any reduction which had to be applied to the total appropriation for the University System. If the same reduction as is now applying should apply next year this means that \$34,000 will become approximately \$20,000. Such wide variation in the amount of money available undoubtedly makes it difficult for Bond to contract with good people. So today at noon I took Siebert, the Secretary of the Board of Regents, to lunch and presented to him a proposition which I expect to present to Dr. Sanford this afternoon or tomorrow. to argue with Dr. Sanford that Fort Valley is a new school just now being included in the state system and that for its early years it must have a guaranteed stable income because only by having this can the president devote his full time and attention to the development of the offerings and the personnel of the institution. There are two ways in which Dr. Sanford may do this and I am going to present both of them to him. Either he can increase the state appropriation to \$50,000 so that a forty per cent reduction, let us say, still will leave about \$30,000 or, if he prefers not to increase this \$34,000 to \$50,000, he can, as I have learned today

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Cordially yours,

J. C. DIXON

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Ill.



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May 15, 1939

Dear Mr. Edwards: This letter, though addressed to you, is meant for the four of you who signed the letter which I received about the 10th of this month. Other than for acknowledging your letter I hardly know what to say. understand, of course, that I have absolutely no official connection with Fort Valley or with the state university system. connection I have is validated only by my interest in the field of Negro education in the state. The matter of having a job is, of course, an important fact for any individual, as it is for the four of you who wrote me. The new president of Fort Valley and the Board of Regents will recognize this fact, I am sure, but I think we ought to understand that this new president of Fort Valley, whoever he may be, will be very unwise if he selects a staff on any basis other than professional qualifications.

Though there is nothing I can say officially you know, of course, that I shall be happy to assist you and others in any possible way, and I think that I can presume to speak for Mr. Cousins and others in this same connection. If a job opens up for you at Fort Valley we will be happy with you. If it dosn't we will be glad to help you in your efforts to find other employment.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. DIXON

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Mr. V. A. Edwards State Teachers & Agricultural College Forsyth, Georgia



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Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Ill.





May 15, 1939

Dear Mr. Bond: Mr. Embree has asked me to send you the enclosed check for \$500 as an advance against your travel expenses and the expenses of those individuals you wish to interview in connection with positions at Fort Valley.

Under separate cover I am having sent to you a few of the expense books which we use at the Fund. I suggest that you keep your expenses in these books sending the book to me at the end of each month. In the case of others who make just one trip for an interview, I suggest that you ask them to send in to you an itemized account of their expenses which you would reimburse from this advance. Ther you may enter in your book the total paid to each one attach the expense accounts and send the book to me at the end of the month.

If you have another procedure in mind that would make it easier for you, do not hesitate to make the suggestion.

Very truly yours,

DE:AM

Mr. Horace Mann Bond Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE



### Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue CHICAGO

Payment Voucher No. 8150

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To

Mr. Horace Mann Bond

Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee

\$500.00 Advance for travel -

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Fort Volley School



May 16, 1939

Dear Doctor Cocking: In connection with the Fort Valley announcement, it seems to me the statement should include the fact that the State of Georgia has taken over the institution and proposes to develop it into a senior college with special emphasis upon the preparation of rural teachers and various aspects of agriculture and farm life; that Horace Mann Bond, now head of the department of education of Fisk University, has been appointed president of the new institution; and that the Julius Rosenwald Fund has expressed a special interest in this institution and has already appropriated \$100,000 toward the initial expenses of organization and maintenance.

It seems to me, as I am sure it does to you, important to emphasize from the very beginning the fact that this is designated as a senior college and that it is to include important work in agriculture and related subjects as well as the preparation of elementary teachers. While the appropriations from the Fund are likely to be much larger than the sum named, this is all that can properly be announced at this time as definite donations, the sum being made up of the \$50,000 appropriated for the taking over of the institution from the Episcopal Board and the \$50,000 allocated for maintenance and incidental expenses of the first year.

I hope that in conference with President Bond and Curtis Dixon you can work out a proper allocation of functions among the Negro colleges of Georgia. I am sorry that I was so slow in picking up your idea at the recent conference and that therefore I was far from helpful in establishing the point that from the very beginning Fort Valley should have the lion's share of the federal appropriations for agriculture, home economics, and industrial arts.

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I agree that this should be the case and I hope that my ineptness at the conference has not injured the cause.

Very truly yours,

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Dr. Walter D. Cocking Department of Education University of Georgia Athens, Georgia

cc to J. C. Dixon





May 16, 1939

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I have authorized the following payments to Dr. Horace Mann Bond in connection with arrangements for organizing the Fort Valley Teachers College:

> \$500.00, of which so much as may be necessary shall be used for expenses in his travels or in having prospective appointees come for interviews with him;

> \$500.00, as a specific allocation for the costs of moving his household from Nashville to Fort Valley.

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The second of these checks need not be sent until the middle or latter part of June. Both payments should be charged to rural school administration and consulting services.

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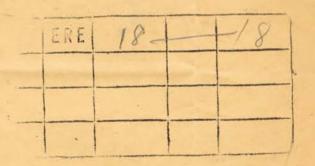
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TELEGRAMS FROM BOND YESTERDAY AND TODAY INCOMPREHENSIBLE HE ACCEPTED JOB IN COCKINGS OFFICE STOP UNDERSTOOD TELEGRAMS INDEFINITE BUT INDICATE HE WILL ATHENS MONDAY STOP IN ADVISORY BE WILLING WOULD BUT BAD BARGAIN FOR FUND SAYING PROJECT NOW MAKE UP HE SHOULD THIS BUT SANFORD OUT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT REGENTS OFFER STOP

TOWN UNTIL FRIDAY STOP AM THEN ASKING HIM TO GUARANTEE THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND STOP AFTER SEEING SANFORD FRIDAY RUSH TO CHICAGO FOR TALK WITH YOU IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE THERE=

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Fort Valley May 18, 1939

Mr. J. C. Dixon 39 Alden Avenue N. W. Atlanta, Georgia

Think we can discuss matter by phone. Call me tomorrow Friday at office all day; Quadrangle Club, Hyde Park 8601 six to ten in evening; Shoreland Hotel, Plaza 1000 Saturday morning. According your letter Bond may be with you in Atlanta now and perhaps difficulties straightened out

Edwin R. Embree

Rosenwald Fund MS:JW



Edwin R. Embree J.C. Dixon Director for Rural Education President Margaret S. Simon CHICAGO M. O. Bousfield, M.D. Secretary Director for Negro Health D.A. Elvidge Raymond Paty Comptroller Director for Fellowships Dear Mr. Embrec: My night letter last night indicated the latest of Boud's reactions to Fort Valley, Ithins. as I wrote you, Lauford is supposed to return from Washington tomorrow. If he does I expect to ass him to raise The states allocation to Fort Valley to \$50,000 to be subject to any reductions, or to put it at \$34,000 no a guaranteed, irreducable but I'm going to try him on Lath propositions. My argumento, Shelieve, are reasonably valid. If Sauford should do wither of the above Boud would then have to mune a decision instanter of not, it seems to me That he still must do so. So much do I feel this that I

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upon Lauford's return - if I fail in my muxt proposal, I shall propose to the Regent's committee that it proceed to find other candidates - in consultation with us.

Now, I know how you feel about Boul. To some is tent I agreed with you and I would like very much to see him go to Fort Valley but I am both personally and officially unwilling to su a vital project peopardized by any one individual. If Boud doesn't want the presidency, his services as a consultant would be valuable, of course, and it may be that this is the arrangement which must be made. I'll Know after I see Sanford

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4901 Ellis Avenue CHICAGO J.C. Dixon
Director for Rural Education

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Raymond Paty Director for Fellowships

I shall keep in clase touch with you so that you may know the developments here.

Curtis.

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THIS AFTERNOON FROM FORTVALLEY HOPE ARRIVE SOMETIME WITH YOU AGAIN. WILL PHONE. MUST LEAVE BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN THIS EVENING IF PRACTICABLE=

R W PATTON



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

NIGHT LETTER

Dr. Walter D. Cocking Bsps School of Education University of Georgia Athens, Georgia May 26, 1939

Bond tells me he has wired the Chancellor his acceptance as acting president for one year Stop Understand yearly appointment regular regents procedure Stop Hope no difficulty because of this form of acceptance. He is ready carry on if successful and feels only fair to college as well as himself imply no commitment either side beyond one year. Hope public announcement can be made promptly Committee acts on your supervisory course next Thursday Warm greetings.

