

Bishop R.R.Wright Jr.

which you were leader, I was rather surprised, because I had been responsible for much of the negotiations, during your predecessor's administration and had made certain undertakings, in consultation with duly authorised officers of the Church, in the name of the Church.

I can say, without fear, that no one has higher desires for African Methodism in South Africa, than I have. But, forgive me to say that, our lack of a definite policy and high standards for the organisation must always leave the work of the Church lagging behind that of other Institutions doing similar work.

Frankly, the make-shift that has been agreed to, at Wilberforce Institution does not make for security or permanency of our work for the future. As a matter of fact, if I know the attitude of the Education department as well as I believe I do, from conversation with some of the department's officials, I am afraid that one or the other of our departments may be endangered, because of our persistence and insistence in keeping on the staff teachers who are not qualified for the type of work.

I would not be surprised if, under the present practice at the School, we experience unpleasant repercussions from the Education department.

I am extremely anxious to assist anybody in any type of work that will advance humanity. However, my time is limited, as a busy practitioner and can, therefore, participate only in the activities that seem to have serious business and attempt to establish solid foundations.

I am, therefore, spending a great deal of my time writing and speaking to white organisations on questions of mutual helpfulness. I am in great demand and I am making the most of it before I sail on May 21st.

I am glad to say that, in view of my proposed visit to the States, I have already extensive invitations from my many friends, leaders of thought both black and white in the United States of America. I hope to make the most of the short visit.

Hoping you and yours are well,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

ABx370305e.

5th March, 1937.

My dear Yergan,

Your letter of February 4th was received with much pleasure. It made me feel quite happy and hopeful for both of us and those in whose cause we are interested.

I ~~entirely~~ pleased to find that your plans are shaping so nicely, and that you can still serve, on a wider scale and, perhaps, in a more practical and effective way, and, above all, without sacrificing your lofty ideals of giving opportunity and scope for full development to all who are able.

I doubt if there is any scheme I would welcome more to be associated with than that outlined in your last letter. As a matter of fact, in it I find much realisation of my hopes and plans. Nothing, therefore, would give me more pleasure than to play my little part in the furtherance of the aims and objects of the proposed committee.

And, by the way, I think our friend should be interested to participate in such a scheme.

It should give close contact between us and scope for research, and exercise of our intellectual powers in gathering and giving the necessary information on this Continent. It would also necessitate close and more frequent contacts between us by going to and from, writing or reporting about the findings. As a matter of fact, it should give an unlimited scope and material for writing for the good friend who desires a career, and which nobody, with our limited trained man-power, would like to curb unreasonably.

As to matters concerning the Convention, including the Newspaper project, we better wait until we meet in June. I have provisionally booked to sail from Cape Town on May 21st., on the Italian lines via Gibraltar, and leaving Gibraltar on June 4th to arrive in New York City on or about the 10th June.

It would be better not to send the report and opinions on Convention matters, until we have discussed them.

So far as giving away details of your plans about the Convention or your future work to some of our men here, I would advise a policy of festina lente.

Mr. Yergan. 5/3/37.

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I want to meet as many leaders of Thought as I can, in the short time I will be there. Between Mr. George Arthur and Mr. Grover Little and others, I ought to meet Chicago. I want to meet all shades of opinion as far as I can.

Pass my regards to Roy and other friends.

My children join me in sending love to you and your family.

Always yours very sincerely,

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The following information was obtained from a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past. It is believed that the information is accurate and reliable.

Personal

ABX 370308

8th March, 1937.

The Rev. C.C.Harris,
Clarkebury Institution,
P.O. CLARKEBURY, C.P.

Dear Rev. Harris,

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 22nd February,

I fully appreciate your explanation, and have no cause to disagree with your conclusion, under the circumstances.

I am planning to sail about the 21st of May, for further research in England and the United States of America. I shall, probably, be away for a period of twelve to fifteen months.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*PD.

ABX 370310a

85 Toby Street,

Sophiatown,

Johannesburg,

S.AFRICA.

10th March, 1937.

