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*Nineteen South La Salle Street*

January 13th  
1923

Mr A B Xuma,  
Medical School,  
Marquette University,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

*Personal - Professional  
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Dear A B:

I am glad to know through our Mr Arthur that you have a good position. I think it is a direct result of my bringing the matter up in Cabinet meeting here one morning and appealing for the opportunity to secure means of self-help for you, as Mr Arthur took up the matter immediately and said he would follow through with his friend, Dr Allen, in Milwaukee.

I trust the position is not only to your liking but sufficiently remunerative for you.

I am

With sincere best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

*L. Hollister*

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Student Secretary.

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February 16, 1923.

Mr. A. B. Xuma,  
Marquette University,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Xuma:-

I enclose you a letter received from Doctor Harris' assistant, which explains itself. Doubtless you have the blanks by this time, and I think you are in a way to get the one hundred dollars. Wish we could do more for you, but I do not see any other place I can help at the present time.

May I say to you confidentially that we have been working on the Meharry Medical College proposition all year and have succeeded in getting Meharry placed in Class A. This is not yet public and will not be public until Commencement time, and you must regard what I am saying as strictly confidential. But I have just received a letter from the proper authorities stating that the General Education Board in New York has agreed to give fifteen thousand dollars a year for five years and that our own Board has agreed to give ten thousand dollars a year for five years, making twenty-five thousand a year added income, with the understanding that in the five years the institution is to raise sufficient endowment to make this income perpetual. This will enable it to make the readjustments which will put in it Class A and the American Medical Association has agreed that it shall be so listed in the forthcoming catalogue of that Association.

I do not know whether it would be possible for me again to get the opportunity for you that Doctor Mullooney agreed to open a year or two ago but I could write him if you desire, and I am expecting to attend the annual trustee meeting and to give the Commencement address there in May. If you care to have me take the matter up with him, I shall be willing to see what I could do for you looking toward next year. It is a question of whether you now wish to change and continue your work at Meharry provided a way could be opened. What do you say?

Very cordially yours,

*Thomas Nelson*

TN/FCM.





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"And seeing the multitude He had compassion on them"

Feb 16, 1923

Mr. A. B. Xuma.

Medical School.

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Milwaukee, Wis.

Personal - Professional  
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My dear friend: your letter reached me several days ago and I was glad to hear from you. However, I am afraid that at present I am not in position to help you with money. All what little money I have was invested in small business in Chicago and cannot be drawn at any time I want. However, I hope you will be able to get some help from some other source.

Perhaps you know by this time that the African Students will hold their conference here at Tuskegee Institute, this year. Do you see Mr. Herron in your school? He is a medical student there at Marquette. His sister is here at Loras college last teaching. She is a fine girl indeed. We are looking for a great conference this year. With best wishes  
Yours truly, S. M. Nkomo



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March 26, 1923.

Mr. Alfred Zuma.  
Marquette Medical School,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

*Personal - Professional Education*

My dear Alfred,

I am distressed over your situation. I seem so helpless in the matter. The Bishop was away when your letter came containing the application blank. I was obliged to leave to be gone on a week's campaign and left it where I thought he would surely find it (his mail goes to his office and is cared for by his secretary in his absence), he did not find it and though we have both searched among his papers there is no trace of it yet. The Bishop is going to New York Wednesday and although every moment of his time is taken he has promised to go to see Dr. Harris personally in your behalf. I talked, Saturday, with Dr. Vaughn of the Board of Foreign Missions. I have discussed your case with him before. It is complicated by the fact that the Board has no work in your territory as they have told me before. However, on his return to New York Dr. Vaughn will make a further effort to see if anything can be done for you.

Personally, we are tied up financially by reason of unusual demands on our salary and though we have talked the matter through time and again we see no way in which we can stretch our resources further. I am working to the utmost of my ability, time and strength. If I were receiving any compensation for my services I would have money for such cases as yours. As it is I have not even "a tenth". You know without my telling you that it grieves me not to be able to help you personally. If I can think of any further way in which I might interest others in your case, I shall try to do so.

Many thanks for your beautiful Easter card which has just come. It will be just a year on Easter Day since we buried our beautiful daughter.

With best wishes to you,

Very sincerely yours,  
*Evelyn Riley Nicholson (By T.N.C.)*

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, President.



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April 5, 1923

*Personal - Professional Education*

My dear Mr. Xuma:-

Dr. Harris has just had a letter from Bishop Nicholson in which he refers to the endorsement on your Student Loan note. I am suggesting that you forward the note to us without the necessary endorsement, and we will grant the loan.

A copy of the note is enclosed herewith in case the original note has been mislaid.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Alfred B. Xuma,  
Marquette Medical School,  
Milwaukee, Wisc.

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ABX 230607

GEORGE E. MORTON  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW  
605 SECURITY BLDG., 209 GRAND AVENUE  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

June 7th, 1923.

TELEPHONE GRAND 1053

*Personal - Professional Education*

Mr. A. B. Xuma,  
711 Galena Street,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I would be glad to know what your situation is at the present time and what assistance you are in need of for next year.

