

Jan. 11, 1928.

Mrs. W. A. Masters;

St. Joseph Missouri.

My dear Mrs. Masters:

The formal call for the organisation meeting of our State Branch, went into the mails today, to one hundred and forty five persons, including 110 school principals, besides teachers, presidents of local P.T.A.'s, and others, including the officers of the White Branch, whose names appear on your letter heads.

I am now in correspondence with Mrs. Butler, trying to negotiate for her coming to our Jefferson City meeting, next month. She has informed me of the amount that would be required to meet her expenses. While I am pleased with the correspondence thus far, and get increased inspiration from her letters, I have failed to devise a plan for the financing of her trip to Jefferson City. What on earth can be done? We have no money on hand as yet, and the date for our meeting is rapidly approaching. Our intentions relative to Mrs. Butler's coming should be made known to her at once. I have tried to get certain of our local men to under-write her expenses but have failed to get anywhere with that scheme. Mrs. Butler, herself advises that I ask you to assist in this matter, with a view of getting the white organization in the State to finance her trip. I have hesitated to mention this, however, as I felt that the Colored people ought to assume the entire burden of financing their own meetings. Now, I must ask your advice and help at this point. I am greatly puzzled.

The following steps have been taken in the way of getting ready for *our* meeting:

1. I have secured a splendid letter of endorsement from State Supt. Chas. A. Lee, in which he enthusiastically, pledges his support of our movement and advises that I inform him of anything his office might do to help us to put it over.
2. Sent out letters to the 114 county superintendents, asking their endorsement and cooperation in the movement.
3. Corresponded with several local associations known to be in operation, and have gotten their pledge to come, in with us at the first meeting.

4. Arranged with the officials of Lincoln University, for such conveniences as a few preliminary numbers on our program, provision for committee rooms, provision for dinner at the university, during our recess(noon).
5. Plan that the Colored news papers come out next extensive articles appealing for the cooperation of all communities in the initial organization.

Other items will be taken up as rapidly as information comes as to what is further to be done.

Of course, we are expecting you at our meeting, to help us to sell the big idea to the representatives present.

P.T.A.'s are being organised in Kansas City, with a view of our locals qualifying for the meeting at Jefferson City. All in all, things are looking good, except our chances for having the National President with us. If you are able to help me solve this puzzle, I am sure that we may consider the plan well-nigh complete. May I hear from you, immediately?

Very truly yours,

Henley L. Cox.