*Education - Wilberforce
Institution*

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In spite of many attractive Government offers for teaching or supervision, at various provinces and the Protectorates, I decided after consultation with some of my friends chief among whom were the late Mrs. Amanda Mason Xuma and her husband Dr. A.B.Xuma, I accepted Bishop Sim's offer to wrk with him, as Principal of Wilberforce Institution, Evaton, South Africa.

Comparitively, I knew I was making a sacrifice, but said that in the full belief that I was not only doing patriotic duty but was also making my small contribution in the cause and advancement of African Methodism in South Africa.

I did the best I could under the most trying conditions as the result of the world-wide depression. Many a time I used my personal cash to meet some of the most urgent accounts and demands against the school. This amounted to £79-2-0d. or \$395\$, at the end of the quadrinimum.

At the end of the quadrinimum, I attended the general conference as a delegate from South Africa, to give account of my stewardship to all those who are interested in the great cause, and to seek inspiration and closer co-operation for the advancement and the extension of the work at Wilberforce Institution, South Africa. After the Conference, I travelled in the interests of the school and received certain gifts and donations for the school, for which I thank all those who gave.

After watching the trend of events before leaving America and since returning home to South Africa, I came to the conclusion that I could not, with honour and dignity, continue my services at Wilberforce Institution. I, therefore, tendered my resignation.

Under these circumstance, I would therefore, advise those who promised donations, utensils and other gifts to send them to Bishop R.R.Wright Jr., 28 Walmer Road, Woodstock, Cape Town, South Africa.

I am handing over the barrel of Domestic Science utensils, the purse for machine and the pieces of linen and material to the Bishop.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the good women with whom I worked and many others who were interested in my work. I cannot forget the hospitality and kindness that were shown me at different points during my recent visit, and my stay with Dr. and Mrs. L.L.Berry at the Missionary Department, New York.

Yours faithfully,

E.B.MAHUMA MORAKE.

10th March, 1937.

My dear Mr. Barnan,

It is a long time since you heard from me, and it may be a surprise to you, therefore, to receive another letter from me. But a greater surprise may be to know that I have almost completed my plans for visiting the States between June and September of this year.

Naturally, Minnesota - "The Northern Star" - is included in my itinerary. I hope to renew old friendships and acquaintances and also to make new ones.

It is now about eleven years since I left the United States of America. I have been back to my native-land, trying to do what little I can to serve my people and my country.

I have had an opportunity, since my return, to study the problems of the country. I am now in a better position than I ever was, to tell of the people's hopes and despairs, especially, from the point of view of Race Relations.

I am very proud of the American Institutions which made me what I am. Whatever I try to do, I do it fully conscious of my responsibility to reflect favourably the high standards of those Institutions.

I have had many plans in my mind which would assist my people in the struggle. These plans cannot be executed without means. I hope to discuss them with you, probably during the month of July.

As you may know, I have been blessed with a little girl and a small son; but lost their dear mother three years ago next April 29th. That brought a great strain and responsibility on me, but, thank God, things have gone well, all considered.

Wishing you and yours the best in life,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Mr. C.P. Barnan,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota, U.S.A.

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March 10, 1937

ABX 37 0310 C.

Mr. A. B. Xuma
104 End Street
Doornfontein
Johannesburg
South Africa

My dear Xuma:

I sent you a letter by ordinary post yesterday and I am sending this by air mail in the hope that it will get into your hands quite soon.

I wish first of all to let you know that I plan to sail from New York on April 2nd and shall be in Europe for the entire month of April. My address there will be in care of Barclay's Bank, Circus Place, London Wall, and if you care to get in touch with me, an air mail letter should reach me there long before I return to America at the end of April.

In my last letter I tried to give you some indication of my immediate plans. I am in position now to say that these plans are being promoted, with emphasis on the three points referred to in my last letter, namely, the dissimulation of information with regard to what is happening in and to Africa; proposals for educational equipment for selected Africans so as to qualify them for a larger participation in the real affairs of their country, and, thirdly, the development of African organizations, cooperatives, etc. having in mind organizational control that will be in the hands of the people, and means through which trained Africans may serve the interests of the people.

