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717 Prairie St.
Milwaukee, Wis.
Jan 4, 1926

Dear Bro. D. Kama,
Once again
we meet as it were. How do
you do? And how is everything
progressing with you?

I would have written
long ere this, but I was just
leaving H. Paul when I
received your last letter.
Since I have been here my
health physically and

mentally has been way below
par. As a result I can't see
a thing. All seems dark and
dreary. My feelings refuse
to work. And I am thereby cut
off from communication with
everybody. Infinite wrath
and Infinite despair. Whither
whither shall I fly.

I don't know what this sounds
like to you - Swan song or
human blues. But boy! boy!
I've certainly got it badly.

Everything is very quiet around here. In fact, it's just a dead bung. Things are tough as hardes. Everything is padlocked. The bread-line is several blocks long and I'm at the very end with nothing to fingle. I am just now thinking that one half the world knows not how the other half fares. You know the monkey said to the elephant "He tough tiddy, big boy, but I guess I'll have to suck it."

I suppose you heard of the sad
flight of F. R. B. It was quite a shock
to us all. He left without a
word to anybody.

Many folks inquire
after you both here and in
St. Paul. They all wish you
success & happiness in your
struggles & endeavors.

Accept my best wishes
for the New Year.

All the fellow wish to
be remembered.

Your friend
Bruce.

ABX 260209

Meharry Medical College

JOHN J. MULLOWNEY, M. D., PRESIDENT

Nashville, Tennessee

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 9, 1926.

Dr. Alfred B. Xuma,
City Hospital No. 2,
St. Louis, Mo.

*Personal - Professional
Education*

Dear Dr. Xuma:

Replying to your letter of February 8 I am very glad to know that you are still thinking of teaching, but you do not say in your letter what branch or branches of medicine you feel drawn to, or feel that you have some special training or leaning toward. It is very important that we should know this, and then I would like to have you send me in typewritten form, if possible, a full and complete statement of your training beginning with the grammar school and high school on through your present position. Also state your age, whether you are married or single, and the minimum salary at which you would be willing to begin, with the understanding that you are to give full-time. Also make it clear to me; is it your intention to go back to Africa after you have had a year or more of experience in America, or is it your intention to devote yourself to the teaching profession in this country?

I cannot tell definitely whether there will be any available place open next fall or not, but I would be very glad to have your application on file, and the data or information that I am asking for which would guide me in coming to a decision.

While you are writing to me you might also give me a frank and confidential statement of what you think of the St. Louis Hospital No. 2, and the intern service that you received there. I am asking this because every year quite a number of our graduates go there, and I want to get the impression of those who have served, and also of the opportunity that exists there, also your estimate of the Meharry men that have been serving with you. Of course, I will keep this confidential, but it will be of help to me.

With best wishes for you, I am

Fraternally yours,

John J. Mullowney
President.

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February 26, 1926.

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
City Hospital #2,
St. Louis, Mo.

Personal - Professional Education

My dear Alfred,

I am glad to hear from you after so long a silence. I had often wondered how you were and how you were progressing in your work.

I have written to Dr. Mallowney, reminding him that the Bishop had recommended you for a place on his faculty. I hope that you may secure it. I assured him that you would do fine work and that you were entirely worthy of such a position. I believe that your ideals are worthy of a teacher of youth.

Of course I was not "amused" because you had not been able to secure your diploma. I was very sorry, indeed. It seems a great pity that your diploma should cost so much. I had to pay only five dollars for mine and in the state of my finances that seemed a very large sum. I spoke of you and your heroic struggle for an education, your desires to do missionary work among your own people, your steadfastness of purpose, and uprightness of character, before a little group of friends, the day your letter came. They wished to have a share with me in the purchase of your diploma, so I am enclosing a check covering their gifts for this purpose. When you look at the diploma in future years it will remind you, not only of your own hard work and struggles, but also of the friends who always believed in you and hoped the best for you. While I would have been glad, many times, to do more for you than was in my power, I have not ceased these many years, to think of you with high appreciation of your purposes and efforts and with most sincere desires for your best success in the achievement of your plans.

We shall be glad to hear from you when you leave the hospital, whether you go to Meharry or wherever you may be led next.

Most sincerely yours,

Evelyn Riley Nicholson
Mrs. Thomas Nicholson.

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Please write to Dr. Cornelius Patton Congregational House 14 Beacon St Boston, Mass. about your hopes and plans. His Board has a hospital in S. Af. I stalked to him about you in N.Y.

