

Education - Wilberforce

ABX 350814

P.O. Box 809,  
Pretoria,

August 14, 1935.

My dear Mr. A. B. Luma:

I write to thank you heartily for the medical aid you gave me during my illness at Wilberforce. Your foresight encouraged me in my efforts to tire the mob by delaying my plans until the day Bishop Sims came.

It is to be hoped that a constructive programme will be made at the ensuing Executive Board meeting.

With kindest regards to all,

Yours truly,

James Hantsi

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P.O. Wilberforce Inst.,  
Transvaal,  
Aug. 22, 1935.

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The Rt. Rev. D. H. Sims, M.A., D.D., L.L.D.,  
Chairman of the Executive Board,  
Wilberforce Institute.

Our Lord Bishop and members of the Board,

We the members of the W.H. & F.M. Society, wish to thank you for the pains you have taken in submitting to us, the results of your investigations. We especially thank you for the privilege you have afforded us in giving us official sanction, as an eye over our dear Institute, thus enabling us free investigation. Neither do we our dear Bishop omit to thank you for graciously complying in your own person to attend the recent investigations.

We have readily accepted the suggestion of the Board and have formed ourselves into a Wilberforce Club. Our object is to be of practical use to the school and not always continually complaining; we are, however, compelled to complain once more, and these are our observations:

(1) Our boys and girls are still seen going up and down the village streets, whereas the Church has provided the Institute with an office, where all school business should be carried out. The office has not been in use since the investigation has permitted Mrs Morake to continue her present incumbency.

(2) Mrs. Morake's failure to acquaint the office of the Vice-Principal of her departure, and thus not resigning the administration of the Institute to that office, is a flagrant infringement of a commonly accepted principal, namely that the vice-principal act in the absence of the Principal.

(3) Due to lack of adequate provision, the deplorable breaking for firewood, of the Institute's property has been the result;

- (a) Four ox yokes.
- (b) Part of the Institute wagon
- (c) Some of the Laundry tables

This has been forced upon the Kitchen because Mrs Morake, and subsequently Mr Qupe, failed to attend to the report of Miss Mosaka.

(4) During our recent visits to the school, we found Miss Mosaka laid up in bed and also a few girls and discovered that no provision had been made for the tending of the sick, nor had arrangements been made for the cooking. Children had to be withdrawn from classes to do the cooking. We consider, therefore, that the duties of cook should not be combined with that of matron; we humbly suggest a temporary matron.

We learn that one of the girls that we found sick during our visit has since gone home, we wonder whether proper arrangements had been made for her departure. Such things, Dear Bishop, do not speak favourably for the school and should be avoided.

(5) The Syllabus for the training school requires that the following subjects shall be taught, the first three being the most important.

Sewing: Mothercraft: Carpentry and Domestic Science.  
The current quarter is far spent and teaching of these subjects have not been attended to: We suggest that Mrs Morake, M.A

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Relative to your charges against Mrs E.B. Morako, Principal,

Wilberforce Institute, we make the following report of the Executive Board of the Trustees:

1. The Board has authorised a revision of the regulations governing Wilberforce Institute which we think *will* adequately cover your grievance so far as neglect on the part of the Principal Mrs Morako is concerned as included in paragraph 1.
2. Mrs Morako assures the Board that she has never had the intention of representing the teachers in an unfavourable light to the children, and any impression to the contrary was a misunderstanding of her motives. Suggestions from the Board were made to Mrs Morako relative to this situation.
3. Regulations governing the conduct of the Principal and the staff are being formulated and will remove any further ground of complaint relative to the absence of the Principal and Staff from their respective posts of duty provided they are complied with.
4. It ~~has~~ was made very clear to you that the matter of Mrs Klassen was not a Board matter; she was only substituted by the Principal to carry out the unexpired term of our former Matron Mrs D. Montsico. At the expiration of the term the Board did not re-elect her.
5. The matter of the teachers receiving inadequate and ill-nourishing food will be duly and satisfactorily adjusted between the Principal and the teachers upon subsequent occasions according to the directions given by the Board of Trustees.
6. The Board was delighted to know of your concrete interest in better discipline at Wilberforce Institute. The regulations referred to in a former paragraph will set forth the programme of discipline to govern boys and girls who are students at Wilberforce Institute, and more strict supervision will be given to our girls and our boys for their protection and development. We share with you the anxiety to safeguard the character of our boys and girls.
7. The Board has ordered that no boys be allowed to occupy rooms in the Girls' Dormitory. We believe this is for the best interest of all concerned and will make impossible in the future, rumours which are damaging to our Institute.
8. The Board has provided definite arrangements whereby there will be no ground for misunderstanding relative to the transporting of supplies of the school such as were enumerated by you in Section 11.

