

for people who are immune to criticism, to say such things, ~~but~~ although they know that even municipalities like Johannesburg have had for years and have today ^{probably not} conditions that are no much ^{more} different from ~~those~~ ^{these} at Alexandra township except that these other municipalities are more respectable and may only be referred to in low tones.

With her type of population, her low economic status, Alexandra Township is ~~comparatively speaking making~~ making progress that compares favourably with other municipalities in South Africa so far as the provision of essential health services is concerned.

Mr. Baloyi has referred to the danger of a white labour policy developing at the offices of the Alexandra Health Committee. He says with truth that he believes there Africans who are well trained enough to be able by sympathetic guidance ^{from} and cooperation ~~of~~ with those who genuinely interested in seeing the Africans developing and practicing self-help. I hope the training and use of Africans will be the ideal of a place like Alexandra township because all the revenue comes directly and solely from non-Europeans. It would therefore be very selfish and unsympathetic on the part of those concerned to use this money from non-Europeans for higher salaries ~~for~~ and better privileges for ^{a European employee} ~~white staff~~ only.

in all the better posts. One knows that
at present ~~that~~ ^{this} seems to be the tendency.
The Committee is too poor to pay reasonable
salaries for African staffs, but money is always
available when a European ^{employee's} ^{case} is under
consideration ^{for} a post. 11

For instance all European employees
of the Committee have transport allowance
but certain people fought against that
privilege for African employees of the
Committee including even the M.O.H.

This is very interesting and it
reminds me what Dr. L. Jourie, the retiring
Senior M.O.H. for the Union said the
first time I brought him to the township
soon after his transfer to Johannesburg. He
said speaking to the Chairman of the Committee.
"Ialwasse, I do not think we have done as
much as we can for the natives of this country.
I believe places like Alexandra should
be run by natives. We should help them
to run it. I will do all I can to help
your native inspectors. If I can find
time I shall come and give them
practical talks on their work." In these
few words Dr Jourie had expressed a
fundamental and very important principle
for places like Alexandra township. I
hope those who are interested in the progress
of the African will ever keep it in mind.
I have found Dr Jourie, an efficient

experienced Dr. O. H. Frank, direct and yet ~~with~~
with all a gentleman with human interest. He
had the interests of all at heart. He was a real
friend of the African people. May he continue
his ~~life~~ ^{life} of usefulness and service to his
country.

I thank Mr. Johnson for all he said on behalf
of our Chairman, Mr. Talnesser. With him I
agree that you must do all you can to
keep me from being called to your places on
account of preventable ill health.

The policy that was expressed in Dr. Bruce's
casual ~~is~~ policy that has ~~lead~~ made the
progress of the American Negroes so rapid and
phenomenal. In America, the friend of the
freedman recognized the important that
the only way you can help a people to
advance is to help them help themselves.
To teach them how to do things for them-
selves. In education, church, land
ownership, the freed man's Bureau and other
interested white friends of the Negroes
educated him to work for his people and
to lead his people. They ~~and~~ many white
philanthropists sat in interracial
committee financed many organizations
and institutions for the development of
the Negroes such as schools, hospitals,
urban leagues (which organization for the
assisting of Negroes to adjust themselves
in larger urban areas) and The National
association for the Advancement of Coloured
People which is an organization fighting

Notwithstanding all this, there is no denying that Samuel Insull had a mind that could recreate human environment to the comfort and pleasure of many. But the greatest thing, perhaps, least known about him was his interest in, and his sympathy with, the unfortunate humanity. He thought lived and planned for the alleviation of human misery is ~~irrespective~~ of race or colour.

I am indebted to America and Americans for what I am, ^{it may not} ~~and what~~ be much, and what little I may do. I only hope that I can uphold with honours the high standards of the institutions that trained me.

While I never got the \$100,000⁰⁰ or more, which Mr Insull said he would have given immediately towards some of our needs if he could, I am extremely grateful and very much inspired to know that, to his death, he was convinced that my little plans and projects for the upliftment of others were worth his untrusting support.

Americans almost everywhere showed me their ^{heart} and Samuel Insull seemed to be just an example of that benevolent spirit which seems to be so characteristic of Americans, especially towards strangers. He did perhaps what ^{the} ~~many~~ ^{others} who were materially blessed might have done if they had known our needs.

In the name of African Advancement, I thank God for Samuel Insull, and for what many others ~~did~~ ~~do~~ ~~elsewise~~, I say, "God bless America!"