I have written Dr. Matthews of Minneapolis and have a reply from him so that I know what can be counted on from him. Before taking up the matter with others here I would like to talk with you further.

You can call if you wish at your convenience to see me.

Yours truly,

*George E. Morton*

GEM/HO



Personal 19/7/23

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My dear Xuma,

69 Shakespeare Rd<sup>s</sup>  
Hanwell, London W.7.  
19-7-23

Ever so many thanks for  
your letter which I hasten to answer  
ever without waiting to go home  
through fear of losing this mail.  
Thanks ever so much for news  
about Dr Scott and "my" glasses  
— shall I say his glasses?

Truly our folks in America  
are the liars! Mrs Edwards paid  
him \$10 and the things cost \$14 odd  
how could 10 from 15 (or 16) leave  
\$11.75. Is he charging me for storage?

Do you please be so kind and  
tell Dr Scott that when I wrote him  
from Toronto, requesting him to forward  
my glasses to the ship I also wrote  
Dr Power of New York for medicine and  
Henry Ford for Voltage Resistor. All the  
white folks had the goods at Montreal



2 / including the free gift Typewriter  
from Corona N.Y.

when I reached there, ~~and~~ I was  
able to pay them in Canadian Dollars  
BEFORE I SAILED and their ship  
receipts reached me in London in  
September. Not one of my <sup>Canadian</sup> ~~letters~~ <sup>letters</sup>  
to the Coloured People produced any  
reply — Altho I must add Miss Mary  
Europe of Washington, (who also failed to  
mail my music to the steamer) did  
send it about 5 months ~~later~~ <sup>later</sup> and  
the others have responded. Yet we  
object when white folks call  
us inferior beings!

God so felt sent my glasses  
to the ship with his a/c, He  
and have <sup>recd</sup> spent his money long ago  
in September 1922 the same as  
Dr. Lauer, Harry Dow, and other white  
folks who answered me promptly.  
What has he benefitted by not answering  
me?



You should find Mrs Edwards at  
the U. U. S. A. I understand she is  
ill - further I know nothing. The one  
old man who used to answer me  
promptly was the late Mr Scott - when  
I addressed him about the glasses  
concerning which I could get no answer  
he was dead and nobody told me  
of his death till 6 months later.

Kindly call on Mr Dickerson  
3600 Wabash (Crawford House) and tell  
me if he is still alive - You might  
stroll round to Binmou's and see  
how they are getting on and let me know  
Speak to Mr Edwards, Mrs Reeves and  
Mr Dickerson about those glasses then  
tell ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> the proper balance it is  
**NOT \$11**. Anyway have them mailed  
forthwith and I will make good  
all damages. Haste please haste  
I am begining to wonder if Mr Scott still knows  
where my glasses are. If so why did he not answer  
my letters?



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Do you know that all the white  
Americans to whom I sent money from  
Canada just sent me receipts to London  
in a natural way. One ~~coloured~~ man  
<sup>in Detroit</sup> whom I owed \$7 was dumbfounded  
— so he wrote — ~~when~~ I sent him the  
money. He never expected to see it  
again. What can you make out of  
a people with such ideas about other  
people's bank accounts

Kindly excuse haste  
and hurry up the matter please  
My eyes have suffered these 12 months  
while I wrote and appealed for  
passes without getting an answer.  
I am ever threatened with blindness  
if this last step fails — Bahonise  
Encwadi. Bahonise bonke

Ovako yunibisiso

S. T. Maatje

C/o Shakespeare Rd  
Harrowell London W-7.



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Personal - Professional Education

23/7/23

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Office of the Registrar  
Second Year Class Report

Name of student Mr Alfred B Xuma

For the year ending June 13, 1923.

Subjects	Total Hours	Grade	Instructor
Topographical Anatomy.....	.....	G .....	.....
Physiology 1B.....	.....	G .....	.....
Physiology 2.....	.....	G .....	.....
Pharmacology .....	.....	G .....	.....
Materia Medica.....	.....	G .....	.....
Pathology.....	.....	G .....	.....
Bacteriology.....	.....	G .....	.....
Hygiene.....	.....	E .....	.....
Physical Diagnosis.....	.....	G .....	.....
Clinical Microscopy.....	.....	G .....	.....
Medicine.....	.....	Incomplete	Dr. Jermain.....
Medicine.....	.....	G .....	Dr. Cahana.....
Surgery.....	.....	E .....	.....
Obstetrics.....	.....	G .....	Dr. Dallwig.....
Obstetrics.....	.....	G .....	Dr Rueth.....
Pediatrics.....	.....	G .....	Dr. Evans.....
Pediatrics.....	.....	G .....	Dr Hall.....
Elective.....	.....	G .....	.....

Date July 23, 1923

Mary L Melzer  
Registrar

per L A

(over)



A student's proficiency is estimated  
on the percentage basis of 100 as  
perfect.

