

and Thloe in the town below
Darius all ways something & further out
as to keep us ^{of} behind. lots of troubles about
de school and de principals we find. sit
years ago we ^{made a great} ~~got~~ in a trouble miss
de Methodist ~~halt~~ de Methodist minister ~~was~~
first to start dis fuss. den he had some
followers as strong as Iron bands. de fust
think we knew twas in de white folks hands

den we told disa how we treated by a tarter
~~and our school~~ ^{and} ~~are~~ ^{the} de trouble layed. how de first
and second ^{year pupils} ~~year~~ spent ~~four~~ years to these
grade. and ~~she was~~ told and he confessed she
told him that niggers head was thick and
could burn de proplains lik white folks ^{halt} so

quint
since she been
live through
Nears Harkins
April 27:30
Ferington, Va.
"Bran"

The Graham Dear Sir
the parents and Citizens of of Lybourn
Downing school and

School Term

~~in case you will find a paper that gives
with 19 24 and other papers that give
Country and Education the moral part can
be done in like into the moral district of
of the Graham Education the condition of our
Education of Lybourn the condition of our
that it is important to the Graham
on far further on means years the Graham
that are at our Graham. We have your interest
that are especially for of Graham's Point
and Education of Lybourn the Graham
and of the Lybourn Downing school
one hundred and twenty five pounds
released you will find a list of
The Graham Dear Sir~~

and we will not recognize the present
petition ^{of the Teachers} used to camouflage the
public. Each teacher appealing to
there on individual friends
with the plea of losing their jobs
^{is this to} sustain the principle in the wrong.
When the public has made no action
the teachers as a whole. We will accept
a petition to retain Mrs Roland as pr-
inciple that is direct to her and not to
the substituted ^{as well as} teachers. We prefer Mrs
[redacted] to make the Curio. ~~as~~ ^{as per} ~~the~~ ^{the} pub-
els will hold the first time to look on her
in their names. Since the trouble has
grown out of Mrs Roland regarding the
progress of our Children, and not being
qualified for the job ~~as they~~ then does
this ~~part~~ petition carrying forward the sub
teachers

We asked for nine months school this
 Eighth month was due to the fact some few
 of the pupils dropped out in warm weather
 of this ^{came from} ~~came from~~ ^{attendance} ~~attendance~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{summer} ~~summer~~
 now ever the nine months was granted
 the second petition was that the first
 and second grade students be permitted
 to spend only one year in each grade
 this was granted, and this code caused
 the condition was due to the fact that
 some one couldn't keep up with their class
 and region children could not do the work in
 all must suffer curriculum
 the same must be ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~time~~ ^{time} to discuss

We also asked at the same time to discuss
 to finish the two years at ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~time~~ ^{time} to finish
 the 7th grade which was the so called eighth
 grade this was granted, and ~~get~~ ^{get} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~time~~ ^{time} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~finish~~ ^{finish}
 year the graduates of the seventh grades
 or so called eighth grade would finish with
 the false teaching of the eighth grade
 the question that arises with us is
 this why our so called leaders would ~~think~~ ^{think}

Disatisfaction among cultured patrons
of Lexington public school

The problem that confronts the
cultured patrons in Lexington the publ-
ic in general knows nothing about
a peculiar situation aroused from a
noncompertain principle.

for a number of years the students have
been required 10 years to do less work
than is done 7 years. Elie where to complete
the Elementary school work.

2 years was required to do the first grade
work 2 years for the second grade, one
year each for 3 and fourth 5th and 6th grade
again 2 years for the 7th. making a grand total
of 10 years
The 2nd year of the seventh grade or the so called Eight
grade is only a camouflage to the public. When
this was discovered 6 years ago there was a leg-
islative committee we met the school board and
was treated with the usual consideration and
Curtis by the good white folks of Lexington

The Corporation of the Mother to form a
 Committee that would report to any mother
 the conduct of her Children. This was a fail-
 ure because many mothers want their children
 do just to suit themselves and I want to
 tell that mother you have been one great hin-
 drence to ~~the~~ ^{to the} progress of this school

I venture to say there is not a teacher in
 here that hasent on some occasion stoped the
 duties of her work to give some children
 Motherly instruction. The manners and respect
 that mothers should teach in the home
 and Fathers should play there part earnestly
 especially to instruct their boys. Parents dont
 dump the responsibility of instructing your
 children on the teachers. Teach them to res-
 pect the teachers and their little play mates
 this will solve many problems better than
 and the school

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There is one great stumbling block that
 we mothers have put in this school
 that is to allow their little 14 and 16 year
 girls and boys to run the streets all

Principal Teachers and Friends. I assure you it is indeed a great pleasure to be with you on the first occasion of this kind in our Community. I can but say we are rising.

This is indeed a long ² stride. Many steps towards a get together program. which will result in a better understanding and a real Coparative Spirit and will mean as much to us as Christianity. if we dont have a Coprativ Spirit and cant come together to thrash out our grievances we dont have Christianity to begin with.