A. P. X. U. M.

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9. XII. 38

Dear Dr Xuma,

Just a line to say,
once more, how much I
liked your speech, on Wed.
night, at Alexandra Town-
ship, esp. your reply to my
prison-metaphor.

May your work under
Re "indeterminate sentence"
prosper and be blessed in
every way! Yours sincerely
R.F. Alfred Hoeruli

Full Masonry

ABX. 3812096

9th December, 1938.

The Allen Temple Official & Trustees' Board,
111 Victoria Road,
Sophiatown,
JOHANNESBURG.

Gentlemen,

Greetings,

My attention has been called to a misunderstanding that seems to exist between your board and the Safrican Association for Burial & Aid (Pty.) Ltd., about rent of a passage at the parsonage.

I am sure the Association has been paying and will continue to pay your board any reasonable amount of rent for certain considerations about the premises.

As a leader of our people who is interested in both the work of the church and that of the Association, and also being an old member of the Trustee Board of the Allen Temple I would like to discuss this question with the Board with a view of composing your differences.

Kindly let me know of your next meeting of the Board and I shall call and see you on this question.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

A.B.Xuma.

ABX 381212

P.O. Slipson
12-12-'38

Dear Doctor,

No doubt I'm surprised at you,
Keeping so all to your-self, when
will you make up your mind to
pay us a visit, now I see you
really meant it when you said I should
always come in to see you, I'm sure Sunday's
you are not so busy, say how about
the 16th you could come out as you made
us understand, "that" day you wouldn't do
any work on account of the Norwicens,
do drop me a line and let me know if
you'll be coming out, Willie is very busy
building for some people, I must end my short-
note, With Regards from all
yours. Faithful
Loeda Webb

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Personal - Professional
Education.

% The Leprosy Settlement.

Chacachacare

Trinidad. B. W. I.

15 Dec 38.

My dear Xuma,

It was indeed a pleasure to get your letter, and I must take this opportunity late though it is, to congratulate you on your success. I saw the results in the hancat, but at the time, I could not find your address, and I feel sure that you would no longer be at the School. I

I am sure that you must be more than glad to get back to your home and to your practice, after being away for so long, and I sincerely hope that your added qualifications will be of some use to you towards helping to reimburse you for all the money you must have spent.

Since I have been back, I have been put on to many things - our Medical Service has been in a mess for quite a few years and the new administration seems to be very slow in putting things right. At first, I was attached to the Surgical Unit here, but one of the school medical officers had to be away for three months, and I was put on to that. Soon afterwards however, the Medical Superintendent of the Leprosy Settlement decided to go away also for three months, and, maybe, as the School will surely be in vacation, I have

been posted there. I shall be leaving Port of Spain on Monday (19.11)
The Settlement is on an island quite a few miles off the
mainland, and you can hardly imagine how lovely it is. Maybe, I
shall enjoy the rest and quiet for those few months, but I
sincerely hope that nothing happens to keep me there for a longer
period.

Up to now, I have got no appointment as yet. The present
Director of Medical Services is an awful person, and will
readily squeeze you out of a half-penny. At the same time,
however, he makes provision for and ample ones too, for the
European members of the Service. It seems that there is being
introduced here a new policy, a definite line of demarcation
between Europeans and "natives", and in the latter class I include
local whites, blacks, Indians, Chinese, and the various mixtures of
which the population consists. Whether it is the present Director's
policy, or whether it is the policy of the British
Government, I don't know, but new jobs (senior jobs) are being
created for Europeans, and one it is fairly widely known that
many senior jobs in the Service, now filled by local people,
are being ear-marked for Europeans. This is a Crown Colony, and
Government can do practically anything.

Politically, the West Indies are astir. The last few Commission
which ~~was~~ came out here some time last year to investigate
the cause of the riots of last year, presented a most scandalous

report, and failed to touch on the root of the whole trouble. Labour disturbances, low wages etc. As a result, an Arbitration Committee has to be appointed from England to settle differences between the labourers and the employers on the oil fields. They are now sitting, and from newspaper reports seem to be in favour of the labourers (and nobody with any sense of justice or sympathy would reasonably think otherwise); but one has been bitten so very often before, and when one remembers that the oil fields are owned by people in England, and the members of this Committee are all Englishmen, one never knows what their report will be like.

The Royal Commission to the West Indies will be here in Trinidad some time in February; they started in Jamaica and are coming south, taking in all the islands. Folk here are keenly looking forward to their arrival.

Otherwise, Trinidad is just about the same as when I left it. When I got back in September, I found it extremely hot, but it is settling down a bit now. Fortunately for us here, the evenings are very cool, or I don't know how we would put up with the heat at times.

