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Ninth Annual Conference, 1904.

SUBJECT: NEGRO CRIME IN GEORGIA.
MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1904.

W. E. Burghardt DuBois,
Corresponding Secretary.

N.A.A.C.P.

Atlanta, Ga., April 25, 1905.

Dear Mr. Work:-

The time seems more than ripe for organized, determined and aggressive action on the part of men who believed in Negro freedom and growth. Movements are on foot threatening individual freedom and our self-respect. I write you to propose a conference during the coming summer for the following purposes:

1. To oppose firmly the present methods of strangling honest criticism, manipulating public opinion and centralizing political power by means of the improper and corrupt use of money and influence.
2. To organize thoroughly the intelligent and honest Negroes throughout the United States for the purpose of insisting on manhood rights, industrial opportunity and spiritual freedom.
3. To establish and support proper organs of news and public opinion.

If you are in accord with the above objects will you kindly write me at your earliest opportunity:

1. Whether you could meet in conference this summer.
2. What date and place you would suggest for the conference.
3. What reliable men thoroughly in accord with the above objects you would invite.

Awaiting your reply, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. DuBois

Atlanta University

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Eleventh Annual Conference, 1906

SUBJECT: THE NEGRO PHYSIQUE
MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1906

W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Corresponding Secretary

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Atlanta, Ga.,October 23, 1905.

My dear Mr. Work:-

I had been saving you for the secretaryship of Crime and Reform in the Niagara Movement. But Mr. Hope, whom I had picked out as state secretary for Georgia is not well, and therefore I turn to you, will you act as state secretary for Georgia?

The general duties of the state secretary you know from the constitution; they are primarily to get a state membership and keep it in line. I can of course help you in this line and will. If you will accept this job, suppose we start right in. First get a nucleus of good members in Savannah and in Atlanta and then start into corral the state. If you will do this, I will arrange to come to Savannah in March. Write me.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Burghardt Du Bois

THE NIAGARA MOVEMENT.

Office of the General Secretary,
42 Wrentham St., Dorchester, Mass., until Sept. 20,
Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., after Sept. 20.

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Dorchester, Mass., Sept. 13, 1905.

Dear Colleague:-

The Niagara Movement at present consists of sixty-four members from 21 states. In 17 of these states, state secretaries have been appointed as follows:

Mass.,	C. G. Morgan	Penna.	G. W. Mitchell
Pa.	John Hope	R. I.	Byron Gunner
Ark.	F. B. Coffin	N. J.	T. A. Spraggins
Ill.	C. E. Bentley	Md.	G. R. Waller
Kan.	E. S. Smith	Iowa	G. H. Woodson
N. C.	L. M. Hershaw	Tenn.	Richard Hill
N. Y.	G. F. Miller	Minn.	F. L. McGhee
Va.	J. L. R. Diggs	W. Va.	J. R. Clifford
Col.	C. A. Franklin		

The First General Meeting elected the following officers:
General Secretary, W. E. D. Du Bois.
Treasurer, G. H. Jackson.

The above gentlemen, together with the state secretaries yet to be appointed, constitute the Executive Committee.

Can you recommend any member in the states not represented?

Beginning with October, the members may expect the following letters each week:

1st week--Letter from the General Secretary.

2d week --Letter from the State Secretary.

3d & 4th weeks--Letters from the Secretaries of the Special Committees.

Each member is expected to reply to each of these letters either by brief postal acknowledgment, or letter. Please remember this. Organization, if effective, means sacrifice--sacrifice of time and money. Please, therefore, answer all letters received.

The work for the months of September and October will be:
INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.

We should have 200 members by November 1st, that means that each present member must secure four others. If you know a suitable candidate, propose him to the state secretary. He will send his name to the members residing in the state, and if the majority approve the candidate, he will be enrolled by the Executive Committee. Let us all work for an intelligent, upright membership of the very best class of Negro Americans.

Kindly make any suggestions you can, in answering this letter.

Fraternally yours,

W. E. D. Du Bois

Atlanta University

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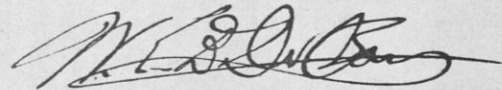
W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Corresponding Secretary

Atlanta, Ga., July 17, 1906.

Dear Work:-

Could you come down to Lowndes County, Ala., and help me a few weeks in September on a Labor Bureau study. Funds are limited but the study must be the best yet. What would you charge?

Very truly yours,



Atlanta University

Wagner

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W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Corresponding Secretary

Atlanta, Ga., *June 23* 1905

Dear Work:

I intend each secretary shall exercise considerable latitude & judgment in the use of his committee & that he shall finally embody his wisdom & that of his conferees in a short meaty report to the conference & that the conferees shall talk it over for an hour or two. E. E. Wilson is on your committee & his address is 113 Adams St., Room 380, Chicago, Ill. Each member will pay his own expenses - we will keep hotel fare at the lowest possible notch.