I wish you would think over these three objectives and let me know just how they impress you. I should say in this connection that I am guided by the suggestion in your letter of 19th February that I send to you any detailed statement of my plans. I agree with you that we should not let these be too generally known, and I think it desirable for you to withhold any publication or public statements with regard to the contents of my last letter, as well as this one. I shall desire to discuss the whole program very fully with you when you arrive.

I note that you are planning to sail from South Africa on May 14th and arrive here on June 10th. Fortunately,

Mr. Xuma

I shall have returned here by that time and hope to be in New York when you arrive. I need not assure you that I shall be very happy to see you, and if you wish me to take any steps with regard to making arrangements for you, I shall do so. I shall not have a home in New York City at that time, inasmuch as my wife is leaving very shortly to look after her mother, and the boys will still be away in school, but it will not be a difficult matter to find suitable accommodations for you, and if you wish me to do this, please let me know. I take it that you will be traveling without the children, but I wish you would inform me quite definitely on this point.

I have not seen our friend recently, but I have had occasion to discuss the matter quite impersonally with people who are interested, in Washington and elsewhere. I am glad you are going to be here to give some attention to this matter, and I think you are wise in giving yourself time enough to attend to it in some final manner. I have not discussed the matter with Roy Wilkins but I hope to see him within the next week or two and I shall quite guardedly take it up with him.

I read your New Year's address in the Bantu World, and I wish to commend you on it. I have also seen other references to the Convention in this and other South African papers. The total impression made on me is that the Convention is still alive. I hope so, very much--for I am convinced that it is one body capable of worthwhile achievements in the interest of large numbers of people.

I sent a note to Mr. Jabavu a day or two ago asking him to let me know at once if it is still planned to hold a meeting of the Convention next December, as was decided at Bloemfontein last June. It is of very great importance for me to know this immediately, and I wish you would let me know in the letter which you may send me by air mail while I am in Europe. As a matter of fact, could you not write me more or less immediately, addressing the letter to me in care of the American Express, Paris; for I should like to have the information about the Convention even before I reach London--that is to say, between the 10th and 15th April.

I hope this letter finds you very well, and the children also.

With kindest good wishes from all of us here,
Yours sincerely,

ABX 370310 d.

10th March, 1937.

My dear Mr. Riley,

This is to inform you that I am still in the world of the living.

I have since you saw me last, which was many years ago, passed through many experiences both pleasant and unpleasant. I do not, however, believe that I have become the worse for them.

I had married sometime ago, but lost my wife three years ago by next April 29th. She left me with a daughter and a son. I am glad to say they are growing well, although, without the tender care of a mother. Perhaps, things would have been much more worse. I am therefore, thankful for our present condition.

I anticipate great pleasure of seeing you once more, about July of this year, when I shall make a flying visit to the States, before I return to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, for intensive study of Public Health, Hygiene and Sanitation, which should increase my usefulness and service ability in South Africa.

I may have to remain with you a few days chasing the malarial parasite in our slide.

With best regards to you and yours,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. William A. Riley,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota, U.S.A.

personal

ABX370313a

13th March, 1937.

Mrs. D.B. Poswayo,
P.O. All Saints,
ALL SAINTS, C.P.

Dear Mrs. Poswayo,

I received your letter of the 12th February, concerning the training of your son.

I am glad to find that you are trying your best to carry out your late husband's last wish.

For one whose aim is to take up Medical training, it will be best to take the Junior Certificate and Matriculation courses, instead of the Teachers' training course. Ofcourse this means University J.C., including Latin, Science and Mathematics, among other subjects for the J.C. and Matriculation. However, those details we could discuss as they boy advances.

Do not be afraid to ask me any question on such a subject. That is the least I could possibly do for my late friend. I had to ask him questions myself, when he returned from England. So we are merely reciprocating courtesies.

Wishing you every success in your efforts,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

/PD.