Edwin R. Embree

Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Drex 7100 MLU



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J C DIXON=

39 ALDEN ST NORTHWEST=

PLEASE WIRE COLLECT SIR WALTER HOTEL. RALEIGH, NORTHCAROLINA
BY TWENTY FOURTH THE INITIALS AND HOME ADDRESS OF MR.
COUSINS. IF THIS NOT PROMPTLY RECEIVED PLEASE WRITE LINDSAY
VIRGINIA STOP HAVING ENGAGED WATSON AND WILSON AT FORTVALLEY
TO ERECT OUR PLANT THERE BEGINNING VERY SOON WISH AUTHORITY
TO LET THEM FINISH IT AFTER JULY FIRST.=

R W PATTON.

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Fort Valley School

P. O. Box 363 Forsyth, Georgia May 29, 1939

Mr. Alva Tabor Supervisor, Agricultural Education in Negro Schools Fort Valley, Georgia

My dear Mr. Tabors

In conference with you on May 8, I discussed with you the possibility of my transfer as teacher of agriculture, from the State Teachers and Agricultural College, Persyth, Georgia, to Port Valley Normal and Industrial School, Port Valley, Georgia. I trust that you will give this matter your best consideration and that you will be able to make this transfer.

Being reared on my father's farm in Houston County, adjacent to Peach County with soil and climatic conditions similar and receiving my high school education at the Fort Valley N. & I. School, also where I worked as Vocational Agriculture teacher and managed the school farm and livestock for nine years, offers me greater opportunity to do more effective and efficient work at Fort Valley than here at the State Teachers and Agricultural College, where I am now located.

While working at the Fort Valley N. & I. School, I was fortunate enough to purchase a home there, where my family now resides. This within itself would be a great asset toward the efficiency of my work, as it would make possible for me and family to be together.

I feel that my work on the farm as a farm youth, the carrying of agriculture projects while in high school, the training I received at Hampton Institute for my B. S. degree, my experience as a Vocational Agriculture teacher and manager of school farm and livestock at Fort Valley as well as here at Fersyth, have given me sufficient experience to work as Vocational Agriculture teacher, teach and manage livestock, poultry, farm management or other agriculture enterprises.

Please allow me to thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

#### J. O. Williams

CC: Mr. L. M. Sheffer, Supervisor of Agricultural Education

Mr. M. D. Mobley, Vocational Education Director

Mr. T. G. Walters, Assis't Supervisor of Agricultural Education

Mr. R. L. Cousins, Director, Negro Education

Mr. J. C. Dixon, Director, Rural Education

Mr. W. G. Cockings, Dean of Education

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Fort valley & chool

May 31, 1939

Dear Dr. Patton:

I have made a copy of the list of names you made for me the

last time you were in Atlanta and I am returning that list to you. Dr. Bond has accepted the presidency of Fort Valley and is there this week having conferences with the present personnel. I haven't the least idea what he will do with those now on the staff at Fort Valley, but I am sure that he will pick them for the professional contributions they will make and at the same time will try to be as reasonable and considerate of personalities as he can.

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCD: RW

Dr. Robert W. Patton 281 Fourth Avenue New York City



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May 31, 1939

Dear Mrs. Duncan: Before I left Atlanta Monday evening of this week I talked with Dr. Bond, who was there at that time. He told me then that he was going to Fort Valley the next day. I presume that he is there at this time. It is very likely that while there he will talk with you. All of us here in the office have felt that he would want you to stay at Fort Valley. This, however, is a decision that he will have to make because I think that he, as president of the institution, should have absolute freedom in the selection of his faculty. It is my guess that you will have nothing to worry about because I am reasonably sure that Dr. Bond will want you to stay at Fort Valley next year. So much do I believe this that I feel that you need not bestir yourself looking for another job yet.

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCD: RW

Mrs. C. J. Duncan Box 683 Fort Valley, Georgia



Fort Valley

May 31, 1939

Dear Mr. Gordon: Your letter of May 7 came during

my absence from the office - therefore my tardiness in replying. It is my understanding
that the Regents have selected a president for Fort
Valley and that a public announcement to that effect

will be made very soon, probably this week. You will pardon me, then, if I seem to be somewhat late in coming to your support in the efforts you are making to secure the presidency of Fort Valley.

Very truly yours,

J. C. DIXON

JCB: RW

Mr. A. H. Gordon Rose Vase Chatham County Industrial College, Georgia



May 31, 1939

Dear Mr. Cousins: You remember that when we were together last we discussed the conditions of Jeanes Hall, the girls' dormitory at Fort Valley. I understood that Mr. Wright had a sentimental interest in this building because it was the first educational project to which Miss Jeanes made a contribution. But we agreed, I believe, that the building was inadequate and should either be entirely renovated or replaced, preferably the latter. We felt that Mr. Wright would not like to see the building replaced and agreed that he should be given an opportunity to ask the Jeanes Fund to provide funds with which to make the building safe.

I suggest, then, that when you have the time you write him the developments at Fort Valley, tell him that the state is taking over and that some material improvement is inevitable. In this improvement would be some additional improvements of living quarters for girls. This will necessitate a new dormitory or remodeling of the present one. You might point out to him that Jeanes Hall is in such shape that it really ought to be replaced but that you thought that he might be enough interested in keeping it to be willing to provide the money for its repair. If he is unable to do this, then he cannot feel too badly about it if the state goes ahead, razes the building and builds a new one.

Very truly yours,

JC D: RW

Mr. Robert L. Cousins State Department of Education Atlanta, Georgia

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#### Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue CHICAGO

To

Mrs. Catherine Duncan

Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School

Payment Voucher No. 8243

Date June 1, 1939

Fort Valley, Georgia

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#### The Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School

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REFERENCES

RT. REV. H. J. MIKELL, D. D. 108 17 ST., N. E. ATLANTA. GA.

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FOR THE TRAINING OF COLORED YOUTH

ACCREDITED CLASS "A" JUNIOR COLLEGE

Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

POST OFFICE BOX'822

Fort Halley, Ga.

JUNE 1, 1939.

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G. A. TOWNS, ACTING PRINCIPAL AARON BROWN, DEAN

L, R, BYWATERS, TREASURER

DEAR FRIEND:

We, the friends of the late Principal H. A. Hunt of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School, have decided to erect a memorial to him at this School to which he gave thirty-five of the best years of his life. We feel that people everywhere who knew the sterling worth of the man, will see the propriety of perpetuating his memory for the sake of its influence upon youth of coming generations in teaching devotion to the ideals of integrity, thoroughness, and loyalty that he always strove to inculcate. We solicit your help to this end. It has been suggested that chimes of Negro spirituals be placed on the top of the main building.

The following letter from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the well-known Bishop H. J. Mikell, of the Diocese of Atlanta, will give assurance that contributions sent to him at 108 17th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., will be faithfully handled:

> "I heartily approve of the efforts to raise funds for a memorial at the Fort Valley School to the late Principal, Mr. H. A. Hunt. The School was largely his creation and he served it with the greatest and most unselfish devotion. It is entirely fitting that there should be a memorial erected to him there. I will be very glad to help in any way and to serve, as you have asked me, as Treasurer of the Memorial Fund.

> > Faithfully yours, (Signed) H. J. Mikell"

Signed:

Aaron Brown, Dean, Chairman

The H. A. Hunt Memorial Committee

#### Henry Alexander Hunt

BORN SPARTA, GA., 1866

Graduated at Atlanta University
Class of 1890

Principal
Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School
1904-1938

Recipient

Spingarm Medal 1930

Harman Award 1931

Rosenwald Fellowship 1931

Assistant to the Governor—Farm Credit
Administration

1933-1938

DIED OCTOBER 1, 1938



A. Hunt our entire nation suffered a great loss. Known to us as the head of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School for Negroes; he was known to the nation as one of our most noted Negro educators. And at the time of his death he was in Washington, serving admirably as Special Assistant to the Governor of the Federal Farm Credit Administration, concerned especially with the program among Negroes.

Honored by his church, and his nation, Henry Hunt has left behind many living memorials of the great life he led.

The Rt. Rev. H. J. Mikell, D. D. The Bishop of Atlanta.

... The Bishop of Chicago begs to express to the members of Dr. Hunt's family his affectionate sympathy, and sense of heavy loss in this bereavement which has fallen upon the whole Church, and begs to assure the members of the family that he is offering prayers that God may strengthen and support them, and may give to their beloved in Paradise, light and joy and peace.

Have just learned of the entrance into his eternal reward of your noble husband and my friend and associate of many years. In this hour of great sorrow for you and all of his children accept my deepest sympathy. May God comfort, strengthen and bless you and all of your dear ones.

The Rev. Robert W. Patton, D. D. Director of the American Church Institute for Negroes.

... Dear Mrs. Hunt: It was with much surprise and deep regret that I heard of the death of your husband. I want to express to you my sincere sympathy in this loss. His record in connection with the Farm Credit Administration, where we were associated, is one that will long be remembered. Will you please act for me in extending this expression of sympathy to other members of his family?

