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*Negro Ed.*  
Mr. William T. Smith,  
Leesburg, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I am in receipt of an invitation to the dedication of the Douglass High School on Friday, May 15th, and regret more than I can say that an engagement of long standing makes it necessary for me to be in New York on that day. I am sorry to miss this occasion.

At the same time, I want to congratulate you and the other members of the Board on the erection of a new high school building for the Negroes of Loudoun County. I have known Loudoun County and its general situation for many years, since I was State Supervisor of Negro Schools in Virginia more than twenty years ago, and I know that this building has been greatly needed and that its final attainment will mean a great deal to the colored people of Loudoun County.

Again expressing my regret at not being able to be with you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Arthur D. Wright*