By the time you get this, there will be a thing of the past, but I must take this opportunity to wish you a prosperous and happy New Year.

We were fortunate to get away from England before the

war scare started up. English folk must have had a pretty exciting time. in my opinion, however, ~~the~~ Chamberlain and his lot have only been able to postpone the evil day, and I don't think that is very far away.

Trinidad is now being filled with Jews, mostly Germans who are being turned out of Germany. Their plight is very bad indeed, and they certainly deserve a great deal of pity, but we our folk have had to put up with treatment quite as bad, and perhaps worse.

So much for the long epistle. every body here is well - my kids are getting on splendidly. the year we were away has brought a very appreciable change in the climate. kindest regards to yourself and my dear lady,
I am,

Your dear friend

Ann Stenob

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December 15, 1938

Dr. A. B. Xuma
85 Toby Street, Sophiatown
Johannesburg, South Africa

My dear Dr. Xuma:

An East Indian gentleman by the name of Tarini P. Sinha of 5757 University Avenue, Chicago, was in to see me yesterday, with the idea of securing my help to bring two natives of South Africa to this country to study medicine with the view of returning to South Africa to practice medicine among their own people. I think this is in line with what you, yourself, have been trying to do for the last ten years.

Mr. Sinha believes that if two men, capable of passing the medical entrance examination here, can get to this country, he will be able to raise funds to carry them through the four years of medical training, - approximating, as he feels, about \$4,000 for the two. He has no money on hand, but thinks that he can even raise a little money to help get the students here. If he is unable to raise the tuition, he feels that he can secure scholarships for them.

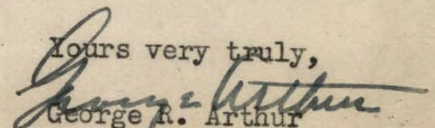
In our conversation, Mr. Sinha spoke of a Negro university in Johannesburg, South Africa. He should like to write the president of the university with the view of having him cooperate with you in the matter of selecting the students. He does not know the name of the president of the university, and asked me to tell you that it was the university in Johannesburg which had as speaker for its first convocation a missionary by the name of Rev. C. F. Andrews. He asked, also, that you send us nine or ten copies of the prospectus of the university.

The background of Mr. Sinha is as follows: He is a native of Benares, India, a man around forty years of age. After finishing one of the Indian Universities, he went to Europe and did some work, I think, in the School of Economics in London. He then came to Chicago about a year ago and started to work on his doctorate in political science at the University of Chicago. He seems to be deeply interested in the Negro's welfare, as well as that of his own people. I think this has come about probably because he has had considerable to do with Negroes and Indians in the Island of Trinidad, British West Indies.

I hope things are going well with you, and that you will let me know what success you had in your efforts to raise money for the same kind of thing Mr. Sinha is trying to do.

With the season's greetings and best wishes for your good health, and hoping to hear from you very soon, I am

Yours very truly,


George A. Arthur

GRA:SC

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152 May Street,
Durban.

22nd December 1938.

Dear Rainmaker,

I am having some more of your
showers, since leaving Johannesburg I have had
nothing but rain.

I have lost my prescription, too,
May I have another one sent on to address
"Native Hospital, P.O. Box 249, Windhoek, S.W.A."

I feel awful, really I do, what
for a chat with you and I am sure I
will feel cured. This is the last
stage of my journey, I leave Durban on
Sunday Night the 25th Inst.

Mdangela Apo Ku Alfred
Unako Ngotando.
Best Regards.

ABX. 381228

Personal

Cp. F. Jacobson,
Debera Stone.

Engesbo

28th Dec. 1938.

My dearest Uncle,

I had a very pleasant journey with my big luggage. I found all people well and fat. Oh that pain is giving me a lot of trouble these days. I have to go to a doctor about it.

Tata that Healdston post has failed. So I am not going to teach next year. How is my sister Keeping? and buti? I miss them in the true sense of the word.

Tata I have not seen so much of home yet. I have been up and down all the time to get a post. I am failing.

With best wishes

I am

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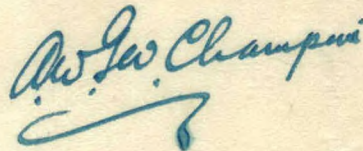


TUMELA NEZI
KUMBA

Dr. A. B. Xuma,
Sophiatown
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Doctor Xuma,
I was indeed very much pleased to receive
a Xmas card from you and your Children wishing me seasonal
joy and prosperity while we ring out the old year and ring in
the New Year. May your wishes have the same effect on you and
your family.

Yours sincerely



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