ABX 260224

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GRETTA E. WILSON
CHURCH SECRETARY

February 24th. 1926

Personal - Professional Education

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson,
657 Virginia Park,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Nicholson:-

After reading your letter at the meeting of our Foreign Department yesterday afternoon I was able to secure the sum of four and one half dollars from six of our ladies. This brings the total to twenty dollars and we are indeed happy to be able to do this bit for Dr. Xuma. Our best wishes go to him and we sincerely hope that his path, in the future, will be much easier.

Very sincerely yours

GW
Encl.

Gretta E. Wilson.

Personal - Professor
Education493 Whitall St.,
St. Paul Minn.,
Mar 7, 1926

My dear Alfred B.,

For sometime it has been my very earnest intention to write you but seems as though I can never do the things that I want to do at the time I wish to do them. I am now studying for those mighty quarter exams and not being a very bright student I have to "Cram"

I was indeed very glad to hear from you for I was wondering what was the matter. I understand to be in charge of a ward must mean steady and hard work.

Undoubtedly you are getting wonderful experience. Will you be there all next summer?

Donald Brown graduated from the medical college last quarter and is now interning at McHenry. From reports he likes it very well.

You asked about my plans. I am not quite sure where I am going but Mr. Carter of the Urban League says he has something very worth while which he is saving as a graduating present. I hope to leave St. Paul however.

Have you seen any plays by amateur actors this season? Our sorority girls are planning to give a play and it certainly has proven a task to select one. I wrote to the Opportunity for a list of their prize winning plays but have not heard from them.

I am going to see "Rose Marie" to night. Have you seen it. I have heard many good things about it so I am very anxious to go. The "Indian Love Call" is one of the song she sings.

It seems our little old town moves on with little perceptible

Variation. I sometime think we ^{also}
are cut off from all civilizing
influences. And for that reason
I await the coming of summer
with impatience.

I must sign off for lack of news.
Please write whenever you may
have the time and inclination
for I am always very glad
to hear from you.

Best wishes to you,

As ever

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1930 SHERIDAN ROAD, EVANSTON, ILL.

March 10, 1926.

Dr. Alfred Xuma,
St. Louis, Mo.
City Hospital No. #2.

*Personal - Professional
Education*

My dear Alfred,

I find it very difficult to answer your letter. One came from Dr. Mallowney before yours reached me, inclosing a copy of the letter he wrote you. I think I shall send you his letter to me, asking that you return it immediately so that the Bishop can see it when he comes. He is away at present so cannot advise you as you request.

Of course I can well understand Dr. Mallowney's point of view. That is, I see his embarrassment as an administrator of a school for which he has ambitious plans but wholly inadequate funds. He is writing all around the country trying to raise funds for an endowment and had even applied to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to help that laudible enterprise. Of course that is entirely without the scope of our work as our money is all raised for work abroad. Ninety-five cents of every dollar paid into our treasury goes to our foreign work.

If I had had an opportunity of talking with you or advising you before you wrote to Dr. Mallowney, I would have suggested a different type of letter. I think you placed your minimum entirely too high and gave him, perhaps, a wrong impression of yourself, in doing so. Of course I see this thing from your point of view, also, and wish with all my heart that you could find a position where you could render real service, exercise a Christian influence on younger students and at the same time make enough money to pay your debts and further your plans. That, however, is quite too much to expect to accomplish in one year. At least I know no church institution where it could be done. Indeed I doubt if there are very many tax supported institutions of that sort, paying such salaries to new teachers. I am trying to get information from our State Medical School here in Michigan, on this line.

I am informed that the St. Louis, Cleveland, and Chicago public schools are among the best paying schools in the country, so that your calculation was based on a higher scale that is general throughout the country. I have made inquiry of the Detroit Board of Education. It is their practice not to employ anyone without experience. Teachers are expected, no matter what their qualifications, to serve as substitutes in the grades at a wage of seven dollars per day, wherever and whenever they

