

which have taken all the time and energy I could squeeze from my work.

Alice has had a series of heavy colds and is now in a very serious condition with pleurisy and threatened meningitis. Her fever has been running about 103-104 all day.

If you have occasion to write to Mr. Nicholson please do not refer to this or I have not told her. She is carrying very heavy burdens and I do not wish to add to them.

I have been very greatly puzzled regarding your work but I have the confidence to know that you have given careful thought to the change and have acted as you thought best. As for finances, you know how difficult it was to raise funds last year and now conditions are much worse. I do not see much chance of help from here.

As far as the situation is known to me it seems to me that you would have gained very valuable experience and an opening for carrying out your other plans if you had accepted the teaching position, but I know too little of the details to judge.

I fear that you were in such a discouraged condition that you were inclined to forget



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that a considerable number of friends had made every effort that they could to help you and that the unfortunate situation of your work and credits, however little your fault, was not due to "sectarian narrowness". You must recognize that now church organization could honestly finance you in your new plans. The financial situation has resulted in a loss of over 25% of the expected income of the year and the result is that many of those already in the field have been left without support. It is a very great pity but it is nevertheless a situation which must be faced. For instance the funds voted to Dr. Northrup's work for next year have been suddenly cut by a full 33 1/3%!

These things I write because I want you to know the true situation and not nurse a bitter new born of your numerous disappointments. I don't wonder that you had some such feeling but I do not believe that it was just to your friends.

I must close and get home to Alice. I sincerely hope that your work is going well



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and that you will have a successful year.

In unloading your microscope be careful  
to search each piece of paper in the case  
for lenses or other parts.





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Oct. 24, 1921.

Mr. Alfred B. Xuma,  
Milwaukee, Wis.*Personal - Professional Education*

My dear Mr. Xuma:

I learned with great regret from our mutual friend, Mrs. Nicholson, of some of the disappointments that you have had in your struggles to get a medical education. I just want to say a word or two of encouragement to you. I want you to realize that whatever is worth-while having is worth working for, and is worth sacrificing a great deal of your energy and of your effort, and I want you to know that you have my personal sympathy in your disappointments and struggles. Perhaps it may encourage you to know that I myself was left without a home and without parents when I was eight years of age; and that I did not have the opportunity of even going to high school, in fact, did not have the opportunity of finishing my grammar school education until I was 18 years of age, and that I had to work myself through high school and preparatory school and medical school, but with the aid of Christian friends and with the borrowing of three or four hundred dollars from the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church I was finally enabled to graduate from a medical college, and have since given my service to my fellowman. But you may say that I did not meet with some of the discouragements which you have met with because of your color or race, but let me remind you that there are now at Meharry and have been in the past 45 years many many young men fighting against every conceivable odd and disadvantage, who have been able to work their way through this old school, and some of them are now working their way with all the disadvantages that you have to meet, and they are coming out, most of them, conquerors.

I am deeply sorry that you have not found it best to come to Meharry this fall for your medical education; for after receiving your letter and Mrs. Nicholson's letters I purposely kept some work for you. In fact if you could only come now or if you could not now, but <sup>could</sup> come at the end of the Semester, and bring with you a written statement of having done the work of the first Semester at Marquette University, I believe, that I can still give you some work which will enable you, together with the help that Bishop Nicholson and the Board of Education could provide, ~~it would~~ bring in enough to see you through this college year, and, since the first year is always the hardest, I am sure



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that you would find it possible to work your way through Meharry. "Where there is a will there is a way".

Of course, the objection which you raise against entering a Class B medical college I cannot remove at present, but I will say this, I sincerely believe that by the time or before the time you could graduate from Meharry Medical College, that is, before the four years pass away, I sincerely believe that Meharry will be in Class A medical colleges, but I would not have you change schools because of this statement of mine, unless you, too, could have faith enough to believe that Meharry will be raised to Class A classification before June, 1926.

Again, extending to you our very best wishes and assuring you of our real sympathy and co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*John J. Muldowney*  
President.



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My dear Alfred

I am still  
in Detroit but will be  
home by Tuesday. Please  
drop me a note there  
to tell me whether you  
received the check  
I sent you the 16<sup>th</sup>.  
I want to forward  
it (your letter) to the  
man who gave me



the money so that  
he may know you  
have it.

I hope all goes  
better with you. I am  
just trying by telegram  
and letters to help a  
friend in Tulsa Okla.  
Lorna (an orphan)  
who is about to lose  
everything she has  
because she cannot  
meet a note due Tues-  
day next. I have not  
the money, and can't



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get it, but I am trying  
to find some one  
who can help her.  
Things are difficult  
for very many these  
post war days but  
cheer up! They are  
going to be better  
when we learn  
sense enough to  
disarm!



Alice still has  
fever and trouble in  
one lung. Poor dear,  
and poor, troubled  
parents!

As ever yours,  
E. R. N.



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