Sincerely,

H. Morgenthau, Jr.

... The Farm Credit Administration and the Negro race have lost a very fine worker in the person of Mr. Hunt.

F. F. Hill, Governor.

... In conference here we have learned with deep sorrow of the death of your distinguished husband. We admired his achievements, trusted his judgment and profited by his wise counsel in education

and race relations. His death is a great loss to the South. To his students and graduates he leaves the heritage of a noble example. We feel keenly a personal loss and extend our sympathy to you and your family. Jackson Davis, Leo M. Favrot, Arthur D. Wright, S. L. Smith, Thomas Jesse Jones, J. C. Dixon, Fred McCuistion—General Education Board and Rosenwald Fund.

the passing of Mr. Hunt distinguished Alumnus of Atlanta University, helpful associate in educational work of State and Nation, wise and steady friend interested in all good causes. We can ill afford to spare him. Our sympathy goes in full measure to you and to Fort Valley.

Rufus E. Clement, Chas. D. Hubert

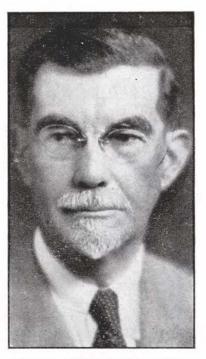
and Florence M. Read.

... Am heartbroken over Henry Hunt's passing. All the N. A. A. C. P. joins my wife and me in deepest sympathy in the passing of a gallant leader and a loveable gentleman.

Walter White, Secretary, N. A. A. C. P.

... Please extend my heartfelt sympathy on death of President Hunt. He was an outstanding educator and contributed greatly to the welfare of his State and Nation.— Walter D. Cocking, Dean, College of Education, University of Georgia.

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HENRY ALEXANDER HUNT

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H. A. HUNT MEMORIAL FUND
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Atlanta, Ga.

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JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND 4901 ELLIS AVE=

SANFORD HAS AUTHORIZED THIRD YEAR FOR FORTVALLEY STOP HAVE SUGGESTED BUILDING SURVEY BY HIS MR DRIFTMETER AND DR. HAMMOND OF PEABODY. THIS URGENT TO GET ON PWA DOCKET BY EARLY JULY STOP TELL SIMONS FACULTY ALMOST ALL PICKED ALREADY. COULD YOU GIVE AARON BROWN SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE IN

NASHVILLE FRIDAY=

H M BOND

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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PRESIDENT Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

R. B. WHITE

June 1, 1939

Dr. Horace Mann Bond Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee

Congratulations on developments at Fort Valley. Building survey by Driftmeier and Hamon good idea. Hope Sanford will do this. We approve scholarship for Brown. Details and amount will be worked out with you by Simons or me. I plan to stop in Nashville on return to Georgia. Will see you then or later in Georgia.

J. C. Dixon

J. C. WILLEVER

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Charge to Julius Rosenwald Fund RN



got valley School Dr. Harace M. 13000 Filed 6/2/39 Frankrille, Jenn . P . Sauford returning to city tonight. X Will then submit to him only two solutions I see & One That he and regents guarantee state appropriation of # 3 \$ 000 × austher that it be fifty thousand and subject to any reductions & Hope to get one or other accepted.

J.C.D.ilo

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#### CROSS REFERENCE RECORD

FIRM NAME OR SUBJECT	CT FORT VALLEY SCHOOL	FILE NO.
DATE 6-2-39 REMARK	at Fort Valley	re: situation
SEE	FELLOWSHIPS PERRY W M	FILE NO.
DATE		SIGNED

FILE CROSS REFERENCE RECORD UNDER NAME OR SUBJECT LISTED AT TOP OF THIS SHEET, AND IN PROPER DATE ORDER.
THE PAPERS REFERRED TO SHOULD BE FILED UNDER NAME OR SUBJECT LISTED UNDER "SEE"



FORM NO. 099CR



June 2, 1939

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

A check for \$180, the final payment on our grant of \$540 toward your salary and travel expenses for this school term, was sent to you this morning. For our records I should like to know the amount of compensation (for salary and expenses) which you have received during this past year from other sources than this Fund.

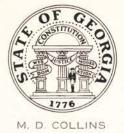
Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE: AM

Mrs. Catherine J. Duncan
Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School
Fort Valley, Georgia





STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

#### Fort Valley School State Department of Education

Atlanta, Georgia

June 2, 1939

JCD JFS MSS

Mr. J. C. Dixon 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Dixon:

About two weeks ago I sent the following telegram to Mr. Wright:

"Horace M. Bond has accepted presidency of Fort Valley institution. Would your Board cooperate in a program to renovate and modernize historic Jeanes Hall?"

To date I have not received an answer from Mr. Wright.

Mr. Lester and I have given most of two days for conferences with Dr. Bond this week. With the money available I am confident that he will get a good program started. Yesterday he got the Chancellor to authorize the third year of college work to start in September. We are giving him some help on teaching personnel for the elementary It is most important that a survey of the building needs be made at once in order to get ready for the P. W. A. program which seems likely to come up again about August. Dr. Sanford has agreed to put Mr. Driftmier on this survey. The Rosenwald Fund would do a good thing to employ Dr. Hamon from Peabody for a few days in June to work with Mr. Driftmier.

I have recently contacted Mr. Lambert about the public school program for Negroes and he has said to me that he would like to enter into a cooperative program with the Board of Regents to take care of the high school work until he could work up sentiment for a bond issue to build a high school building. I think I will get Dr. Sanford to write him a letter to the effect that the Board of Regents is not interested in operating a high school. I am sure that we can get the Fort Valley and the Peach County Boards to assume more responsibility for the education of Negro children in grades one to eleven, inclusive, during the next few years.

Sincerely.

RLC\*m



June 2, 1939

Enclosed you will find the formal of corres

Dear Dr. Bond:

notification of the appropriations

for Fort Valley Teachers College approved by our Executive Committee yesterday.

Our regular procedure in appropriations to the colleges of the State University System is to make all payments through the Chancellor's office. The grants for regular current expenses are usually paid quarterly. This would mean that the \$34,000 sum would be payable in four installments of \$8,500 each on September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1. Grants for capital and extraordinary expenses, such as the \$16,000 of this appropriation, are usually paid on request for specific items. If some other plan of payment would be more convenient to you do not hesitate to suggest it. Otherwise we will expect to follow our regular procedure as outlined above.

Very truly yours,

DE: AM

Dr. Horace Mann Bond Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee DOROTHY A. ELVING



#### Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue CHICAGO

To

Mr. Horace Mann Bond

Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee

Payment Voucher No. 8269

Date June 9, 1989

Payment in full of allocation to cover moving costs to Fort Valley - - - - \$500.00

Ck.#21458

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Rural School Administration - Travel	88-7	\$500.00	
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Comptroller

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Chicago, Illinais, 900 Se0 0 allo Lear Miss Elvidge, 175 THE The check for \$180, the final payment of the grant by the Rosenwald Fund was re-ceived. I wish to thank the Find for this grant and state that I shall endeavor to make my gratitude tangible by doing something "Lytra" that is worthwhile ( which this grant shall make passible). In answer to your letter of June 2nd I make the following statement about the compensation I have received the past term: From Jeach County @ \$60 per mo. for 9 mos. \$540 (asagued) From Jeans Fund @ \$20" " " 9 mos. 180 ("") From Macan County @#60" " for 7 mos. # 420 (Macon County owes me 2 months planes) Total - 11 40 There has been considerable financial confusion in the state because of political manew wers to get certain legislation bassed and teachers in many of the Counties are emposed. Macon is agle of these crenties. All of us hope and believe, the state will teep its firemise eventually, however. your very truly (Catherine J. Diencan)

June 11, 1939

Chancellor S. V. San ford The University System of Georgia State Capitol Atlanta, Georg ia.



Dear Sir:

I am submitting herewith a statement of estimates regarding anticipated income and expenditures at the Fort Valley State Teachers College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940. You will note that it is not intended to be a formal budget; there are yet too many outstanding questions requiring settlement regarding finances to prepare such a document; and, in addition, I have not been able to consult with you and obtain your advice regarding its proper form. I do hope that this statement will show the nature of the problem.

Based in part upon audited statements showing the expense of operating the Fort Valley School as a private institution, this estimate indicates that , aside from paying additional administrative expenses, the minimum prospect of funds from various sources will necessitate considerable curtailment of the program for the development of the institution. I have set forth a minimum program, wh ich is in fact the skeleton program, with the exceptions noted, of the institution as conducted in the past.

You will also note that the most favorable view of income assumes that certain money appropriated by the Rosenwald Fund for Capital might be used for current and equipment needs. Whether this

would be perm issible, I do not know.