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12. The Board is very anxious to see that each student gets a square deal and that no partiality is shown. In the opinion of the Board no evidence was presented showing partiality in the treatment of the students. The Board is investigating the feeding of the children and will take the proper steps to correct any defects which may be found. If any defect is found immediate steps will be taken to remedy the matter. Investigations up to the present seem to indicate that the Wilberforce Institute students receive food which compares very favourably with that given in similar Institutions.

The Board feels that for the School to make a proper start a re-organisation should take place throughout the several branches of the school, but for the present the Board deems it best to retain the present incumbent as Principal and the present staff. As our programme is arranged for a Quadrennium and the present incumbent is elected for the Quadrennium, the matter of re-organisation will be taken up at the next meeting of the Board on Wednesday September 4th 1935 at Wilberforce Institute at 8 p.m.

We thank you Sisters for the fine spirit manifested in this investigation, the Board feels assured that they will receive your fullest co-operation for a greater Wilberforce, which, you have repeatedly said, lies close to your heart, and the heart of the great A.M.E. Church. We would be very grateful to you if you will assist us in locating the keys of the Principal's office, and any other documents or property connected <sup>and turning them over</sup> therewith, to the ~~Board~~ Bishop.

May God's richest blessings rest and remain with you henceforth and for evermore.

N.B. The Board considered it unnecessary to consider Sub-sec.s 6 & 7 in your copy of grievance in which reference <sup>is made</sup> particularly to the past life of Mrs Morake and its effect upon the government of the School, because (1) of your request to withdraw it on reasons of insufficient evidence (2) and because it is the opinion of the Board that such matters would not be pertinent in this consideration at all. This was not brought up upon Mrs Morake's appointment to Wilberforce Institute, and is not a necessary factor in judging her administration of Wilberforce during the period of her incumbency.

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September 10, 1935

Dr. A.B. Xuma  
104 End Street,  
Johannesburg.

*Education - Wilberforce*

Dear Doctor,

I hope you are well and the work goes fine. I arrived home safely and was glad to find Mayme and Careve as fat as Poland-China pigs. I feel much better since I have had a breathing spell and a little rest. I found lots to do, of course. I had to attend to many things which were left undone when I went to the Transvaal. It seems that my work is never done.

I am now planning to go to Bechuanaland and Basutoland. I shall not come by the Transvaal on my way to Bechuanaland. I shall go via Kimberley and Vryberg. I will be back to Wilberforce to hold the Board meeting on the 24th of September at 7:30 o'clock. There will be much to do and I expect it to go up to 11:00 o'clock. On the next day I shall leave for Basutoland and will not return to the Transvaal until late November at which time we shall meet the Administrator. I shall send you the agenda. After the 24th we shall meet the general trustee board at Bloemfontein, have election of Trustees, Executive Board etc., consider plans for the school for the next year.

Now these are some of the things coming up:

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Registration of the school. (a) What it involves on our part. (b) What it involves on Governments part. (c) The Inspectors' attitude. (d) Our reaction and definite policy. (e) Deputation to the Directors of Education.
3. Rules governing teachers and students. (a) Involving contracts etc. (b) Definite policy relative to immoral practices.
4. The Board of Control. (a) Functions (b) Visitors Committee function.
5. Bookkeeping-Treasurer functions.
6. Source of revenue for Wilberforce.