E - 90 to 100, excellent

G - 80 to 90, good

P - 75 to 80, poor but passed

C - 65 to 75 and constitutes a condition  
requiring re-examination

F - below 65 and constitutes a failure  
necessitating the repetition  
of the course.



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ABRAM W. HARRIS  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

December 14, 1923.

*Personal - Professional Education*

My dear Mr. Xuma:

This is in answer to your letter of December 12th.

Your request for a loan has been approved, and the check will be forwarded to Dr. Holgate. Due to the rush of work at this time it is impossible for me to state definitely when the check will reach you.

Very sincerely yours,

*J. P. Mac Millan*  
Assistant Secretary.

Mr. A. B. Xuma,  
Northwestern Medical School,  
2431 S. Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.



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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

*Personal - Professional Education*

December 15, 1923.

Dear Friend:

I always look forward with a great deal of pleasure and interest to this annual letter to the Alumni, because I am anxious, always that they should know of the progress the school is making from year to year. This year I am especially interested to write because of the anxiety, which I know they have all felt over the outcome of the controversy over the Government hospital located here.

First, I want to state what most of you already understand, that the hospital has no official connection whatever with the Institute and that the management of the hospital is entirely under the control of the Government. The Institute did, however, donate three hundred acres of land to the Government for the hospital site, which is about a mile from the school and located out beyond the Agricultural Building. I want to state, also, that in spite of the various reports that have gone out during the past summer, nothing has happened to stop the usual activities of the school and the Institute has gone on with its regular program. The difficulties seem now to be over without any injury to the school, its property or anyone connected with it.

The opening of school this year was most inspiring and promising. The enrollment on the opening day, September 13, numbered more than twelve hundred. These students, for the most part, are very earnest and apparently, good material. Our enrollment to date is around fifteen hundred and with a corps of over two hundred workers, this promises to be one of the most successful years in the history of the school.

We are introducing this year, two years of additional study beyond our present course for graduation. This provides a special teacher-training course which will be opened to all students who have completed the regular course at Tuskegee or its equivalent. This new course is in reality, a two-year college course and is necessary to meet the requirements of the State Department of Education of Alabama and other southern states, and will place our graduates on equal terms with graduates of other schools. We have added an advanced course in our Agricultural Department, which is actually a college course of four years, and have also added two additional years to our commercial course. In these three new courses, the students will devote five days per week to work in their subjects.

Since my last letter to you, there has been erected at the Institute, a new girls' dormitory, James Hall, erected in the memory of the late Mrs. Ellen Curtiss James, of New York City, and the gift of her son, Mr. Arthur Curtiss James. It is a three-story brick building, including basement and attic and has sixty-four rooms. Excavation for the erection of a new \$85,000 dormitory for boys has already begun. The erection of this building will serve to facilitate greatly the housing and handling of the increasing number of young men seeking training at the Institute.

You will be interested, I am sure, to know something of our athletics. We have succeeded this year in securing the services of Mr. Cleve L. Abbott, a graduate of South Dakota State College and former coach of the championship team of the Midwest, at Topeka Educational Institute. Mr. Abbott was formerly a teacher at Tuskegee, leaving to enter the Army in 1917, where he was also athletic officer of the 366th Infantry. Our victories, thus far, have placed the "Tuskegee Tigers" among the best teams of the South.

I also want you to know of the work of the local Alumni Association at the Institute. The "Old Creamery," as it was called, has been turned over to the Alumni, and this building has been remodeled and now presents a very attractive appearance, both inside and outside. The entire work was done by graduates of the Institute and regular meetings of the local Alumni are held in this building, as well as the annual meetings which come during our commencement week. It is frequently loaned for other meetings for the teachers and the Alumni.

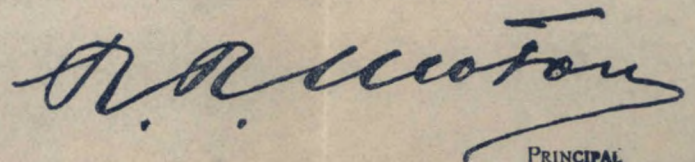
Tuskegee continues to send out young men and women of character, able to put intelligent and conscientious effort into whatever job they may have to do. The results of these efforts are manifest in the gratifying reports which Mr. J. H. Palmer, former Registrar, brings back from his visits to the homes and business places of the graduates and former students. If he has not already visited you, he will, I hope, do so at some time during the course of the year.

Last commencement we were able to have with us a large number of the Alumni and a very successful re-union of the Class of '13. During the coming commencement, I hope we will have an even larger number of the graduates present and for the Class of '14, a still larger re-union.

I hope you will always remember that the school is anxious to hear from you, and I am asking if you will not take the time to write and give a full account of your work since leaving Tuskegee. We are also very anxious to have the addresses of all young men and women who have gone out from Tuskegee. Any assistance or suggestion you could give or offer in this direction will be highly appreciated.

Whatever changes or improvements are taking place along the lines of development are in the spirit of our Founder, Dr. Booker T. Washington, and they represent such changes as he, himself, would make if he were with us.

Yours very sincerely,



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