In the light of the funds now in sight, on a minimum basis, I wish hereby to submit a list of staff members for the Fort Valley Sch ool, and to solicit your permission to inform them of their election as members of the staff there. In each case I hav e indicated some facts regarding them, in order that you might be better informed. It would be. I think, a good thing to inform these people of their elect ion as soon as possible.

I am,

Sincerely,

Horace M. Bond



### THE FORT VALLEY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY AND STAFF,

#### YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1940

Name Do	gree	Position	Present Location	Amount
V. J. Woodward -	*****	Secretary, Dean	Fort Valley	\$840
W. W. E. Blenchett	н. А.	Dean, Hd. Dept. Phys. Science	Now studying for Ph.D.; formerly Dean, Fort Valley	\$2,500
Pres. Emeritus Hubbard	M.A.	Director, Public Relati	ions Forsyth	\$1,200
T. E. Devis	H. A.	Asst. to the Director of Public Relations; Asso. Prof. of Ed.		\$2,000
L. R. Bywaters	*****	Treas.urer	Fort Valley	\$1,800
R. H. Beasley	A. B.	Asst. to Treas., High School Teacher	Fort Valley	\$1,220
W. B. Moore		Secretary to Treas.	Fort Valley	780
L. Y. Merriwether	B.S.	Librarian	Fort Valley	900
W. J. Hele, jr.	M. A.	Asso. Prof. of Soc. Sci.	Rural Education, Tenn. State College	\$1,800
C. Duncen	M.A.	Asso. Prof. of Ed., Dir. Field Training	Supervisor, Peach, Crawford County	1,800
H. J. Walden	-	Instructor, Women's Crafts	Fort Valley	900
F. R. Davis	M. S.	Instructor, Biol.	Fort Valley	1,200
R. J. Pitts	M.A.	Instructor, Math.	Fort Valley	1,600
M. E. Beatty	M.A.	Instructor, English	Now in school, working toward doctorate	1,200
W. H. Pipes	N. A.	Asso. Prof., Eng	Fort Valley	1,200
H. E. Bryant	B. S.	Instructor, Agriculture	Fort Valley	1,392
A. T. Wilson	A.B.	Instructor, Trades	Fort Valley	1,380
E. R. Clark	A.B.	Instructor, Music	Fort Valley	950
E nest Alexender	A.B.	Instructor, Phys. Ed.	Fort Valley	1,000
M. E. Cureton	M.A.	Instructor, High School	Fort Valley	845
M. H. Murphy	A.B.	Soc. Sci., Eng.	Fort Valley	810
M. V. Hunt	M.B.	Music	Fort Valley	682
Theodis Donald	M.A.	Math, Eng.	Student; taught in Arkensas	750

#### STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED INCOME

Year Ending June 30, 1940

#### INCOME

#### Educational and General

Student Fees:  150 Maintenance Fees @ \$30.00 \$4,500  150 Matriculation Fees @ \$5.00 750	
Total, Resident Student Fees	\$5,250
Extension Fees	2,000
Gifts and Grants - The Julius Rosenwald Fund, for Current Expenses	\$34,000
Government Income: Allocation, University System of the State of Georgia	34,000
Reimbursement, State Department of Education and Peach County, for conducting elementary and high school	8,071
Estimated aid, Federal Vocational Funds, for High School Agriculture and Home Economics	2,314
Income from sundry fees, fines, etc.	250
Total, Educational and General	\$85,885
Auxiliary Enterprises	
Dining Hall, Dormitories, Farm, Hospital, Athletics, Bookstore, etc.	\$28,400
Special Appropriation for "capital and extraordinary expenses", Julius Rosenwald Fund	<b>\$16,000</b>
Total Estimated Income, Regular and Contingent, current and "extraordinary"	\$130,285



#### STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Year Ending June 30, 1940

#### EXPENDITURES

Item	Proposal	Deductions, Transfers	Minimum Proposal
A. EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL I. General Administration			
and Instruction			
1. President's Office	\$4,140	*****	\$4,140
2. Office, Adm. Dean	2,020	\$ 500	1,520
3. Office, Registrer	1,380	1,280	100
4. Public Relations	3,600	300	3,300
5. Office, Treasurer	3,680	500	3,180
6. Dean of Women	300	300	
7. Telephone and Teleg			350
			390
8. General Administrat			
Expense	1,360		1,360
9. Instruction - the	Carrier Manager		
College	20,150	3,700	16,450
10. Inst. supplies, ser	vices.		
for the college	2,000		2,000
11. Instructional exper			2,000
incident to progre		3 500	4 300
of Field-Service t	rng. 5,600	1,500	4,100
12. In-Service Teacher			
Training	2,000	-	2,000
13. The Library	4,070	3,170	900
14. Instruction, the Hi			,
School	8,609	720	7,889
15. Inst. materials, th			.,
	1,000	- Annual Control	1,000
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17. Student Aid (Schole			
ships)	1,800	*****	1,800
II. Plant Operation and Mainte	mance		3 1
	16,690		16,690
III. The Hospital - Health Serv	rice 1,190		1,190
ille the hospital - hearth bor	100 19100	-	1,100
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Total - Educa. and Gener	at \$09,190	\$12,670	\$76,526
. AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES	\$28,400		28,400
		\$12,689	
C. CAPITAL, REPLACEMENTS	117,684	g.a.c. 3000,	
TOTAL E PENDITURES	\$130,285	\$25,359	\$104,926
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#### STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

#### AND INCOME - VARIOUS

#### ESTIMATES

A.	Expenditures and Income, assuming		
	(a). Full contribution by University System to Current Expenses	7	
	(b). Availability of Rosemwald		
	Supplement in part for		
	current expenses		
	(i). Expenditures		
	Educational and General	\$89,196	
	Auxiliary Enterprises Capital, Physical Replacements	28,400 12,689	У.
	Tayonda Indicated in the Indicated in Indicated in the Indicated in Indica	12,000	*
	Total, Expenditures		\$130,285
	(ii). Income		
	Educational and Gen eral	\$85,885	-
	Auxiliary Enterprises	28,400	
	Capital, Replacements	12,689	
	Total, Income		\$130,285
R.	Expenditures and Income, anticipating		
	(a) Minimum contribution by Universi	tv	
	System to Current Expenses		
	(b) Availability of Rosenwald Supple		
	Appropriation in full for curre	ent	
	expenses*		
	(i)Expenditures		
	Educational and General	\$89,196	
	Auxiliary Enterprises	28,400	
	Capital, Replacements		100
(8)	Total Expenditures	\$117,596	\$117,596
	(ii) Income		
4	Educational and General	\$72,285	
	Auxiliary Enterprises	28,400	
	Roserwald Supplementary		
	Appropriation	16,000	
	Total Income		\$116,685

\*That the Rosenwald Fund would permit its supplementary appropriation of \$16,000 to be diverted to from "capital and extraordinary" purposes to current expenses, is a matter on which I am not informed.

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#### PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

#### YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939

Name	Degree	Position	Amount	
H. M. Bond	Ph.D.	President	\$2,800*	
***		Secretary	840	
Total Sal	aries			\$3,640
		Travel	200.00	
		Supplies	200.00	
		Miscellaneous	100.00	
Total, P	resident's Of	fice		\$4,140

\*Also listed under Instruction, as Director, salary \$1,000, total \$5,800 \*\*Person not as yet selected



#### OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE

#### DEAN

Name	Degree	Position	Amount	
W. W.	E.Blanchett M. A	. Adm. Dean	\$500*	
	Woodward otal Salaries	Secretary	840 \$1,340	\$1,340
		Travel	80	
		Supplies	100	
		Equipment	<u>(500)</u> #	
T	otal, Office of th	e Administrative Dear	1	\$2,020

\*Also listed as receiving \$2,000 as Head of the Department pf Physical Science, total salary \$2,500

#It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to elimination or transfer to budgeted inc ome "Extraordinary" purposes if need arises



#### OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAN

Year Ending June 30, 1940

Name	3	Degre	eon	Position	Amount	
C. V.	Troupe	M. A		Registrar*	\$780#	
	Total Sa	laries				\$780#
				Supplies	100	
				Equipment	(500)#	
	Total, O	ffice of	the Re	gistrar		\$1,380



<sup>#</sup>It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to elimination or transfer to budgeted items and income marked "Extraordinary" purposes if need arises

<sup>\*</sup>Would also receive \$720 as Principal of High School and teacher of high school social sciences

#### OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Year Ending June 30, 1940

Name	Degree	Position	Amount	
Pres. Emeritus	Hubbard M.	A. Director, Public Relations	\$1,200	
T. E. Davis	M.	A. Asst. to the Director	600*	
Total Salarie	es			\$1,800
		Travel	600	
		Postage	300	
		Printing	300	
		Supplies, Promotion	300	
	- A	Equipment	<u>(300)</u> #	
Total, Offic	ce of Public	Relations		\$3,600

