

*File Cook.
Florida Teacher*

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

I have heard it said that to be fore-warned is to be fore-armed. I have just returned from another meeting of the principals of Florida.

At the end of the various topic discussions, there were mentioned a few statements that to my mind were the sowing of a partial discouragement of our ever receiving equal salaries on the basis of the following argumental facts:

1. Maryland rec'd equal salaries because the Negro is a voter.
2. Virginia also for the same reason.
3. Instances were cited by several principals, that when they went before the proper authorities of their respective BOARDS, and pleaded with them and showed them the necessity of the several requests, that they most always received what they asked for.
(None mentioned about raising salaries and securing the same)
4. We Floridians have no vote, therefore our various SCHOOL BOARD OPPOSITIONS still can wield a continuance of apportioning that amount of salaries to the NEGRO TEACHER as they so desire.
5. However, after I made few critical remarks pertaining to the 'cold water method', the group decided not to place its HEAD OUT ON THE LINE, so aptly expressed by you this morning.

I thought I would inform you of this matter so that you would know what some of the underlying sentiment is at the present time.

I am the young man who talked with you after this morning's meeting as you crossed the street. I told you I was from NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS, and have been a teacher-principal here for six years.

Continued success to you and N. A. A. C. P.

Very Sincerely -

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