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7. Indebtedness of Wilberforce. (a) Teachers. (b) Other bills.
8. Deputations from the W.F.&F.M. Society (local.)
9. Action on report of Special commission.
10. Any reports etc. from Principal, school, Post office etc.
11. Reports and recommendations from the Teachers committee concerning Matron or others.
12. Miscellaneous.

I hope you will consider these matters and be prepared to give us your best judgement.

Tomorrow night I am engaged in a great mass meeting against War and Fascism. The town is aroused.

Love to the children from us all.

Sincerely yours,

*D.H. Sims*  
D.H. Sims, Bishop



WILFRED W. FRY,  
CHAIRMAN.

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October 1st, 1935.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,  
104 End Street,  
Johannesburg.

*Rare Relation*

My dear Xuma,

It is not necessary for me to tell you how much I enjoyed my recent visit to Johannesburg. I was particularly glad of the time we had to talk at length about the matters which concern us both.

My wife and I have several times discussed you and the children and we have thought how nice it would be if the little girl could spend some time here. I think my wife will be writing you about this.

You will recall our discussion of the possibility of my leaving the country soon. The chances are that I shall be sailing on October 17th. I mention this in order that you may be certain to send me the information which you were hoping to send to me as soon as you have heard from people in Cape Town.

This leaves us fairly well here, I shall write you much more fully within a day or two. With kindest good wishes and love to the children.

Yours sincerely,

MY/SSM

*P.S. I have to  
have Alice at least by  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - possibly on the 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*Educator - Wilberforce  
Institute.*

Wilberforce Institute,

Evaton, Tvl.,

1st October, 1935.

Dear Doctor,

From the representation made to you while in session at Evaton, and which still expressed indictments against administration of the Institute, I feel that it is negligence on the part of "authority" to accept for hearing one side of this issue of persistent and flagrantly wicked aggression. One cannot but feel that advantage is being taken of the Principal, who, under such circumstances, can never be able to suppress these forces of malice without support.

The most regrettable and lamentable feature is an outstanding exposure of sheer weakness and utter ignorance of those sponsoring this malicious propaganda. These "pious and innocent" women are worse than machines which know no fundamentals for the compositions they produce. The whole attack is without modification of the original, and the idea of an inauguration of a Wilberforce Club is a perfect sham.

The Board should realize that the Wilberforce Faculty is collectively answerable for the successes as well as shortcomings of the Institute.

Mrs Morake's administration is not arbitrary. Every phase of our school life is schemed and arranged by the teachers themselves. These common women with the men behind them are inconsistent in their very pretexts for their real objectives. I stand in readiness to counteract opposition on any of the claims set forth against us (not Mrs Morake alone).

This club of censors lays a complaint that boys and girls still go up and down the public roads - The staff has no information about this breach of the club's expectations and rule. It is its suggestion that the Principal go out to meetings outside the school. How soon they forget their grievance of yesterday about the Principal's absence from home. They are so blinded by the glories of their ideal and hope that their very march towards their aspirations is a perfect confusion.

Their onslaught sounds like a grand musical band to whose form of music you, as Executive Board, must continually dance. Naturally so Doctor when you place a weapon of seeming authority to such crude and paltry section of the Church over the school - an absurdity.

Their attitude is a condemnation not of the Principal but of themselves, if they had the wit to see through their own statements. The Board is accused of negligence of many years in the matter of provisions about "Treasurer" and the keeping of "Books". That is sufficient reflection upon those the Board has entrusted with the responsibility in this respect. It is a sheer innuendo.

These saintly christian women have found children sick and other conditions howling for considerations, may I ask the question; what relief or expression of sympathy did they make. They know not they are still telling the same story and singing the same song of self-aggrandisement.

Nazereth may be likened unto a cocoa-nut, so uncouth on the outside yet containing healthy sustenance within. What good will be gained by exposing the school to further onslaughts of those whose outlooks and aspirations are established upon selfish motives.

Why? Help us Lord, this congregation must tend their homes and organisations to which they properly belong.

I did not in reality aim at correction of what is, but I am attempting to clarify what in perhaps may be dimly visualised, by those in authority.