I'm glad to see so many ³ mothers present tonight. My heart has gone out for the neglect of motherly training in Lexington after receive a ⁴ Communiacate from Judge Moore asking our Federation to carry out our work along the line of Child Welfare and Dealing with Children. and especially our dealing girls. it was then I called a meeting at the Baptist Church asking for

tion in the State thus we feel free in ~~the~~ ^{our} Carolina
& you asking of you to help ~~us~~ our prob-
lems and thrash out our grievances knowing
of your reputation as being fairminded
along the lines of Negro Education. This
is indeed a true statement not from one
but many others whom I've come in con-
tact with, and we would not dare bring
to you any thing but the truth.

~~that I~~ before your certain facts of our
now to bring long suffering our patients and indifference
I shall refuse to the past 16 years the Vermy
foundation of our ~~terrible~~ dissatisfaction
is layed at the door of a disqualified
Principal that has ben intrusted with our
School affairs whom has ben proven to be
a rober and a traitor to the Race.

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This deplorable condition were as follows
the first and second grad pupils were Campbell
to spend 2 years to the grade and 1 year to
Each grade thereafter until entering in the

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Mr Gresham our Honorable Supervisor
of Negro Education. We come to represent
a Community of Citizens ~~whom~~ ^{whom} have
been striving in interest of the pub-
lic school in Lexington for eight years
yet we come to you not fastening on with
Malice and hatred in our hearts towards
the teachers on our local board. ~~But~~
but we come to you almost broken-
hearted as a last resort. for persecution
and a swairdeal for a most depen-
dent race on Gods whom you are repre-
senting.

First we appeal to you because of your be-
nevolence among us.
and because of your great interest
have shown in improving and
raising up the low standard of Negro Educa-

7 grade and there to remain for 2 more years
 without completing the 7 grade work.
 and those leaving for other schools have
 to spend from 6 to 8 months to make up the
 insuperably. This as you know is an immense
 any expense to our people. and. ~~the~~ ^{children have been} ~~the~~ ^{taught}
~~the children of the~~ tender years of study
 by incurring the most extravagant amount
 of industry work in the school.
 the Baptist Sunday school lesson was taught
 in the school. ~~the~~

some of the children are actually paid from
 school when equal^{to enter} because of the dislikes
 of Curstain families and this has been ~~the~~
 substantiated by Curstain members of
 the board that these children couldn't enter
 until the day they were 7 years of age. and
 yet at ~~it~~ when Mrs Ralau so desired
 she admitted children at 6 years of age

hours in the night³ attending any kind
of moving pictures and public dances
and the next day instead of discussing these
lessons and other ~~valuable~~ conversations
they are telling other children what a big
time they had. When there

When there is a few children that is deriv-
ed of this shameful privilege and there no-
thers don't want your bad brats telling their
children about some big time.
Mothers this is the wrong ~~contradiction~~ ~~for~~
our school and children

I was told that a mother here said she wanted
her girls to dance drink and smoke Cigaretts
so they would be popular one girl grew to
be very popular all night why her name was
Cased abroad as evil from the mother of
little children. no matter how much her deam-
ure you were she never mind you see

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her going in questionable places
and she was one of the ~~worst~~ worst Curri-
ctars in Lexington and yet ~~that~~ some-
~~mother~~ mother would encourage her by saying
she was as good as other girls and
that mother is a Lye. your old bad
gal is not worth the dirt under the feet
of any good girl

Just one bad child will be a hindrance
to the progress of the whole school. I can
remember here where one bad girl here
had so many Followers that they dropped
out of school one by one and was a
great reflection on our school
Simply neglect of mothers.

Last but not least we want to ask our
teachers what part are you playing
put over this great program
your admitting these little children

but as this you are not fit for your
job.
consider of the st require meet each
teacher signs a card every six weeks
so many visits to the houses of parents
are you doing this? which will create a
better understand better parents children
and your self

and I want to say Teachers wake
up you should play the most important part
part in putting over this ^{great} important pro-
gram. for here you have the little street
children with her little mangle hands poorly
clothed hungry and cold without a ray
of hope or encouragement unless you give
it right hear ~~the~~ ^{you} take her in your arms
these little children have sense enough to
want to feel discourage when they look at
other children's advantages. I want to say if
you neglect some other duties will you take that
child in your arms - ~~press~~ ^{press} her to your bosom
- - - teachers take

from then the world seem cold and dark

When eligible to school as you deprive
ing them of there state rights and pay
ing them for your on selfish motives
this fious and uncalled for robbery
has come to an end thank God.

are you getting the right information
before punishing your children. The worst
Whipping I ever saw my little grand son
get was for a misunderstanding in
school being ~~tried~~ ~~for~~ fighting and
the next day some children told the truth
and the principal found out the fight
was ^{among other children} away over in mud town and not
con on a school day.

are you ~~circumstances~~ helping to shape the lives

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To see your way kindly please of take in
that little action heart and not any the
that this whole community will rise up for
in and call your blessed

The teachers, without doubt have opened up the criticism of the public by fighting a battle not theirs but the principals.

White friends endorsing their faith in the Principal of the Lyburn Downing School, are requested, to ask some of the petitioners about the facts in the case.

To the Public:

As a member of the Lexington School board, I am requested to make the following statement, that at no time has the committee appearing before the School Board made any statement or objection against the subordinate teachers of the Lyburn Downing School.

Signed by: M. Curtis C. Humphreys
R. M. Irby Supt.

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On March 27, 1945, the Germans
made a great drive into the West
and the hope of the Allies in
winning a decisive victory and ending
the war in Europe.