\*Listed also as Asso. Prof. of Education and Director of Faculty Studies, at \$1,400, total \$2,000

#It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to elimination or transfer to budgeted income "\*\*\*\*traordinary" if need arises



#### OF FICE OF THE TREASURER AND

#### PURCHASING AGENT

Year ending June 30, 1940

Ne	am (	Degreeon	Position	Amount	
L.	R.	Bywaters	Treas. & Purchasing Agt.	\$1,800	
R.	H.	Beasley A. B.	Asst. to the Treasurer	500*	
W.	в.	Moore	Secretary	780	
	T	otal Salaries			\$3,080
			Supplies	100	
	T	tal, Office of the	Equipment Treasurer	<u>(500)</u> #	\$3,680

<sup>#</sup>It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to elimination or transfer to budgeted income "Extraordinary" if need arises



<sup>\*</sup>Also listed as teacher of High Sch ool Mathematics, with salary of \$720, making total of \$1,220

DEAN OF WOMEN#

Year Ending June 30, 1940

Name Degree Position Amount
Sallie Bobb Bailey A. B. Dean of Women\* \$300#

Total, Dean of Women

\$300

\*Also listed as Associate Professor of Home-Making with total salary of \$1,500

#It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to eliiination or transfer to budgeted income "Extraordinary" if need arises



## FORT VALLEY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION\*

Amount

To Telephone and Telegraph

\$350\*

Total, Telephone and Telegraph

\$360

\*Listed according to past budgets at the Fort Valley School, as estimate



### GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

Year Ending Jump 30, 1939

Item Fosition	Amount	
Personal Service: Lecturers, etc., 12 @ \$30	\$360	
Travel, not designated	100	
Postage, not designated	300	
Biplomas and Certificates	150	
Miscellaneous:		
Commencement and other Public Occasions	200	
Memberships in organizations, etc.	200	
Insurance, suretys	50*	
Total, General Administrative Expense		\$1,360



<sup>\*</sup>Insurance charges formerly listed at \$690.72 for institution under pr ivate control

### PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE\*

Year Ending June 30, 1940

Item	Amount
Salaries	\$1,500
Student Labor	1,349
Wages	3,675
Supplies	3,172
Repairs	50
Fuel	3,308
Insurance	690
Water and Lights	2,392
Auto and Truck	554
Total, Plant Operation and Maintenan	\$16,690



<sup>\*</sup>Stated as estimate on basis of budget and audited statement, years 1936-1937, 1937-1938, 1938-1939

## THE FORT VALLEY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE COLLEGE SUPPLIES, TRAVEL FOR PRACTISE AND OBSERVATION\*\*

GROUPS (TEACHER-TRAINING)

Item Amount
For instructional supplies for the College \$1,800
For travel, professional and promotional 200

Total, Instructional Supplies and Travel

\$2,000

\*Estimated on basis of past three budgets, plus increment adjusted to deficiencies in these appropriations

\*\*Including attendance on professional meetings, visits to model schools, etc.



### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES,

### INCIDENT TO PROGRAM OF

### FIELD TEACHER TRAINING

<u>Item</u>	Amount	
Travel of student groups and supervisors, estimated at 40,000 miles @ 4% a mile	\$1,600	
Supplies, Printing, etc., for preparation of mimeographed and printed syllabi, curriculum materials, study reports	1,000	
Standard tests, record forms, for college, high school, and practise (elementary) school population	500	
Visual Equipment (projectors, etc.)	1,500#	
Miscellany	1,000*	
Total, General Instructional Expense Incident to Program of Field Teacher-Training		\$5,600

<sup>\*</sup>Included because the probable expense of a program involving actual participation involves probability of unexpected items over and above modest prior expenditure.



<sup>#</sup> It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to elimination or transfer to budgeted income "extraordinary" is need arises

### THE LIBRARY

Year Ending June 30, 1940

Name	Degree	Position	Amount	
L. Y. Merriw	ether A. B., B. S.	Librarian Mataloguer	\$9,00 750*#	
	Total Salaries	×		\$1,650
		Supplies Books	\$42*# 3,000#	
	Total, Library			\$4,070

\*Needed in case considerable numbers of new books are to be catalogued

#It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to elimination or transfer to budgeted income "extraordinary" if need arises

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### TEACHER-TRAINING-IN-SERVICE AND THE

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Item	Amount
Personal Service of Regular and Additional members of staff, for In-Service and Summer School	\$1,000
Travel, for in-service training	500
Supplies, instructional materials, etc., for in-service and Summer Training Total, Teacher-Training-in-Service and the Summer School	500 \$2,000



### INSTRUCTION - THE COLLEGE

Year Ending June 30, 1940

Name	Degree	Position	Amount
H. M. Bond* W.W.E.Blanchett*	Ph.D. M.A.	Director of Instruction Head, Dept. of Science	\$1,000 2,000
T. E. Davis*	M.A.	Asso. Prof. of Ed., and Director of Studies	1,400
W . J. Hale, jr.	M.A.	Asso. Prof. of Soc. Sciences	1,800
C. Duncan	M.A.	Asso. Prof. of Ed., Director of Field Training	1,800
Eva-Mitchell	M.A.	Prof. of Ed. and Director	
(Sallie B. Bailey)	M.A.	of the Training Program Asso. Prof. of Home Economics	2,500# 1,200*#
H. J. Walden* F. R. Dav is	M.S.	Asst. for Women's Crafts Instructor, Biological	500
R. J. Pitts	M.A.	Sciences Instructor, Mathematics	1,200 1,600
W. E. Beatty	M.A.	Instructor, English	1,200
W. H. Pipes H. E. Bryant	M.A. B.S.	Asso. Prof., English Instructor, Agriculture	1, <b>2</b> 00 500*
A. T. Wilson E. R. Clark	A.B.	Instructor, Trades and Crafts Instructor, Music	500 <b>*</b>
Ernest Alexander	A.B.	Instructor, Physical Education	

Total, Instructional Salaries for the College

\$20,150

\*The following persons receive additional compensation as listed, with total:
H. M. Bond, \$2,800 as President, total \$3,800; W. W. E. Blanchett, \$500 as
Administrative Dean, total \$2,500; T. E. Davis, \$600 as Asst. in Public
Relations, total \$2,000; Sallie Bobb Bailey, \$300 as Dean of Women, total
\$1,500; H. E. Bryant, \$892 as High School Agriculture teacher, total
\$1,392; A. T. Wilson, \$880 for High School Crafts and Trades, total \$1,380.

E. Alexander, \$200 for high sch. Phys. Ed., total \$1,000; H.J. Walden, total \$900.

#It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to elimination or
transfer to budgeted income "Extraordinary" if need arises



### INSTRUCTION - THE HIGH SCHOOL

Neme	Degree	Position	Amount
C. V. Troupe	A.B., A.M.	Principal	\$720 <del>  </del> *
R. H. Beasley	A.B.	Mathematics	720*
M. E. Cureton	M.A.	Social Science	845
M. H. Murphy	A. B.	Social Sci., Eng.	810
M. V. Hunt	M.B.	Music	682
Theodis Donald	M.A.	Math., Soc. Sci., Eng.	750
Rheba M. Ashemore	A.B.	Home Ec.; Clothing	810
Henry E. Bryant	B.S.	Agriculture	892*
	100 VID 1-10	Home Ec.; Foods	900
A. T. Wilson	A.B.	Men's Trades, Crafts	880*
Ernest Alexander	A.B.	Physical Education	200*
H. J. Walden	need made over upon	Women's Crafts	400*
Total, High	School Salaries		\$8,609

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<sup>#</sup>It is intended that items thus marked will be subject to elimination or transfer to budgeted income "extraordinary" if need arises

<sup>\*</sup>The following persons to receive additional compensation as listed, with total: C. V. Troupe, \$780 as Registrar, total \$1,500; R. H. Beasley, \$500 as asst. purchasing agent, total \$1,220; H. E. Bryant, \$500 for college instruction, total \$1,392; A. T. Wilson, \$500 for college instruction, total \$1,380; Ernest Alexander, \$800 for college instruction, total \$1,000; H. J. Walden, \$500 for college instruction, total \$900.