Thanking you, Dear Doctor,

Yours respectfully,



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NORTHAMPTON BUILDINGS,

219, BREE STREET,

JOHANNESBURG.

12th October, 1935.

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*To Dr. Kuno*

Dear Sir,

You will be pleased to learn that we had a successful Meeting in the City Hall last Thursday in connection with our Building Fund Appeal.

The Fund has now been launched, and it is our intention to publish, from time to time in the Press, a complete list of donations.

Before sending the first list to the Press, we feel that you would wish to associate yourself <sup>as a Patron</sup> with the Fund by means of a donation to this great Cause. If this meets with your approval, will you kindly make your cheque payable to the "British & Foreign Bible Society Building Fund", and send it to the above address.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

*J.H. Coller*

Hon: Treasurer:

*Joint Council matters* ABX 35 1014  
14/10/1935

JOHANNESBURG JOINT COUNCIL OF EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

on

THE NEW NATIVE BILLS, TO BE SUBMITTED

TO THE GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF

THE JOHANNESBURG JOINT COUNCIL OF

EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS

At a meeting of the Johannesburg Joint Council of Europeans and Africans, held on Monday, October 14th, 1935, it was resolved to submit to Government the following statement on the Native Bills:-

1. This Joint Council has carefully refrained from formulating its views on the Native Bills, until the Regional Conferences with Native leaders, which have just been held by the Secretary for Native Affairs and two members of the Native Affairs Commission, had been completed.
- A. NATIVE CONFERENCES ON THE BILLS
2. This Council endorses the requests, expressed at nearly everyone of these Conferences,
    - (a) that copies of the Bills, preferably in the chief Native languages, be made available, so as to assist the Natives in familiarising themselves with the contents of the Bills;
    - (b) that further time be given to the leaders of the Natives to study the Bills and consult their followers; and
    - (c) that a National Conference of Native leaders be convened for the final expression of Native opinion.
  3. This Council is deeply impressed by the fact that, at the three Conferences held in the Cape Province, Native opinion was emphatically against the proposed abolition of the Cape Native Franchise, and urges the Government to consider the grave embitterment of race relations which must result from abolishing the Cape Native Franchise against the declared wishes of the Cape Native leaders. This Council has good reason to believe that the Native leaders in the other three Provinces do not desire to purchase the new scheme of representation, offered to them in the Natives' Representation Bill, at the price of the loss of the present Cape Native Franchise.

B. THE NATIVE TRUST AND LAND BILL

4. This Council welcomes Chapters I, II and III of this Bill, in so far as they acknowledge once again the obligation of this country to provide additional land for Native occupation by releasing further areas from the restrictions of the Native Land Act

of 1913, and in so far as they propose the setting up of a Native Trust to administer funds, not only for the purchase of land in such "Released Areas", but also for the promotion of Native welfare in other respects.

5. This Council regards the redemption of the promise of more land for Native occupation, which was written into the Act of 1913 (see sections 2, 3, 4), as a debt of honour to be unconditionally discharged. It, therefore, condemns, without qualification, the attempts which are being made by certain advocates of the Bills, to make the provision of additional land conditional on the abolition of the Cape Native Franchise. The European members of the Council, more particularly, pledge themselves to awaken, by every legitimate means, the conscience of White South Africa to the iniquity of a bargain by which a cherished right is to be wrested from an unwilling people in return for the discharge of a moral and legal debt which - to the shame of White South Africa - has been outstanding for nearly a quarter of a century.
6. This Council doubts the wisdom of fixing any maximum for the new land to be added to the existing Native Reserves, and cannot regard the maximum of seven and a quarter million morgen, proposed in the Bill, as a final settlement of the claim of the Native people to additional land, for the following reasons:-
  - (a) It is common knowledge that considerable portions of the areas to be "released" are already in Native occupation by purchase or otherwise, whereas some of the best portions of the land which the Beaumont Commission of 1916 and the Local Committees of 1918 had scheduled for release, have since then passed into White occupation.
  - (b) No Native census has been held since 1921, and trustworthy figures of the actual numbers of the Native population and its probable rate of increase will become available only through the proposed census of 1936.
  - (c) The economic pressure on the Native population in the existing Reserves has increased very considerably since 1913, and yet the area to be "released" under this Bill is nearly two million morgen less than the areas proposed by the Beaumont Commission for release.
7. This Council regards it as a grave defect of the Bill that no definite funds are placed at the disposal of the Native Trust for the discharge of its various excellent functions. Of the sources of income enumerated in the Bill, only one, viz., moneys voted annually by Parliament, is capable of providing any considerable sum for the administration of the Trust itself for land-purchase, and for Native welfare enterprises. Financial stringency in lean years may well reduce even this source to a mere trickle, if it does not dry up altogether. This Council, therefore, urges that the raising of a large  
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public loan of, at least, £10,000,000 be incorporated in the Bill, so as to make it possible for the Trust to work out a long-range plan of land-purchase and Native development.