may happen to be needed, before being admitted to the high school faculty. Sometimes, in an "emergency", as they informed me this morning, they have taken a teacher in without this service in the elementary schools within the city. It is not their practice and they do not do it unless the teacher presents a certificate for two years of normal work in addition to the college diploma, or, as a substitute for the normal work, fifteen hours of "methods etc. in Education" as a part of their college credentials. Of course the Normal Training usually includes "practice teaching". A successful teacher said to me, yesterday, "When I applied for my first position the Superintendent said to me, 'We do not employ teachers without experience and you cannot get experience without a school, so there you are!' (My grandmother told my father that he must not go near the water until he learned to swim. He never learned how to swim, to his dying day, for he was an obedient boy!) The thing is not so absurd as it seems on the face of it. Imparting knowledge is a vastly different thing from acquiring it. Many of our teachers in this country began in the rural or small town schools. I served my own apprenticeship in that way in a non commissioned high school, teaching twenty-eight classes per day, at a salary of forty dollars per month. My next position, which I could not have obtained without the preceding successful experience, was secured after I had received my A. B. and A. M. degrees and in competition with graduates of Yale, Harvard and other leading Universities, men and women. I was elected to the Headship of the Latin Department with two assistants and my salary was sixty dollars per month. I remained four years, my salary being increased each year and then went to Cornell College at a lower salary because I wished to be in a church school. When I left Cornell College, I had been for some years a full ranking professor on regular professor's salary. I had had three years of graduate work at leading Universities of the United States and one year of study abroad. The highest salary I ever received was \$170 per month. You will understand that your letter to Dr. Mullooney quite took my breath, as well as his. Of course I know that the wage scale is higher now than it was then. However, salaries in our church schools have not been raised proportionately, as they have in some other lines, in industry, for instance. The fact that they should have been does not alter the conditions. An editorial in the New York Times last week condemned the country for paying more to its army officers than it pays school teachers.

To get back to the practical question, if I understand the circumstances, Dr. Mullooney cannot offer you more than one hundred dollars, even though he is paying more than that to other members of his staff, whom he doubtless hopes to retain, I should suppose you ought to accept his offer. A recommendation from the President of such a school, after a year of successful teaching will be worth more to you, I dare say than the dollars which you might feel you were sacrificing. You might even desire to stay a second year at an increased salary. It might pay you to investigate the scientific department of colored high schools in St. Louis, before closing matters with Dr. Mullooney. I am sorry I do not know of anything better to advise. I do not need to tell you that I have your best interests at heart in all that I have said above. I shall eagerly await word concerning your further plans.

Very sincerely yours,

Evelyn Riley Nicholson

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson.

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April 13-

My dear Alfred - Please note the date on the letter on reverse side. Last night my secretary came to me in tears almost and brought me this letter, sealed and addressed, and which I had supposed was in your possession a month ago. She had slipped it in a book she was carrying and had taken it down town expecting to mail it on the way. It remained in the book until last night! She is almost never guilty of carelessness and, of course, I did not scold her for that would not mend matters at all. Well now you know why you did not hear from me - as I supposed you had!

Perhaps it is just as well. The Bishop, when I had an opportunity to talk with him, felt as though you might be able to do better somewhere. He wrote you at his earliest opportunity. Meantime, Mrs. Bridgman has seen you, doubtless, and I am eager to know what you decided.

Your sincere friend

Evelyn Nicholson

ABX 260318

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March 18, 1926.

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Signed
H.S. Shipley
Cashier

Mr. A. B. Xuma,
City Hospital #2,
St. Louis, Mo.

Personal - Professional Education

My dear Xuma:

Received your letter of March 17th
this morning and can easily see how hard it is for
you to get along on \$10.00 a month, therefore I
enclose herewith St. Louis draft payable to your
order in the amount of \$60.00, and hope it is
enough to get you a new suit and a hat. With
best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

O.J. McEwre

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March 24, 1926

Alfred B. Xuma, M. D.
City Hospital #2
St. Louis, Mo.

Personal - Professor of Education

My dear Dr. Xuma:

Your letter addressed to Secretary Cornelius Patton of the American Board of Missions has recently been brought to my attention. We are very much interested in your desire to return to your native land for medical missionary work. From what you have written you seem to have obtained a very fine training here in this country, and we do hope you will be able to carry out your purpose of going to London and securing a British Diploma which will qualify you to practice medicine anywhere in the British Dominion of South Africa.

It is indeed true that the American Board has a rather well-equipped hospital at Durban, South Africa. It is my understanding that it has a capacity of 35 beds, and last year had nearly 600 in-patients with over 5000 total patients treated in all departments.

It so happens that we are contemplating opening a new hospital at Johannesburg in the Transvaal. Just now we are conducting a campaign to raise funds for the building and equipment and also to secure an endowment to help meet the running expenses. This last summer a nurse, the daughter of one of our missionary families from Natal, has gone back to the field, and is studying the language this winter. We hope that this next fall she will be able to go to Johannesburg and help in a dispensary we have been conducting for several years now. The doctor in charge of the dispensary is a lady Swiss doctor, wife of one of the businessmen in Johannesburg. She has so far given freely of her time in caring for the patients at the dispensary. I am not at all certain as to what arrangements will be made as regards the staff of the hospital in Johannesburg when it is built. It may be that the Board will want to transfer one of its medical missionaries from one of our stations in Natal, or they may ask us to find some doctor in the homeland to meet this need.