## THE FORT VALLEY STATE TRACHERS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL - SUPPLIES

Supplies, Instructional Materials for the High School

\$1,000



### THE FORT VALLEY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE THE PRACTISE SCHOOL

Item	Amount
Eleven Teachers @ \$82.50 a month, 9 months*	\$8,167
Supplement for Head Teacher, at \$10 a month	90
Total, Salaries	\$8,257

Supplies and Instructional Materials 1,000

Total, Practise School

\$9,257

\*These persons have not as yet been selected, pending consultation with the State Department of Education and other persons able to give expert advice



## THE FORT VALLEY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE STUDENT AID

60 scholarships @ \$30

\$1,800



### HOSPITAL

Year Ending June 30, 1940

Item		Amount	
Salary, nurse		\$940	
Total, Salaries			\$940
	Supplies, Hospital	\$250	
Total, Hospital			\$1,190



CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

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AFTER REFLECTING TUESDAY APPOINTMENT CUTS DRIVING TIME

TOO THIN I WANT TO ASK WEDNESDAY APPOINTMENT CHANCELLOR.

JUST TWO MATTERS IMMEDIATE URGENCY. ONE FORMAL NOTIFICATION

FROM CHANCELLOR IN WRITING REGARDING BUDGET THE OTHER

NOTIFICATION AARON BROWN REGARDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANT.

THE LAST PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR CONTINUED LOYALTY

AID TO ENTERPRISE:

HORACE M BOND. PRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

June 12, 1939

Dear Mr. Bond: Enclosed you will find our check for \$500, issued to cover your moving expenses from Nashville to Fort Valley. I believe Mr. Embree has talked to you about this grant.

Because June 30 is the end of our fiscal year, I should appreciate receiving from you early in July a statement of the payments you have made through June 30 against the \$500 travel advance which we sent to you a few weeks ago.

Very truly yours,

DE: McK

DOROTHY A. ELMIDGE

Fr. Horace Mann Bond Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee



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June 13, 1939

Dear Mr. Sanford: Mr. Dixon has asked me to send you the two checks enclosed, one for \$15,000 and the other for \$35,000. These payments represent payment in full of the following appropriation made by our Board of Trustees on November 13, 1937:

RESOLVED That the officers be and they are hereby authorized to commit the Fund to the State of Georgia in an amount not to exceed Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of establishing the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School as an important unit in the state system of higher education for Regroes and an important center for the education of Negro teachers.

Very truly yours,

DE: McK

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

Mr. S. V. Sanford Chancellor, University System of Georgia Atlanta, Georgia



### Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue CHICAGO

To

Regents of the University System of Georgia

c/o Chancellor S. V. Sanford State Capitol Atlanta, Georgia Payment Voucher No. 8295

Date June 13, 1989

Ck.#21485 - \$15,000 Ck.#21486 - \$35,000

accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credi
ort Valley Normal & Industrial School	37-24	\$50,000.00	
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Prepared by

Checked by

Posted by

Comptroller



# REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL, ATLANTA June 17, 1939

Fort Valley School

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Miss Dorothy Elvidge, Comptroller Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Elvidge:

This will acknowledge receipt in this office of your letter of June 13, enclosing two checks: #21485 in the amount of \$15,000, and #21486 in the amount of \$35,000.

We understand that these funds are for the purpose of establishing the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School as an important unit in the state system of higher education for Negroes and an important center for the education of Negro teachers.

Yours very truly,

L. R. Siebert
Secretary

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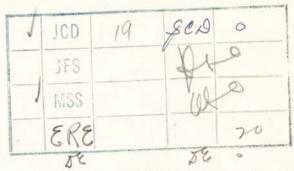
REGENTS OF THE
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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

June 17, 1939







Dear Mr. Dixon:

The actual legal transfer of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School from the Board of Trustees of the Corporation to the State of Georgia seems now to be assured and far enough along that the Board of Regents will be called upon to make the agreed payment to the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School, and to be in a position to take care of the other financial obligations which the Regents have agreed to assume. These transactions are dependent upon receipt of the Fifty Thousand Dollars which the Julius Rosenwald Fund has made available to the Regents by past action of its Board. It seems advisable to report to your officers the conditions of the transfer and to ask for payment of the grant in such a way as to make the legal and business transaction easier.

If you remember, it was agreed that of this Fifty
Thousand Dollars, there would be paid Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars to the
Fort Valley Corporation for use by the Corporation, and Fifteen
Thousand Dollars for use by the Bishop of the Georgia Diocese of
the Episcopal Church in the construction of a religious center
near the School. It was further agreed that the Thirty-Five
Thousand Dollars would be used for the following purposes:

- l. To pay the expenses incident to the transfer of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School to the Regents.
- 2. To pay the operating deficit of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School for the school year 1938-39. This would also include liquidation of all prior indebtedness so that the School will be taken over by the Regents free and clear of all debts.
- 3. To combine the remainder with the present endowment of the Fort Valley school, and to use the income from this combined fund to pay certain small pensions of superannuated employees. Whatever of the income is left after the payment of these pensions, now and in the future will be used as a scholarship fund for deserving students. After the death of the present pensioners, the entire endowment fund will be used for scholarships.

If the above methods of handling the transfer of the institution and utilizing the grant of the Rosenwald Fund meet with your approval, the Regents would like to have the Fifty Thousand Dollars sent in two checks of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars respectively. The checks should be made payable to the order of the Regents of the University System of Georgia. As soon as the appropriate court orders are taken, the check for Fifteen Thousand Dollars will be endorsed over to the Fort Valley Corporation, and in turn endorsed to the Fort Valley College Center, the Corporation organized by the Episcopal Church for the furtherance of its religious activities at the School. The check for Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars will be endorsed over to the Fort Valley Corporation for disbursement as indicated above.

Please allow me as Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, to express through you to the Board of Trustees, the thanks of the Regents and all interested Georgians for this assistance in the Regents' effort to improve the program of higher education for Negroes in Georgia.

Yours very truly,

S. V. Sanford.

Chancellor

SVS:HB

Mr. J. C. Dixon Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois



Fort Valley School
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### FISK UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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June 18, 1939

Mr. Edwin R. Embree The Julius Rosenwald Fund 4901 Ellis Avenue Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Embree:

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This letter is to ask one definite question, which I wish you could answer by wire; and to explain other matters regarding the Fort Valley situation as it now stands.

The definite question is this: in the event that the State of Georgia pays only 60% of its allotment, giving us from them only \$20,400 instead of \$34,000, can we distribute the \$16,000 from the Fund somewhat as follows: ("capital and outlay, extraordinary purposes):

\$1,000 for my special salary, to be listed as "Entertainment" or in some other way; there is no item in the budget for entertainment, and I think the size of the salary justified on that basis; however, I plan to list in the formal budget a salary of \$3300 only, distributed as \$2,800 for salary as President, and \$1,000 as salary for Director of Instruction.

\$4,000 for non-recurring physical improvements and repairs.

\$11,000 for current expenses, but including some non-recurring items that might be listed as capital or permanent improvements; such as books, office equipment, etc.

Now, with reference to our present status.

I have nominated the following persons to the Chancellor for employment. While I have received from him only a verbal okeh, I have gone ahead to write letters to these people. They are: V. J. Woodward, has been secretary to the President, as a secretary (I will nominate another person for my own, and use Mrs. Woodward elsewhere); W. W. E. Blanchett, formerly Dean, as Administrative Dean (I am reserving for myself the title, Director of Instruction; Planchett is now studying for his doctorate at Michigan, and will also be Head of the Department of Physical Sciences); President-Emeritus M. W. Hubbard, of Forsyth, as Director of Public Relations; Mr. Thomas Edward Davis, now working with Caliver in Washington as Editor of the National Outlook for Education among Negroet, a former instructor here at Fisk, as Associate Professor of Education, and with the understanding that he will do the publicity for us; L. R. Bywaters, present Treasurer, as Treasurer; R. H. Beagley, present high school teacher and purchasing agent at Fort Valley, the position; W. B. Moore, secretary to the Treasurer, in the same festion; L. Y. Merriwether, Librarian, in the same position; W. J. Lake, jr., now at Tennessee State, as Associate Professor of Social Science: Catherine Duncan, now Supervisor, Peach and Crawford counties, as Asso. Prof. of Education

### FISK UNIVERSITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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with the expectation that she will do much of the supervision of teacher training in the field; H. J. Walden, now doing crafts work at Fort Valley, (women) same position (very good person); F. R. Davis, instructor in Biology, same position, Fort Valley; R. J. Pitts, instructor in Math., same position, Fort Valley; W. Barton Beatty, the brother of Florence Beatty, as Instructor in English (the person I would like to have for this position is Mrs. Sue Cowan Poole, of Atlanta University; but there is not enough money in sight for that); W. H. Pipes as asso. prof. of Englash, same position, Fort Valley; H. E. Bryant, Agriculture, same position now at Fort Valley; A. T. Wilson, Trades, same position, Fort Valley; E. R. Clark, music, same position, Fort Valley; Ernest Alexander, Physical Education, same position, Fort Valley; M. E. Cyreton, high school, teacher, same position, Fort Valley; M. H. Murphy, Instructor, high school, same position, Fort Valley; M. V. Hunt, music, same position, high school, Fort Valley; Theodis Donald, student this past year of mine, high school instructor, Fort Valley; J. M. Jordan, Dietician, Fort Valley, same position; and Rheba Ashemore, high school home economics, whose name I have submitted, but whose letter of appointment has not been sent as yet, pending settlement of other personnel.