8. This Council recognises that the system of Native squatting and labour-tenancy, as at present practised, is often uneconomic, and it accepts the principle of control of Native squatters and labour-tenants, which underlies Chapter IV of the Bill. But, this Council is deeply disturbed by many of the details of this chapter; more especially
- (a) by the failure to recognise the claim for consideration arising from the fact that, in many instances, the Native population which will be affected by this chapter, has been living on the land since long before the White man assumed ownership, and
  - (b) by the further disintegration of Native family and kinship-organisation, inevitably resulting from the displacement of Native squatters whose licence-fees the White owner is no longer able or willing to pay; of labour-tenants declared to be redundant; of the sons of legitimate labour-tenants who are compelled to leave the farms on attaining the age of twenty-one years;
  - (c) by the lack of any adequate guarantee of proper provision elsewhere for these displaced Natives.

9. C. NATIVES' REPRESENTATION BILL

This Council rejects the principle of political segregation along racial lines, which this Bill tries to give effect; and therefore declares itself opposed to the abolition of the Cape Native Franchise, and is in favour of a policy such as was proposed in the Joint Committee by Senator F.S. Malan, viz., the extension of the Cape Native Franchise to the whole Union, subject to a stiffening-up, and more careful definition, of the qualifications to be possessed by Native voters, male or female, for admission to the same register as White voters.

10. Should the adoption of this policy be impracticable, this Council proposes, as an alternative, that the new Communal Native Franchise, proposed in the Bill for the election of four Senators and of a Native Representative Council, be introduced for all Natives in the three Northern Provinces and for those Natives at the Cape who do not possess the qualifications for the individual Franchise; and that consideration of the future of the individual Native Franchise at the Cape be postponed until such time as experience of the proposed new system has shown its practical value (or disvalue) for the expression of Native interest and opinion.
11. This Council would also prefer the White representatives, elected by Native Communal vote, to sit in the--

the House of Assembly, not in the Senate, and to have the same powers and privileges as Members of the House sitting for White constituencies.

12. As regards the details of the proposed Communal Native Franchise, this Council endorses the criticisms and suggestions already put forward by the Bloemfontein Joint Council, in Section 4 of its Resolutions submitted to Government, and more particularly the recommendations for
- (a) increasing the number of electoral areas;
  - (b) providing for more elected members of the Native Representative Council; and
  - (c) protecting elected members against arbitrary removal from Council, by giving them the right to appeal to the Courts against removal (i.e., compelling the Government to show, to the satisfaction of the Court, that they have been removed for proper cause.)

#### D. DEFINITION OF NATIVE

13. This Council draws attention to the fact that the definition of "Native" in the Native Land and Trust Bill differs from that in the Natives' Representation Bill, so that many individuals will be classed as "Natives" for the purposes of the one Bill, but not for those of the other.

In this connection, this Council points out that the correct interpretation of the more elaborate definition of "Native" in the Natives' Representation Bill is still full of difficulty and ambiguity, and liable to create great hardship in application (see Analysis of the Definition in Race Relations, Vol. II, No. 4, pp. 36, 7.)

