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Burch, Helen

310 Woman's Building NO. 3  
 University of North Carolina  
 Chapel Hill, N.C.  
 January 28, 1940

Dear Mrs. Simons:

Waiting a few days until I should be settled, I found myself plunged so deeply into work that there has hardly been time for sleep. I am enjoying all three courses, especially the instructors. I picked teachers rather than courses in two instances.

The course in guidance is with Dr. Harl Douglas. I am fortunate in several respects. He leaves for Colorado in March. He is not only an authority, but also a human being. There are only seven of us in the class so we have a closer association than if we were a big class. History of education is with Dr. Edgar Knight, another authority, a scholar, and even more human than Dr. Douglas, if possible. The third one is a course in soils with Dr. Erickson. He is good, and I am organizing what I know and adding to that. This work is in Porter Claxton's line. As soon as this weather melts a bit we are to go out to sample and analyze soils. Two snows and zero temperatures have postponed our field work.

We heard Dr. George Counts Friday. His theories are more fundamental that startling, I thought.

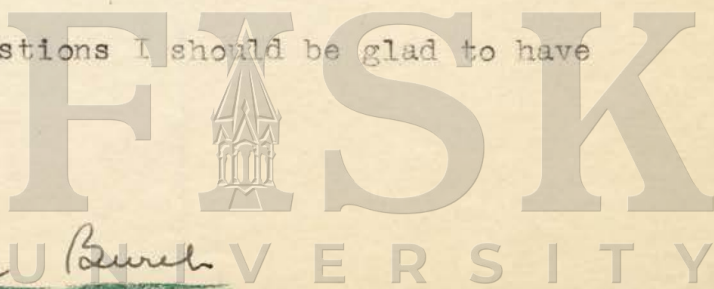
It was good to find the Bonners here, although I have seen very little of them. J.C. seems to work in the library as much as I. They, and the Tebaus who are here also, came to our open house tea. Nancy Eliason is lots of fun. She is working hard and late, but we eat together frequently.

Again, if you have any suggestions I should be glad to have them.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Helen Burch



# FELLOWSHIPS

January 2, 1940

Dear Miss Burch: It is a great satisfaction to be able to give pleasure to another person and at the same time to contribute so directly to the forces of education. We have been very glad to make the grant to you. We hope that you will find a post corresponding to your abilities in the wide field of rural education in the South.

Very truly yours,

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ERNEST R. EMBREE

Miss Helen Burch  
Davidson, North Carolina

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Davidson, N.C.

December 27, 1939

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

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Dear Dr. Embree:

The Fund's check for six hundred dollars came Christmas morning, and I want to express my deep appreciation. This unexpected and most generous aid will mean more to me than I can express.

With every good wish, I am  
 Most sincerely yours,  
Iselen Burch

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Durham, N.C.

December 25, 1939

Burch - Helen

Mrs. Margaret S. Simon  
 Julius Rosenwald Fund  
 4901 Ellis Avenue  
 Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Mrs. Simon:

This has been the most exciting Christmas Day I've ever spent! The letter and check came this morning. Thank you very much. The "sentiment" was lovely and made this a truly happy day.

News gets about in a small town, you know. Several friends came in to wish us Merry Christmas and congratulate me. But the nicest thing that was said our cook contributed. She thought "the faith they have in you is the best part". And I think so, too.

Should you come down this side of the United States, please find Durham or Raleigh, and I'll be certain to find you. I should enjoy showing Chapel Hill to you if you haven't seen it. And I'd love to see you.

Thank you again. And I hope the New Year holds all happiness for you.

Sincerely yours,

Julien Burch



# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

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To Miss Helen Burch  
c/o Margaret S. Simon

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Date December 22, 1939

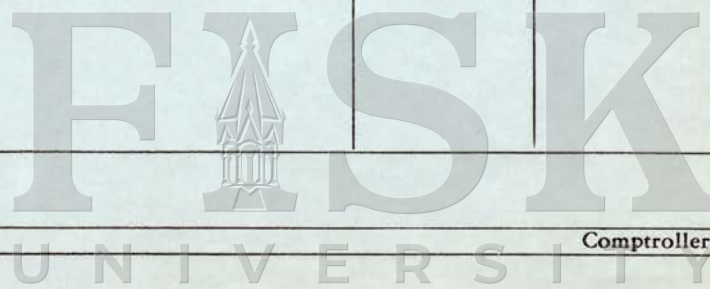
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December 22, 1939

Dear Miss Burch:      So done! I am enclosing the Fund's check for \$600, and I hope it reaches you by Christmas Day. That is the sentiment in me coming out.

We are so glad that you feel this is a good opportunity to get some more studying, and both Mr. Embree and I feel that your idea of working toward another degree in rural education and geography is fine.

May is approaching very rapidly. I hope to goodness we get a sight of you somehow before then.

Merry Christmas!

Very truly yours,

MARGARET S. SIMON

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Miss Helen Burch  
Davidson, North Carolina

Davidson, N.C.  
December 19, 1939

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Mrs. Margaret S. Simon  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mrs. Simon:

You do have the grandest ideas! I wish I had command of sufficiently strong English to tell you just how much I do appreciate your offer of help. The only way I can say it now is Thank you, and then try to prove my sincerity through my efforts. I can think of nothing nicer than further study with work beyond.

The scholarship is most generous. I think that with the snidgen I have left I can go to U.N.C., possibly, three quarters — unless there is work to do the third.