I would appreciate it very much if you would write us frankly as to the type of work you would want and where you would prefer to be located. If you would fill out the enclosed blank, it would help us a good deal in considering the matter. I note that you will not be ready to leave the United States until the fall of 1927. This will permit us to go into the entire problem very thoroughly. You

Dr. Alfred B. Xuma -- 2

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can readily realize that we do not want to make any mistake. We should want to obtain a complete set of references, but before we do that, I am anxious to know whether you would be interested in opening I have mentioned above.

If I can be of any help to you as you face the future, I trust you will feel free to write me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mark H. Ward, M. D.

Mark H. Ward, M. D.

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT BISHOP

PERSONAL

April 3, 1926.

Mr. A. B. Xuma,
City Hospital No. 2,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Personal - Professional Education

My dear Brother Xuma:-

I have been absent in the East almost all the time for the last month or more and my mail has fallen sadly behind. I am just in between engagements this morning and am trying to crowd off at least a fraction of this accumulated mail.

I do not know what to advise you. Doctor Mallowney has that matter in charge. They have gone there for many years on a sacrificial basis. You must decide for yourself under all your conditions. I think you are justified in taking the place which gives you the largest income and which enables you to pay up your college debts at the earliest possible date. If you can get nothing better than is offered at Meharry, I should advise you to take it.

I will drop Doctor Mallowney a note and urge him to offer you something better if he can. I have not been able to attend the trustee meetings in two or three years, though I am still a trustee. I am so far away I cannot take any active part in the work of the institution but unless conditions have changed they are on a sacrificial missionary basis and are compelled to make one dollar do the work of ten. You cannot judge him by stating that he is offering less than nurses only High School graduates are getting in Saint Louis. My supposition is that he is offering not what he would like to offer but what the necessities of the budget permit. As I said, I will drop him a line and urge him to offer you more if possible, but you must make your own decision as to where you go.

Very cordially yours,

Thomas Nicholson

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Personal -
Professional
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144 Hancock St.
Auburndale, Mass.
23 April '26

My dear Dr. Xuma:-

Ever since my
return to Auburndale
last week, I have wanted
to write & tell you my
pleasure in the satisfactory
visit we had that evening.

I certainly congratulate you
on the completion of the

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transgress their rule not to aid
in any denominational way. But
it is quite probable that he may
be able to help you on your debts
to private parties. Mr. Davidson
asks me to tell you to send
him a full statement of the
monies you are owing, &
he will see what he can do to help.

Do not be afraid to be perfectly
frank with him. He is a splendid
Christian gentleman and a man
of large heart and private means.

long and arduous task
which you have marked
out for yourself and that
you are soon to be ready
to make your contribution
in splendid service to your
native land.

I have talked with Mr.
Davidson, whose Committee
holds in trust certain funds
for the help of needy students.
He tells me that the money
which you owe to the
Methodist Church cannot
be given you as that would

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His address is
Mr. Frank F. Davidson
Auburndale, Mass.

Trusting that you are keeping
well (do not take liberties with your health!)
and with best wishes for the
further fulfillment of your aims,
Yours very sincerely

Clara Davis Bridgman.

I enclose a statement
of the need in Johannesburg
of the plans for the Hospital - ^{that will} ^{for you} ^{the facts}

ABX 260508

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Personal - Professional Education

May 8, 1926.

My dear Mr. Xuma:

As we had failed in our efforts to hear from you regarding your Student Loan, we wrote Northwestern University. A reply has come from them that you are an interne this year.

May I call to your attention the very definite promises you made us when we granted your request for a loan. One of these promises was to keep in touch with us at least annually so long as your loan remained unpaid. Borrowers serving as internes are considered in school and, therefore, there are no payments due on your loan at this time.

If mail is not forwarded to you from Engcobo Post Office, Tumbuland, Cape Colony, South Africa, please advise us on the enclosed post card where we may write with the certainty of reaching you promptly. We shall expect to hear from you in the fall as to your whereabouts and whether or not you are still serving as an interne.

Sincerely yours,

D. Underhill
Correspondent

Collection Department.