The two gaps which I would like to see filled, but for which I fear there is not the money in hand, are two in number. I would like to get a first class person to take general supervision of all the work in Education, as Head of the Department. The name of one Eva Mitchell of Hampton has been mentioned. I think Miss Duncan is capable, but not the extra-first class person that might become available. Another key post is that of home economics, for which I have set aside a salary of \$1200. This may not be enough to get the first-class person desired, but I do not see it otherwise.

Finally, I would like to add a person nemed Cornelius V. Troope, now principal of the Risley High School at Brunswick, probably the best high school in the State. I think this is both politic and a good choice; Troop is young, very able and intelligent.

also Johnson

As for the practise school, I plan there to make a clean sweep. Among others I hope to add Miss Reddix; and eight or nine others whose names have not yet been given to me. If Mr. or Mrs. Simons could help me here, I would be grateful. The salaries here will be about \$82 a month, paying the highest scale for training for white teachers.

As I can figure it out, the Chancellor is not inclined to be too helpful. You may know that teacher training in Home Economics has been assigned definitely to the Albany school, and teacher training in Agriculture to the school at Savannah. This will present a difficulty in recruiting students, but will not matter so much financially inasmuch as the cost of maintaining these courses is probably greater than the income to be derived therefrom.

I hope you can wire me on receipt of this letter if the mey depend, in an emergency, on distributing the 16000 for "capital and for traordinary" expenses as I have requested in the first part of this letter.

With best wishes, I am,

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Fort Valley School



June 20, 1939

Dear Dr. Sanford: This will acknowledge your letter of June 17. We have sent the two checks, for \$35,000 and for \$15,000, respectively, and continue to take much satisfaction from the progress of the Fort Valley enterprise. I hope that this institution will set standards for the training of rural teachers and will show what a state college may be, even with modest budgets.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMPREE

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Dr. S. V. Sanford, Chancellor University System of Georgia Atlanta, Georgia



desired, otherwise the message will be transmitted as a telegram or

ordinary cablegram.

## WESTERN UNION

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ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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DAY LETTER

June 20, 1959

Dr. Horace Mann Bond Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee

YOU MAY COUNT DEFINITELY ON DISTRIBUTING THE SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AS SUGGESTED YOUR LETTER JUNE EIGHTEEN. EVEN WITHOUT EMERGENCY, LEAVE TO YOU AFTER CONFERENCE WITH US ABSOLUTE DECISION ON USE OF THIS FUND. LETTER FOLLOWS ON OTHER ITEMS. GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS.

Edwin R. Embree

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June 20, 1939

Dear Bond: I have just wired in reply to your letter of June 18 in accordance with the enclosed confirmation. We purposely left the wording of the appropriation of \$15,000 very broad. Regardless of exergencies, we expected you to have the deciding voice in the allocation of this sum. We should naturally like to advise with you as you make your plans, but we leave the final decision entirely with you.

I am interested and much impressed by the appointments that you have made. The remarkable achievement in getting together this very large and competent staff is certainly not evidence of that lack of executive ability which you (and some of your friends) have talked so much about.

Herewith a few questions and comments concerning the personnel:

- (1) In English, why not appoint Mrs. Georgia Cowen Poole? She impresses all of us as very good, especially in children's literature. Is there not still some way whereby you can wangle her into the budget?
- (2) As to the Department of Education, I think you are right in resting for the present, at least, on Mrs. Duncan. She is certainly an unusually able person. You are sound in starting with her, even though later you may want to add a person of "super" class.
- (3) The most interesting person I have met in home economics is a young woman at Tougaloo, Miss Dorothy Gordon. She has sound ideas of having this subject used as general education and as a means of improving community living. She is free of professional jargon and professional tricks and techniques. The home economics group as a whole seem to me to be suffering from the good old inferiority complex and

responding in the expected fashion of making a great clatter about the high prestige of their profession and the technical gadgets that are necessary to its pursuit. They teach home economics with about as much reference to the real world as Latin has to current rural speech. If you can get hold of Miss Gordon, I believe you will have a sound and interesting person. I don't know whether she can or should be dislodged from Tougaloo.

(4) As to people for the practice school, I am, as you request, passing your letter on to Mr. and Mrs. Simon. As you know, they are now at Carrollton, serving on the faculty of an interesting workshop type of summer school there. They would, I am sure, be glad to consult with you about appointments or any other matters. If you are in Georgia again in the near future, I recommend that you meet them either at Carrollton or Atlanta. Among those that you are considering for the practice school, had you thought of Miss Johnson, as well as Miss Reddick? Both of these women have done excellent work at Red Oak, and as I understand it, neither of them will be there next year, since Mr. Cousins is making an interesting experiment with a man and his wife as teachers.

Again my congratulations on the vigor and success with which you are taking up the exciting work at Fort Valley.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. ENBREE

Mr. Horace Mann Bond Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee





Atlanta, Ga.

June 26th, 1939

Dear Dr. Bond:

Before having the budget typed this morning I began looking at it and found some errors which had crept in because of the way you had to use two or three typists. After these were corrected there was a deficit of about \$365.00 instead of a surplus of \$25.00. It was expensive to call you over the phone (and I did not want to hold the budget up) so I made a change in it which would give a surplus rather than a deficit. This I submitted to Dr. Sanford who approved the change I had made. It is the understanding, howver, that the change is purely a tentative one, made only for the purpose of balancing your budget and that you can make such modifications as you may see fit to make later.

So that you make check my corrections and see what changes were made I will either send you your original and a copy or will bring it to you this week when I come to Nashville.

Mr. Cousins is still out of the city and is not expected back until tomorrow, if the since he is due to be in Athens tomorrow afternoon. Mrs Millsap wired you the best information she had about Miss Bailey.

If nothing happens to prevent, I shall see you in Nashville Wednesday or Thursday.

Cordially Yours,

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June 29, 1939

Mr. J. C. Dixon
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Re: Fort Valley Physical Plant

### 1. General Assumptions

I am assuming that the State of Georgia will operate the Fort Valley institution as a four-year standard college with especially strong departments of teacher training and agriculture, with some sub-college work in community health, agriculture, trades, and home making. I am further assuming an ultimate enrollment as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Local	50	50	100
Boarding	200	300	500
Total	250	350	600

### 2. Campus Plan

I approve in general the campus plans included as sheet No. 15 of the Stanislaw J. Makielski drawings for the Home Economics Building dated September 24, 1934. All permanent existing buildings except the Library and the two women's dormitories conform to this plan, and the Library (if converted into an administration building) can well be made a part of the general campus scheme. I have suggested some departures from the campus layout referred to: (a) grouping of dormitories for women adjacent to the Home Economics and Dining Buildings, (b) narrowing of proposed lower quadrangle, and (c) change in purpose of two buildings. The location of the infirmary was unfortunate, because it does not leave sufficient space on either side for a large building. If campus drives are retained, they should be paved. See attached sketch of my proposed campus layout.

### 3. Present Library Building

This is a small two-story brick building with interior construction of wood and plaster. I recommend that it be converted into an administration building with offices for the President, President's outer office

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and secretary, Dean's office, outer office for Registrar and Dean's secretary, Business Manager, outer business office, Agricultural Supervisor, offices for Deans of Men and Women, a faculty assembly room, and probably two or three faculty offices. This building is in need of repairs including plaster patching, interior and exterior painting, and refinishing floors.

### 4. Jeanes Hall

This three-story frame dormitory is obsolete, unsafe, and out of place with respect to campus development. It is not worth reconditioning. I recommend that it be razed as soon as another women's dormitory can be erected. I do not believe that this building is worth even minor repairs and paint.

### 5. Huntington Hall

This three-story brick dormitory has interior construction of wood and plaster. There is only one stairway and that is wood. The so-called fire escapes are inadequate and would not safely serve as exits for a panic-stricken group of women. The heating system is worn out, the floors are in a terrible condition, and the building generally is in a very bad state of repair. To render this building fit for permanent use would require complete removal of its interior, installation of bar joist and concrete floor slabs, two fire-proof stairways, interior tile walls, new heating system, new plumbing, new finish on floors, new doors, new trim, and replacement of many of the windows. This would probably cost about \$20,000 and the State would have only a fair small dormitory poorly placed with reference to other building lines. If the immediate building program cannot include two dormitories for women, old Huntington Hall should be given emergency repairs and continued temporarily until it can be replaced by a modern, fire-proof building.