#### E. GENERAL COMMENTS

14. This Council holds that the principles of territorial and political segregation of Whites and Blacks, which underlie the Bills, are in conflict with the facts of the inter-racial situation in South Africa. Such segregation would be practicable, if South Africa were, or would still be, divided into White areas, of which the permanent population is exclusively White; and Black areas of which the permanent population is exclusively Black; and if both areas were, in principle, economically self-sufficient. In that case, the Natives in their own areas, under White overlordship (as, e.g., in the Protectorates), could live "their own lives", entering the White areas, at most, only as visiting aliens (or foreigners), working as temporary labourers supplementing the White labour supply where that should prove insufficient.

In actual fact, this situation does not exist, and cannot be brought about, for the following reasons, among others:-

- (a) The existing Native areas, though reserved for a permanent population exclusively Black, are not economically self-sufficient, and cannot, in spite of possible improve-  
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ments, be made so, because they are

- I. overcrowded (in varying degrees), and
  - II. both agriculturally and industrially unable to provide the population with the money-income required for payment of taxes, and for the satisfaction of needs growing through ever-increasing contact with White civilisation.
- (b)(i) The White areas require a permanent Native population for labour on White farms; and such labour is effectively held fast there by labour-tenancy under the Master and Servants Act. It is contrary to fact to regard the bulk of Native Farm labour as merely temporary wage-earners, coming from and returning to their homes in a Native Reserve. They are part of the economic organisation of the White areas, and their presence, as a permanent element of the population of the White areas, conflicts with the principles of clear-cut territorial segregation.

- (c) The economic organisation of White Society in White areas, in respect of domestic, municipal, industrial, mining labour, requires constantly the services of several hundred thousand male, and a smaller number of female, Natives. It is true that this labour is to a large extent migratory, but an increasing number of individuals spend the bulk of their adult-working lives in White employment, and their prolonged absence has a destructive effect both on Native family life, and on the economic self-sufficiency and development of the Native Reserves. White areas cannot do without the labour of Natives: Natives cannot do without wages earned in White employment - on this rock, segregation once more breaks down.

- (d) The present extent, and rapid growth, of urban locations, with their individual houses for Native families, bears witness that Natives are now forming a permanent element of the population of "White" towns, too.

- (e) And, all over South Africa, though to a different degree in different areas, the old homogeneity of Native society and culture has broken, or is in process of breaking, down. The number of completely detribalised, urbanised, civilised Natives may still be relatively small, but it is rapidly growing. The number of semi-detribalised is larger. In short, it is no longer possible to lump all "Natives" together, as if they were an undifferentiated mass, with the same standard of life for all, and the same education (or lack of it.) The Native who is a fully-trained medical man, with American or European degrees; the Native who is a graduate of our own Univer- --sities--

sities; the Native Minister or Evangelist or Teacher trained, e.g., at Stofberg Gedensskool, can no longer be pushed back into the Kraal. It is, perhaps, the most fundamental fault of these Bills that they are trying to ignore, or even to undo, the development of a century, by treating as alike people who are no longer alike, except in the colour of their skins, and by putting a highly-trained professional man on the same level as a "red blanket" Kaffir, as equal units in the counting of heads for a Communal Vote.

15. This Council believes the ideal of total segregation which could alone justify these Bills, to be an unrealisable dream. Historic development, and mutual economic dependence of Whites and Blacks - disguised, but not abolished, by the existence of special Native Reserves - have made a large proportion of Natives an integral part of the structure of South African Society, even in so-called "White" areas. The recognition of this fact makes it impossible to base the Native Policy of the country on the principle of Segregation. On the contrary, it obliges us to face the unanswerable claim of those Natives who, under pressure and encouragement from us, have become permanent parts of the structure of South African Society, to full opportunities for advancement, and to full rights of membership, in that Society.

/ML.

Personal

c/o Mr. S. Evans,  
Upper Gaborone  
P. O. Coghlan.

21st Oct 1935

Dear Son,

I am very sorry  
my son because I never saw  
you since you went to America.  
When you were at Manzana  
I came just after you left.  
What I want to say now my  
son, we are suffering from  
starvation and drought,  
and on top of that I want  
my son to get married soon.  
please ~~lend~~<sup>give</sup> me some money  
to overcome this difficulty.