Do you have any thing in mind as to what I should work on — any special line to be concentrated on? I had planned to assemble my credits and work on towards another degree in Rural Education and Geography. I shall appreciate any suggestions.

Thank you very much. You have made me very happy.

With every good wish to you and Mr. Simon for a merry Christmas (as merry as mine!) and a happy New Year (again — as happy as mine!), I am

Most sincerely yours,

Ivelan Burch



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Burch - Helen

December 15, 1939

Dear Miss Burch: We have an idea! We all think so much of you and your work that we know you will find just the place that you want and where you would be most valuable. As perhaps you know, the Fund is undertaking, beginning next year, a good deal more co-operation with Carrollton. Perhaps your job may be at Carrollton, eventually. Who knows? However, although Mr. Ingram thinks just as much of you as we do, his plans are not nearly complete enough for him even to be able to indicate a possibility, and of course I have nothing to say about it.

But I come back to my original statement. We know you will somewhere get the job you want. What we would like to suggest is that we make available to you a small scholarship or grant-in-aid, or whatever it should be called, to enable you to go to school for the next six months. I hasten to say I don't think you need to, but I know that you knowledgeable guys always crave a little more knowledge. We had thought something around \$600, and just because I can't help making suggestions and also because it is such a good place, what would you think about doing some work at the University of North Carolina?

Does this seem to you a good idea?  
Best greetings to you always.

Very truly yours,

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Miss Helen Burch  
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Davidson, N.C.

November 30, 1939

Burch, Helen

Dear Mrs. Simon:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 20. I appreciate the nice things you said. I needed "heartening". Mary Eliason wrote not long ago commending my courage. I'm afraid it is not courage. I'm scared and worried! But I believe that if I do not stick out for the sort of work I want now I shall probably never get it.

So, if you find a job in a college where I can prop my feet on the desk and talk on and on, I'll take it — and vegetate. My real ambition is to help train teachers in a country school. I have definite ideas about that. For instance, there should be a cottage near the school. The cottage, in which I'd live, must have a garden and a fireplace in the living room. Besides the readin', writin' and arithmetic there'd be a reading, sewing, talk-and-tea room, and a million other things to share with the students and children. I do not know whether this idea is the missionary in me or the knowledge that I'll never have a family of my own but I've had it for some time.

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In the meantime I hope you've had as much fun this fall as I. Football games, all sorts of books, a few trips into the mountains. And I've woven two bedspreads and learned to make old-fashioned hairpin lace and grand hamburgers! My sister has been quite ill for over a week and I've had charge of the house and four children. It's quite a job for a spinster school teacher! She's much better and the children seem to be practically the same.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivelin Burch

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*Burch, Helen*

November 20, 1939

Dear Miss Burch: It was grand to get a letter from you, which came at just the time of our Trustees' meeting. Hence the delay. Now the tumult and the shouting have died, and we are back on our regular basis.

You may be very sure that we will keep you definitely in mind in case we hear of a vacancy. I think West Georgia lost a great deal when they lost you. I wish it had been possible for you to stay on there. I wish too that I knew of something right this minute for you. Unfortunately I don't, but all of us here will be on the lookout. Our very best wishes to you.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET S. SIMON

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Miss Helen Burch  
Davidson, North Carolina

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Davidson, N.C.

November 2, 1939

Burch, Helen?

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Dear Mrs. Simon;

Since I never did hear you mention a day or month or year of departure I do not know whether you are still working to educate rural teachers or have departed to that paradise prepared for you in B.C. From the standpoint of the rural teacher I hope you are still in the field. From your side of the question — I understand that paradises are a lot of fun and I know you would be having a marvelous time, even though the mercury may be  $40^{\circ}$  below zero — Or is my geography betraying me again? Anyway, B.C. is so far away it ought to be cold if it isn't!

I certainly am missing W. G. C., the work and the fun I had with those lovely people. Mary E. has invited me to visit her soon. Her mother and a new addition to the family, a highly esteemed pup, are with her this winter. In spite of the fact that the pup seems to be a terribly spoiled brat, it must be cute. Even Shabel admits loving it. I can think of nothing I'd enjoy more than a week with Mary and the Watsons, but —

I'm still out of a job. When I got back to N.C. I found that the schools



had elected their teachers. A new law put the elections early. There have been a few emergency vacancies, some in undesirable places, the others filled before I learned of them. The colleges have very few openings and want Ph.D.s or men or both. I do not like to ask a friend to help me. It is too much like using a friendship. But I'm in a jam and I hope you will not look on this as such. I know that you get about a great deal and it occurred to me that in your visits you might come across a vacancy that I would fill, and would not mind letting me know about it. I would appreciate it very much.

I'm not going to relate the history of my training and experience. My records are on file at Chicago University and U. N. C. Graduate Placement Bureau. I have an B.B. from W. C. U. N. C., an M.A. in Rural Education and Geography from Peabody, and a year of study in the Geography Department of Chicago U. Nine years of my experience have been in the North C. State program of teacher training. I know rural school problems pretty well from my work with the teachers in training and in the field.

Again, I shall appreciate your letting me know of a vacancy should you run across one.

I enjoyed knowing you and Mr. Simon last year and I hope that the future holds in store other picnics, evenings, sessions of solving the problems of the world. I love them -

With every good wish for both of you, I am  
Sincerely yours,

Ivelyn Burch

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