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On the second day the arch wires were inserted and stabilized by ligating them to several teeth. Then by wiring the two arches together traction was exerted in such a way that complete reduction of the fracture was produced.

A liquid diet was prescribed and oral hygiene controlled as well as possible by a saline mouthwash. The swelling was reduced by application of cold compresses, and pain disappeared upon reduction of the fracture.

The appliances were removed during the seventh week with good results very apparent so far as healing, occlusion and facial contour are concerned.

### Among the Practitioners as Seen on Tour

From WILLIAM J. MADISON, D.D.S.  
Atlanta University  
Atlanta, Ga.

To JACKSON DAVIS, D.D.S.  
Howard University  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack:

Remember I told you that I would keep in touch with you on the trip, so listen hard as I relate the happenings of the last few days.

As you know, we planned on leaving about six o'clock on the morning of November 6th, but it was raining so hard at that time that we hung around waiting for it to let up. It looked as if it had set in for the day so we finally pulled out around ten o'clock.

Our first stop was a Charlottesville, Va., with our good friend and National Secretary of the N.D.A., Dr. Jackson. He had assembled a group of high school boys at his house and we talked to them about the opportunities in the dental profession. After consuming one of Mrs. Jackson's delicious dinners, we headed for Lynchburg. We stopped there just long enough to have a conference with Dr. Wim-bush, then pushed right on through because we wanted to make Roanoke in time for a meeting which the Medical and Dental Society was having.

We arrived in Roanoke about nine o'clock and went directly to Dr. Paxton's house. We washed up and then attended a meeting at the

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NOTE: These letters were written by Dr. Wm. J. Madison as he and Dean Dixon toured the South in the interest of dental education.

home of Dr. Roberts. It was a great meeting and believe me, Jack, they have a group of wide awake fellow in and around Roanoke. The theme of the meeting was vocational guidance into the field of Dentistry.

With only a few hours sleep to our credit, we pulled out from Roanoke early the next morning and arrived in Durham just in time to speak to the student assembly of the North Carolina College for Negroes. After lunch we looked up several of the dentists in the city. As they were all busy, we did not stop long at any one place.

We left Durham in the afternoon and drove to Raleigh where we spent the night as the guest of President Daniels of Shaw University. While in Raleigh, Dr. Dixon spoke to the students at Shaw and I spoke to a group of young men at St. Augustine College. We had a good night's rest and pulled out bright and early for Greensboro.

We arrived there just in time to speak in the chapel of both A and T and Bennett Colleges. After the chapel exercises we looked up Dr. Barnes, who insisted that we stay overnight and meet the professional group there. We had a swell meeting and ended up with all the trimmings. We pulled out bright and early in the morning headed for Charlotte, N.C., but stopped on the way and spoke to the students at Livingstone College at Salisbury.

We spent three days in Charlotte. Arriving there on Monday night we got a good night's rest. Tuesday we had a fine meeting with the students of Johnson C. Smith College. Wednesday night we attended the monthly meeting of the Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Society at the home of Dr. Williams (and boy, has he a home). The meeting was really grand. These fellows here take their medicine and dentistry seriously and really do things.

We pulled out from Charlotte late at night and arrived in Atlanta around noon the next day. We went out to Atlanta University campus where we were assigned rooms in the beautiful new dormitory. Here we had five colleges to contact, namely, Clark, Morris Brown, Morehouse, Spellman, and Atlanta U. These kept us so busy that we did not have time to visit many of the dentist in the city, but those we did meet informed us that business was good and that they were making plans to attend the N.D.A. in August.

Well, Jack, we've got some long jumps ahead of us, so keep tuned in at this station and I will give you some more static from Kansas City.

Sincerely yours,

BILL MADISON.

To JACKSON DAVIS, D.D.S.

Howard University  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack:

Here we are in Kansas City, Kansas, and since my last letter the Olds. has put many miles behind us.

We left Atlanta reluctantly and drove to Talladega. Spent the night there and talked to the students the next morning. Then we pulled out from there with Montgomery as our next stop.

At Montgomery we stopped on the campus of Alabama State Teachers' College, spoke to the students at their assembly, then pushed on to Tuskegee.

We did not meet the entire student body at Tuskegee, but we did get a chance to interview several students who were interested in Dentistry. We spent the night there and early the next morning we pulled out for New Orleans. One thing about Alabama which is noticeable is the scarcity of Negro dentists, even in the larger cities.

On our way to New Orleans we stopped at Mobile and had a very pleasant chat with Dr. Belsaw. He said that he had definitely made up his mind to attend the N.D.A. this summer.

We arrived in New Orleans about nine o'clock that night, but we had very little trouble finding Dr. Clarence Mason at whose home we were scheduled to stop. I know this is one part of the trip which you would have enjoyed. Scenes of your childhood days. We met the student body at Dillard, and Jack, they really have a school there.

Saturday we attended a football game between Dillard and Arkansas State, but between the halves Joe Louis was introduced and that practically broke up the second half of the game.

Our time in the city was rather limited and we did not get a chance to visit all the dentists there, but we did visit the Flint Goodrich Hospital, and it is really something to be proud of. I almost forgot to tell you that we tried some of the creole dishes that you recommended and found them O.K.

From New Orleans we headed for Houston, but stopped at Beaumont, Texas and had a meeting with some of our Howard graduates. At Houston we stopped with Dr. Peacock. We met the student body at the Houston Junior College and also the students at Prairie View State College. One of the high lights of our stay in Houston was the interesting meeting of the Houston Dental Society at the beautiful home of Dr. Howard. The dentists turned out one hundred per

cent and it was really marvelous. They are very interested in organized dentistry. I wish we could transplant some of their enthusiasm to some of the spots I know in the north which need a little. After leaving Houston we spoke in the chapels and at the assemblies of the following schools: Sam Houston and Tillotson Colleges at Austin, Texas, Texas College at Tyler, Texas, and Wiley and Bishop Colleges at Marshal, Texas.

From Marshal, Texas we jumped to Kansas City, Kansas and arrived there just in time for Thanksgiving dinner with Dr. Dixon's mother-in-law, and boy, can she cook a turkey!

Well, Jack, the trip is about over. We have a couple more stops to make if the weather permits, Lincoln University at Jefferson, Mo., and Wilberforce University at Wilberforce, Ohio. But I will tell you about them when I see you.

So signing off at 12:05 A.M. Central Standard time, from Kansas City, Kansas, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

BILL MADISON.

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**Make All Roads Lead To Washington, D. C., August 10, 11, 12, 13;  
National Dental Association.**

**Be Sure To Read The N.D.A. Announcement on Page 70.**