If you are able to help me  
I shall be glad to have  
it not later than December.

We are all well hoping  
you the same. please send  
me your address.

I am,

Your loving father,  
George Xuma.

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October 24, 1935

Dr. A. B. Xuma  
104 End St.,  
Dorrfontein, Johannesburg.

My dear Dr. Xuma,

I hope you and the children are well. We are doing nicely with the exception of news that Mrs. Sims' mother has high blood pressure. I told her not to worry that is quite fashionable in these days and can be managed if conditions are not chronic. I am advising her about diet etc. I am taking your job, ha ha.

This has been a mighty busy time for me. Likewise it has been for Sister. She is growing so huge that she is spreading all over Cape Town.

My trip into Basutoland was a great blessing, I think. I ~~was~~<sup>am</sup> glad to be home. You should have seen me on ponies climbing up mountains and galloping over hills.

Now Wilberforce is on my mind. We must not faint nor grow weary. It is a hard job. Mrs. Morake has done wonderfully well. Conditions there have been the nemesis of all of her predecessors. It was long before I fully understood. Some of her trouble is sex-prejudice. She is a woman. In my recent travels I found out that the Chiefs, beginning with the Paramount Chief Griffith in Basutoland and ending with Paramount Chief Mtshwoeti in Bechuanaland, have this sex-prejudice. It is among the people. It is an obstacle. It is of course surmountable but a hard job. Now unfortunately the people raise the money for Wilberforce support and must have a say. In the main they are not competent even to pass opinion but it is their right. We have that unfortunate situation. So it is a process of education that must go on. My candid opinion is that the time and situation are right for definite reforms there. We need rehabilitation. We need Government subsidy. Does Mrs. Morake want to carry on for another Quadrennium? Do you feel she can

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to her best advantage and that of the school? Those things I am pondering in my own mind. I know what the majority of all the trustees, of every description, Board of Control, Executive Board and general Trustee Board think. But I keep an open mind. I intend to have a frank soul to soul talk with her at Bloemfontein. I want you present then. Of course I know you nor she have quite agreed with my methods. Friends cant always agree on details. I know one thing, I saved Mrs. Morake and I saved Wilberforce and on the foundation laid a more noble superstructure. Similar experiences have taken place in other denominational schools.

I plan a deputation to the Director of Education, subsequent to our conference in Bloemfontein. You will be appointed a member, Mr. Achterberg will be present. The tentative date is ten o'clock Tues. November 27th.

Mother Sims and Careve send love and hope to see you in Bloemfontein. I have cancelled my booking on the Italian boat and will sail later in December.

Sincerely,

*D.H. Sims*

D.H. Sims, Bishop

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Holy Rood,  
P. O. Burntop,  
via Pit Reef,  
Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1935.

San Steyn has been head teacher in this school for 18 months. He is leaving at the end of the term because it is felt that it is necessary that a teacher here should be able to teach in the vernacular (Zulu). He will not be sorry to be leaving because he feels that he does not get enough response from the boys under him, especially when he has tried to put a spirit of discipline into them by starting "Pathfinders".

He is a keen man in his work, and I have no fault to find.

Rev. J. R. Moffatt,  
Superintendent.

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ABX 35 1112

12th Nov., 1935

My Dear Bishop,

How are you and yours? I hope well. We are doing nicely up here. Your letter in reference to Mrs Morake gave me pain and anguish. I had all sorts of emotions when I reflected upon and thought of the plans we had made and agreed upon, we three but were never executed because of financial reasons. You hold the purse strings and all depends on you.



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From:  
The Rev. Canon S. P. Woodfield, M.A.  
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18th. November, 1935.

Mr. W. Boyce Petros has been known to me for some years past and he has served as Principal teacher of schools under my superintendence.

He is now leaving the post of Principal Teacher of Moletsi Anglican Mission School at his own request for private reasons, and I have pleasure in recommending him as a modest and capable teacher. He possess the Cape Native Teacher's Certificate and has had many years' teaching experience.

(Sgd). S. P. WOODFIELD

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