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Mr. Henley L. Cox,

Kansas City, Mo.

My Dear Mr. Cox,

Your letter came the other day and I am delighted with the plans which you have perfected for the meeting in Jefferson City.

I deeply regret that owing to the financial condition of the state that there is not money available to make the slightest contribution to the organization of the Colored Branch. We began our year One Thousand Dollars in debt owing to a deficit on our Missouri State Bulletin and the expense allowance of our state chairmen and officers to the Convention the past two years. This has handicapped our work tremendously. At the post board meeting a budget system was inaugurated and put into effect and there is no allowance made for this work which I deeply regret as I am sure our state branch would be very happy indeed to make a contribution if it were possible to do so.

We do not have a board meeting until March and as long as the budget system was adopted by the Board no money could be voted outside of that which is contained in the budget without the vote of the Board.

I feel if we cannot afford to bring Mrs. Butler that we will have to forego the pleasure

of having her this year and look forward to having her at the first Convention after perfecting the organization, which perhaps will not be hard to do when we have a state dues in addition to the registration fee which should be charged at all Conventions. It seems to me that we can develop a very nice program without Mrs. Butler, if it is necessary, although I had hoped very much to have her with us at this organization meeting. From the report which I have had of her she is a very remarkable woman and would add considerably to the program. We will, however, have to do that which we can afford to do.

You will recall the names of the Publicity Committee and I am wondering if you furnished any publicity to the newspapers in Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph. It seems that an announcement of the meeting and a partial program at this time would be a splendid thing, or even just an announcement of the meeting and a list of the committee would be perhaps all right for the first publicity.

I had a nice letter the other day from Mr. Young who offered his services in the perfecting of a state organization. He was extremely gracious and kind at the time he was the head of the Lincoln University and I think he could be very helpful to us in his position as Inspector of Negro Schools.

Let me know if I can be of any service whatsoever. When the official call for this meeting is issued it should be issued at the expense of our state office with my signature and I think also Mrs. Butler's signature should be secured as we must have the sanction of the National Colored Association stating we have met the requirements in the way of associations and membership to permit us to form this branch, and then your name should also be added as Chairman of the Committee. The call should be issued it seems to me within the next few days as it should go at least two weeks before the meeting.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience regarding this matter.

Thanking you for your splendid efforts in this matter,

I am,

Very cordially yours,

Mrs W. A. Masters