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ABX 3703136

March 13, 1937

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
104 End Street,
Doornfontein
Johannesburg, South Africa.

Dear friend Xuma:

I was delighted to have your letter of January 27 and more than pleased to learn that you are coming to America in June if only for three months. It will be good seeing you again. We have many things to talk over. There are so many questions I wish to have answered about South Africa which I could not have asked you fifteen years ago.

I do not know where Max Yergan's headquarters are. He is on a speaking tour of the Country and is causing some excitement by his denunciation of British imperialism in Africa. His speeches strike a responsive cord among American colored people who are slowly becoming internationally minded. If by the time you receive this you have made any more definite plans for your itinerary, I would appreciate your writing me. If I could know how much time you plan to spend in New York and something of where you are likely to travel after landing here, I might be able to arrange some meetings for you--perhaps smaller and more in-

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Dr. A. B. Xuma

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March 13, 1937

formal meetings, but effective ones I hope.

During June we shall be busy preparing for our annual conference which meets in Detroit, Michigan June 29-- July 4 and I shall be out of New York for about ten days around that time, returning on the fifth or sixth of July. I shall be in New York most of July and at least half of August. Please let me know how you plan to divide your time.

Earl is much better. He has a little son now who will be five years old on March 25. I hope you will bring along some new pictures of your two children and tell me about them. I am especially interested in the beautiful African meaning of your daughter's name.

Be good to yourself and write me.

Sincerely,

Roy (Wilkins)
Assistant Secretary.

RW:AG

Don't fail to write me as
I want to meet the boat
if I am in town when
you land -
R.

Personal

ABX 370315a

15th March, 1937.

D.L.Smit Esq.,
Secretary for Native Affairs,
ZASM house,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

On the 24th of February, I returned my old passport to the Immigration and Asiatic Department, and applied for the issuance of a new passport, as I am arranging to sail about the 21st May, to America, for observations and Refresher work on Tuberculosis and Venereal diseases from the Public Health point of view. About the middle of September, I have arranged to return to London where I am registered at the London School of Hygiene and Public Health for a year's study in Public Health, Hygiene and Sanitation.

I am carrying out my plans in consultation and co-operation with some of my friends at the Union Public Health Department, such as Doctors E.H.Cluver and L.Fourie.

I am already holding a Public Health appointment which I desire to carry out more efficiently, as a result of the proposed course of training and observations.

The Immigration Department, with whom I communicated by telephone, advised me to get in touch with your department to whom, they tell me, they had referred the application.

I shall be much obliged, therefore, if your department gives my application its earliest possible and favourable consideration.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours faithfully,

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Education - Wilberforce

15th March, 1937

Dear Dr Xuma,

I have not yet received back the letter from the Education Department which was loaned you. Will you please post it to me at once, as I have not yet had opportunity to convey it officially to the Bishop.

Yours faithfully,

James Dexter Taylor

ABX 37 0315C

J.C. 6/37.

JOHANNESBURG JOINT COUNCIL OF EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS

Joint Council matters

P.O. Box 1176,
JOHANNESBURG.

15th March, 1937.

To Members of the Council:

Dear Sir/Madam,

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Council will be held on April 12th, 1937, when the election of officers will take place.

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*Not eligible for re-election.

I should be grateful if you would submit to me, in writing, nominations for the above positions, before April 3rd, 1937.

Yours faithfully,

A. Lynn Saffery.

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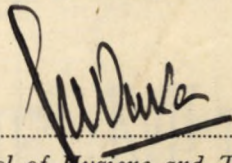
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ABX 370316a
16th March, 1937

To Dr. Alfred Bitini Xuma

I beg to inform you that you have been admitted to the School for the course of instruction in PUBLIC HEALTH commencing on 27th September 1937.



Secretary,
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

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ALEXANDRA HEALTH COMMITTEE.

NOTICE.

A Meeting of the Alexandra Health Committee will be held at the Offices of the Committee on Tuesday the 16th March, 1937, at 3.00 p.m.

C. CHARLSTON GOCH,
SECRETARY.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes.
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