Mr. Alfred Bitini Xuma,
City Hospital #2,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
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GROVER J. LITTLE

May 21, 1926.

*Personal - Professional
Education*

Mr. A. B. Xuma,
City Hospital #2,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Xuma:

I was in Chicago for one day but found myself so rushed that it was humanly impossible to get to see Mr. McEnroe. However, I will be there on Friday of next week and will call on him without fail. In the meantime, sit tight until you hear from me.

I believe you are using the best judgment by planning to return.

Very truly yours,

Grover J. Little

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THE MENTHOLATUM COMPANY

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June 29, 1926.

ABX 26 0629

OFFICE OF
A. A. HYDE, PRESIDENT.

personal - professional education

Mr. Alfred B. Xuma,
3763 Wabash Ave.,
Y. M. C. A.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

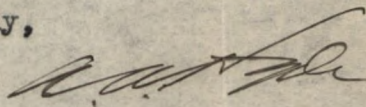
Your good letter of June 24th is received
and has been carefully read.

The appreciation you express for Grover
Little, I am sure, is well founded. We have known him for
a number of years and think very highly of the work which,
in the hands of the Lord, he has been able to accomplish
for students at the University.

Now that you have your diploma, we hope the
way will open to you for increased income, and that you
may soon be able to pay off indebtedness and get into the
life service which you desire. We are sure the Lord will
guide your steps, as He has so clearly promised.

AAH/ID.

Sincerely,


(A. A. Hyde
President)

Personal 6/7/26

ABX 260706

My dear Dr. Kuma;

It is with regret that I write this note of explanation to you, for I had hoped that our acquaintance should always reflect clearness and at all times we would both understand. On yesterday I was detained at the Y. N. C. a longer time than I imagined. I called you at seven from the "Y." You were reported as being away. I left a message for you, did you get it?

Please excuse me for not calling you again for I did not. I was waiting at the "Y" a chance to call you later in the evening but finally became embarrassed and left. It was too late for me to call after I arrived home.

The question in mind now is "When will I see you?" Will you call me this afternoon at six? Accept my apology for breaking an engagement and I promise but it was not done without an attempt to communicate with you, nor many, many thoughts about you; and a great big wishing I could see you.

Lovingly your very true friend,

Hillette Estelle Person.

6/7, 1926.

Personal

ABX 260714

4048 Emright Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

July 14, 1926.

My dear Alfred:

Your letter has been
a source of great happiness
since I have rec'd it. It is
not because I did not wish
another every day since receiving
this one why I haven't answered for
I could have read and appreciated
a new letter each day I have re-
read this one but it has been
due to my summer term quarterly
report why I have not answered.

Really it seemed too bad for me,
when you consider how long ones
apprentice work is termed, not to have
known each other earlier. I can't blame
Alvise(?) for that I refer to Miss Logan.
She, at least, was generous enough
to present you at the dance & permit
me to form an acquaintance with you
for which I shall ever remain
thankful and hope to always
prove loyal to her for. That your
friendship has meant to me has been
more than one cares to set on
paper hurriedly. It has been a
real life experience that seldom
happens in a single life's time. I shall
not expect to be so blessed by a similar

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Did you know I was teaching.
summer school at Marshall? This
week closes the first quarter of the
summer term and quite a bit of "red tape"
in way of reports are due on Friday
of this week as well as the payroll.
I am about to sign for my first
summer school check. Imagine my
thrill over the same when the check is
exactly \$78.00 a cut of \$36. due to starting
a week late and the next day an
interest note of \$75.00 due on a six
month note. I'll have \$3.00 balance
to ~~spend~~ spend.

experience again. God is so good to us.
At times we are set to wondering, why?
If you appreciated my friendship
I am glad. that I have done for you
has been freely given. If I had more
to give for friendship's sake I would
given of it freely not because I expected
a reward or return but because
it gave me pleasure to be a friend
of yours.

I thought of you a great deal
last Friday. I visited a florist
the one that I bought your
flowers from. The girl remembered me
and asked if you liked them. I told
her how much I appreciated her
kindness in selecting the freshest
flowers. ^{Did you succeed in your business}
transaction there? I wish you every good wish.
Yours very truly, M. L. L. L.

ABX260717 4379th Garfield Avenue.
St. Louis, Mo.
July 17, 1926.

Dr. A. E. Juma. Personal
Dear Dr Juma:

Are n't you surprised to
receive a letter from me?

But I am very anxious
to know if you are in
Chicago are not or
where in the world are
you? I have been look-
ing, and looking to get
a letter from you. the
reason I looked so very
hard because you
promised it to me.