Yours Truly,

W. E. Du Bois

Atlanta University

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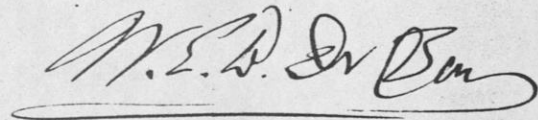
W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Corresponding Secretary

Atlanta, Ga., June 15, 1905.

Dear Mr. Work:-

Will you act as secretary of the committee on Crime? I have sent each member of the committee the enclosed circular. Please write to each of them and get just as much preliminary work out of them as possible. The success of the conference depends on this? Write me immediately.

Sincerely yours,



Dear Work:

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Could you give me
20-30 days services during
September @ \$2.50 per day,
in addition to board and
travelling expenses from Sa-
vannah & return. I shall
want to begin work Sept
3 or Sept 8.

Yours

W. E. D. De Bus.

address

% Storer College
Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

Aug 10, 1905.

Committees.

- X 1. An Inter-state Committee on Condition and Needs.
2. A Committee on Economic Opportunity.
3. A Finance Committee.
4. A Committee on Organization.
5. A Committee on the Press and Public Opinion.
6. A Committee on Health Protection.
7. A Committee on Legal Defense.
8. A Committee on Voting.
9. A Committee on Education.
- X 10. A Committee on Crime, Rescue and Reform.

10. Crime and Benevolence.

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| ✓ Wright, Ill. | ✓ Mitchell, D.C. |
| ✓ Gunner, R.I. | ✓ Ransom, Mass. |
| ✓ Miller, N.Y. | ✓ Scott, Mass. |
| ✓ Thomas, R.I. | ✓ Carter, Pa. |

Work, Ga., Secretary.

Suggestions: *Gunner*

Causes of Crime Wright
1. The prevention of crime. *Ransom Gunner*

2. The defence of the innocent before the courts. *Wilson Carter*

3. Juvenile reformatories. *Scott Carter*

4. Protection of women and girls. *Miller Thomas*

5. Orphanages and homes. *Scott Miller*

6. Organized charity. *Wright Mitchell*

Juvenile courts. Wilson

Addresses.

- ✓ Rev. Byron Gunner, 43 Gould St. Newport, R.I.
- ✓ Rev. R.R. Wright, 96 Divinity Hall, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
- ✓ Rev. G.F. Miller, 121 No. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
- ✓ Rev. O. Mitchell, 232 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Rev. W.H. Scott, Woburn, Mass.
- ✓ Rev. R.C. Ransom, New Bedford, Mass.
- ✓ Mr. W. Justin Carter, Attorney-at-Law, Harrisburg, Pa.
- ✓ Rev. W.H. Thomas, Providence R.I. 121 Cushing Street.

NIAGARA MOVEMENT

Inter-State Committees.

Finance - G.E. Jackson, 2605 Alma Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.*
Inter-state Conditions - Dr. C.M. Waller, 762 Herkimer St. Brooklyn, N.Y.*
Organization - The General Secretary.*
Civil and Political Rights - F.L. McGhee, 603 Globe Bldg. St. Paul, Minn.*
Legal Defence - W.H. Richards, 420 - 5th St. Washington, D.C.
Crime, Rescue and Reform - R.R. Wright, 922 Locust St. Philadelphia, Pa.*
Economic Opportunity - Robt. L. Taylor, Election Commissioner's Office,
Chicago, Ill. *
Health - Dr. K.F. Wheatland, 64 John St., Newport, R.I.*
Press - E.M. Trotter, 3 Tremont Row, Room 19, Boston, Mass.*

Woman's Auxiliary, - Mrs. C.G. Morgan, 29 Court St. Boston, Mass.*
Army and Navy - Capt. H.A. Thompson, 18 W. 134th St., New York, N.Y.*
College Auxiliary, - M.A. Hawkins, 1938 Druid Hill Ave. Baltimore, Md.*

The above persons have been invited to serve. Those starred
have already accepted the appointment.

1. Conditions and Needs.

Wheatland, N. I.	Woodson, Iowa.
McChee, Minn.	Smith, Kan.
Sprague, N. J.	Hill, Tenn.
Mitchell, Pa.	Smith, Ohio.
Clifford, W. Va.	Hiller, N. Y.
Waller, Md.	Worn, Ga.
Ferris, N. C.	Wright, Ill.
Diggs, Va.	Morgan, Mass.
Arnold, Minn.	Hershan, D. C. Secy.

Suggestion.

Each member of this committee should present a careful sketch of 250-400 words covering the present condition and needs of Negroes of his state covering these points:

Occupations

Opportunities of earning a living

Business

Trades

Trades unions

Common labor

Domestic service

Churches

Other organizations

Crime

Civil rights

Political rights

Houses and rents

Property

Relation to whites

Amusements

Special needs.