### 6. Laundry

This is a one-story brick-shell structure, with practically no equipment. My campus plan contemplates the use of this space as a women's quadrangle. I recommend that the laundry eventually be rehoused in connection with a future central heating plant.

### 7. Home Economies Building

This is an excellent two-story fire-resistive building. The first floor has one foods laboratory, one clothing laboratory, one handicrafts laboratory, and one large room used as a special dining room. The second floor has excellent facilities for a practice home and for guests. This building was so constructed that it cannot be enlarged. However, if the handicrafts are housed with the industrial arts and the dining room used as an instructional room, the first floor of this building will provide two laboratories each for foods and clothing. This will probably be sufficient for many years. Mastic tile should be laid over the concrete on the first floor, and the building should be repainted.

### 8. Dining Hall

This is a good building with a main dining capacity of 300, a large private dining room, and a well equipped kitchen. This building should serve for several years by dining in double shifts. The wall leaks should be repaired, the plaster fixed, and the building should be repainted.

### 9. Academic Building

This is a two-story brick building with fire-resistive corridors and stairs, but otherwise of wood and plaster construction. This building contains eleven classrooms, two science laboratories, a 600-capacity assembly room, and the Dean's office. Moving the Dean's office to the Administration Building will free one more classroom. The high school should be moved from this building as soon as the City and County can erect a public Negro high school plant. Eventually the sciences should be rehoused in more adequate quarters, thus releasing two more classrooms. The worn-out corridor floor covering should be replaced, plaster repaired, light fixtures installed, and the building repainted. Modern steel lockers should be installed on the existing concrete bases for the use of day students, who do not have rooms on the campus.

### 10. Ohio Hall

An excellent men's dormitory with a capacity of approximately 110. This is a three and one-half story fire-resistive structure. The half story or fourth floor should not have been added to this plan. The plumbing leak which is damaging the plaster should be repaired at once.

### 11. Infirmary

An excellent one-story brick building. Eventually an extension may be required and campus space should be allowed for this possibility. It would be advisable in enlarging the infirmary to provide a health class-room. The present basement classroom is not fit for this purpose.

### 12. Trades Building

This two-story brick-hull building looks very good from the outside, but its interior is in very bad condition. It was either poorly built or has been abused. Much of the bad condition of the interior woodwork is due to termites. It will be necessary to take out all of the woodwork in contact with the ground and replace with masonry. I suggest that this building be reconditioned and continued temporarily for trades. When a larger trades building is erected farther south on the lower quadrangle, the present trades building may be remodeled as a student union and music building. As the campus grows, this will be a better location for a general building than for a shop building. When remodeled, this building could provide for the following functions, post office, book store, student store, social rooms, student activity offices, and music department.

### 13. Proposed Program

The State of Georgia should launch an immediate physical plant program at Fort Valley. In my opinion, the new buildings and improvements should

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come in the following order: (a) repair and paint all buildings to be retained, (b) erect new library between the Academic Building and the Infirmary and remodel the present Library Building for administrative offices, (c) secure two tracts of adjacent land, as indicated on attached sketch, (d) erect a 100-capacity women's dormitory to replace Jeanes Hall, (e) pave all driveways on the campus, (f) move the high school out into new quarters to be provided by the City and County. (g) erect new central heating plant and laundry as shown on sketch. (h) erect a second 100-capacity dormitory for women to replace Huntington Hall, (i) erect a gymnasium and physical education building. (j) erect a new building for science. (k) erect a new trades building for industrial arts and remodel present Trades Building for a student union and music, (1) erect a 100-capacity dormitory for men similar to Ohio Hall, (m) erect a third 100-capacity dormitory for women, (n) erect an agricultural building, additional farm buildings, and secure additional land in accordance with the agricultural program being developed. (o) erect a new classroom building to supplement the present Academic Building, and (p) faculty homes.

### 14. Steps in the Program

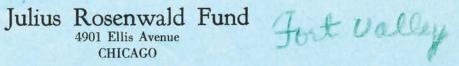
If the first step of the proposed program is carried through item (i). there will be adequate facilities for a student body of 350 students. If the second step of the program extends through item (m), the plant should accommodate 600 students. This is the assumed limit, but the proposed sketch provides for an agricultural building and another academic building. The addition of these two buildings would provide educational housing for 900 or 1000 students. If the institution reaches this enrollment, additional dormitory facilities will have to be provided beyond those shown in the attached sketch. If, on the other hand, 600 will probably be the maximum enrollment, the proposed campus plan should be modified by combining science and agriculture in one building. In this case the scienceagriculture building should be placed on the site indicated for the classroom building and the new industrial arts building should be placed on the site indicated for the science building. This would leave the south end of the south quadrangle open for any possible future growth. Faculty homes should be erected as soon as possible after the building program catches up with educational and student housing.

### 15. Estimated Cost

It is difficult to estimate the cost of the proposed building program, because it depends so much upon the size and type of construction finally decided upon. I would guess, however, the the first proposed step extending through item (i) in section 12 would cost about \$350,000. To bring the plant up to a capacity of 600 students by extending the proposed program through item (m) would probably cost an additional \$250,000.

Submitted by,

Ray L. Hamon Executive Secretary FORM 121



Controller

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June 80, 1939

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### FORT VALLEY NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Encouraging developments in the Fort Valley project in Georgia, which occurred after the docket went to press, are outlined here for the information of the trustees.

It will be remembered that at the April, 1938, meeting it was reported that the survey of higher education for Negroes in Georgia was then in progress. The survey was presented to the Education Committee of the Board of Regents of Georgia on October 27 and to the Board as a whole on October 28. The Education Committee approved the report unanimously, and recommended its adoption. The Regents accepted the recommendation of its Education Committee, adopted the report unanimously and provided the initial machinery for putting its proposals into operation. In order to facilitate this the Board felt that a small committee could act more effectively than the Board as a whole and appointed Dr. Sanford, the Chancellor, Mr. Nix, a member of the Board, and Dr. Cocking, the director of the survey, as a committee to act for the Board with full powers. This committee is not only given full power to take the initial steps in carrying out the recommendations of the survey, but it is also charged with the responsibility of developing the longtime program which will put into effect these recommendations. The official report of the survey committee has not yet been released publicly. It will, however, soon be available to members of our Board and other seriously interested persons.

The recommendations, adopted by the Board of Regents, are as

### follows:

- 1. That the following purposes be accepted as the program of higher education for Negroes:
  - a. The educating of elementary and secondary school teachers
  - b. The educating of farm and home leadership
  - c. The training in trades and industries available to Negro workers
  - d. The educating of adults
  - e. The cultural education of selected Negro people.
- 2. That the Regents employ one person who will be vested with responsibility for coordinating and integrating instruction throughout the University System, and as an assistant to this director of instruction one individual charged with the primary responsibility of coordinating all activities of higher education for Negroes.
- 3. That the state continue to maintain three institutions for the higher education of Negroes but that the institution at Forsyth be discontinued and the physical property of the institution now known as Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School be secured as more ideally located for the third institution. (It was understood that Fort Valley would become the chief center for the education of teachers and probably for agricultural education.)
- 4. That a much more inclusive program in the trades, with special attention to short courses, be developed, probably at the Savannah institution.
- 5. That a continuous study of the curriculum of the Negro colleges be undertaken in the light of changing needs of Negro life, this study to be a cooperative task including the college personnel, specialists, lay and professional members, and official representatives of the Board of Regents.
- 6. That training on the graduate level be provided carefully selected Negro students through scholarships to graduate schools open to Negroes.
- 7. That the public colleges in the State assume leadership in a move to establish and maintain cooperative relations with the private colleges to prevent duplication of effort and to provide a unified educational service.



- 8. That an advisory council on higher education composed of both white and Negro members be established immediately to propose helpful measures in the development of an effective program of higher education for Negroes, the members to be chosen by the Board of Regents or its officials.
- 9. That the State of Georgia assume a larger share of the support of the program of higher education for Negroes and that in light of present conditions the State increase its support from the \$65,000, which is now used for this program, to at least \$125,000 per year.
- 10. That a detailed and uniform system of financial records and accounts be developed and maintained so as to provide accurate and speedy determination of the cost of any phase of the colleges' programs.
- 11. That extensive facilities be provided to enable needy students to earn all or a part of their college expense; that these facilities be provided without regard to profit; and that a liberal policy of loans and scholarships be established.
- 12. That the quality of the administrative and teaching personnel be improved as rapidly as possible and that salary and teaching conditions be such as to insure reasonable tenure.
- 13. That definite and clearly understood policies of relations and responsibilities for Negro higher education be developed by the Board of Regents of the University System and the State Board of Education, these policies to be operated by the Coordinator for Negro Higher Education.