And usually you always
do what you say,

you are going to do.

I would be delighted
to hear from you very
soon.

As we will be there
the last of the month
and would at least like
to get a glance at you.

Please answer soon.

Yours truly,

Anna C. Coleman.

3737 Finney or 4879
Garfield Ave.

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My dear Alfred,

Your letter just received. I at once got in touch with the Supt. of the Dist. S. Schools of the African M. E. Ch. and with the wife of Bishop Vernon of the A. M. E. Church. I am trying to get the pastor of their biggest Church here, the Bethel A. M. E. So far, I can not get him over the telephone. His address is Rev. Gomez, Antoine and Frederick. (No, that is the address of his church. He lives at 571 Frederick St.)

You'd better write to him. He has a very large congregation. Have you spoken in the large colored churches in Chicago?

My wealthy friends here are away on vacation. I don't know anyone to consult. In fact, I have not made a great many such acquaintances here as I have been too heavily loaded with my own work.

Most unfortunately I have just had a letter from our daughter Florence who is arriving from Europe either Sat. night or Sunday morning the 22nd. She could not tell which. I had intended to give you her room as it is the only guest room I have. She will be here until Sept 2nd.

She writes. However, I shall try to find entertainment for you. Mr. Vernon wishes to see you while you are here. She and the Bishop were missionaries in S. Af. and she is Pres. of their Miss. Soc.

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They may have some real suggestions
for you. Their address is 348 Josephine.
I think they attend Bethel Church.

You will know, of course, that I
deeply regret you have chosen the one
and only time this summer that Florence
selected for her home coming! I ex-
pected her to stay a week longer in
Europe, but she ran out of money
and could not take the Scotland trip!
You will telephone to me if or when

you arrive next Sunday and we can
plan then. My number is Empire 7731.

be ever your friend

Evelyn Nicholson

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December 3, 1926.

Dr. Alfred Xuma,
Pecs University,
Pecs, Hungary.

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My dear Alfred,

The enclosed letter which I wrote to you, as you see, in August, came back to me in a very soiled envelope, two or three days since. I addressed it to Chicago. It seems to have pursued you to New York and failing to locate you, came back to me. I wondered that I had had no word from you and felt very sorry that you had slipped out of the country without giving me any chance to know of your future whereabouts or plans. I hoped, of course, that you would write as soon as you had opportunity, however.

Recently I have received a letter from Dr. Ward, in which he gives me your present address. I marvel at the way in which you are carrying out your plans. Apparently you are having wonderful opportunities of the sort you have coveted. I remember your motto, "It can be done".

My purpose in writing just now is this. Bishop Nicholson is obliged, in the carrying out of his Episcopal duties, to go to Europe this winter. He may possibly get to Vienna and in case he does I hope you will see him. I cannot give you any address at present except our home address or the Lapland Steamer, leaving New York on January 15th and stopping at Naples on January 30th.

Always with best wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn Riley Nicholson

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson.

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August 28, 1926.

Dr. Alfred Xuma,
3763 South Wabash Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Alfred,

I am very sorry indeed if I have failed to see you on your way to the coast. I do not understand whether you have gone or not. Your letter said you were going East September 26th, to Pittsburgh etc., and sailing September 4th!! I judge you made a mistake in one of these dates.

I was obliged to be in Pittsburgh last Friday and came home by auto, reaching here, ill, late Saturday night. Our daughter, Florence, came at two in the morning, also ill, so that we were rather a private hospital here on Sunday. We have both been under the weather ever since though I have been in my office every day, at work as usual.

I have a nice letter from Dr. Mark Ward, 14 Beacon Street, Congregational House, Boston, expressing the hope that they may sometime have your services in the hospital which Mrs. Bridgman is hoping to build in South Africa.

I shall be very happy to give you letters of introduction to influential members of the International Council of Missions, resident in London. Dr. Oldham is a much trusted member of the National Committee on South African affairs. If you will let me know where and how to address you I shall be glad to do this.

Dr. Ward feels very sorry that you are not remaining in this country for another year of hospital experience. It seems too bad, too, that you could not have found a position by which you could have removed your debt before going abroad. However, I can quite understand your eagerness to get on your field of labor.

My brother is leaving the Canal Zone September the 4th. He will be sorry not to see you before you leave. Wherever you go or whatever you do you will always know that we are your friends and well wishers,

Most sincerely yours,

Evelyn Riley Nicholson
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Mrs. Nicholson

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