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Rare Relations

2nd Jan. 1932

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Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st and for the powerfully written brochure which

I have read with great interest and pleasure.

I shall be very glad to meet you when it suits your convenience. With kind regards for the compliments of the season

Yours truly
Deneys Reitz

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Roscoe C. Giles, M. D.

3541 S. State St.

Chicago, Ill.

January 4, 1932.

Rose Relations

Dr. Alfred B. Xuma,
49 Toby Street,
Sophiatown,
Johannesburg, S.A.

Dear Dr. Xuma:

I received the announcement of your marriage. Permit me to extend to you my heartiest congratulations. I regret that I am unable to do something in a more substantial way. I have just returned from a fifteen months' stay in Vienna where I went as a fellow of the University of Chicago and of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. As you can well imagine, my practice has been scattered to the four winds, but I am hoping that I will soon be able to gather in some of the loose ends.

I shall be very glad to hear from you at any time. Please accept my best wishes for the New Year.

Yours very truly,

Roscoe C. Giles M.D.

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January 4, 1932.

Dr. Alfred Xuma,
49 Toby Street.,
Sophia Town,
Johannesburg, S. Africa.

My dear Alfred:

We are very happy to have the announcement of your marriage. It is good to know that you are establishing your own home after these years of ceaseless toil alone. With all our hearts we are hoping that your home is to be an ideally happy one. Happiness comes through service, through love, mutual confidence and cooperation. We are sure that you will enthrone the Unseen Guest as an ever present but revered member of your home and household. *With Him,* "All things work together for good", even sacrifice and hardships are blessed of Him, not only to those who suffer, but to all whose lives they touch.

We sent you a book which we hope you will enjoy reading. Dr. Cadman is one of the most progressive and popular ministers of the United States. Perhaps you have heard him on the radio in your far distant city. I wonder if you heard the international hook up on Christmas day from New York City. We heard the choir of the Sistina Chapel in Rome Christmas Eve? I had heard them in Rome and could hardly believe that I was listening to their voices as I sat here in Detroit and they sang in Rome. The roar of the sea accompanied their voices. It is great to be alive, is it not? The impact of one's life and influence may reach so much farther than in former days.

Have you read the life of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the celebrated European musician who studied medicine after thirty years of age and went to Africa to help heal her sick? He supports his mission in a large part by musical recitals which he gives on his periodic visits to Europe. He is a man of extraordinary talents and unparalleled devotion to the needs of Africa. Perhaps I should not say unparalleled because many others have given all they had, but perhaps they did not have so much.

I presume it is my fault rather than yours, that I have somewhat lost touch with you. My work grows increasingly compelling and absorbing each year. I sent out more than six thousand letters last year. I presume you have been receiving my Co-Workers letters as I find they have been going to you regularly.

Jan, 4, 1932.

My brother, Dr. William, is in Lingnan University, Canton China for the year. I am sure you would enjoy his letters. I am sorry we have not sent copies to you. They are intensely interesting not only from the standpoint of his research work but from the standpoint of his views of the troubled political situation at close range. He would be glad to hear from his old student, I am sure.

Please find time to write me a letter telling me of your new companion, your work and whatever interests and concerns you which you can share with one who has never forgotten your heroic struggles, your fine courage and your achievement. "IT CAN BE DONE". *You did it!*

Praying God's blessing upon you personally, upon your wife, your home and all your contacts, I am

Your friend,

Evelyn Riley Nicholson

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROJECT

January 4, 1932.

Dr. Alfred B. Xuma
49 Toby Street
Sophiatown, Johhanesburg, S. A.

*Personal - Professional
Educator*

My dear Alfred:

Among the Christmas mail came the announcement of your recent marriage and I want to offer my best wishes to you and your wife for a very happy life together. It is an interesting coincidence that your announcement and my letter sent sometime in November should have crossed enroute. This is not a very big world after all.

Before long a map of the world which has recently been hung in the new University Post Office lobby will be showing for a day or two, the location and occupation of twenty-five or thirty graduates who live in scattered places around the world. Dr. A. B. Xuma is one of the twenty-five. This map, by the way, is going to be very helpful in carrying out the purpose of this project because already it has proved attractive to the hundreds of students who pass it every day and they are more or less unconsciously reading world news from the newspaper clippings or discovering this country's relationships with other parts of the world through commerce, investment and immigration. Just at present it is displaying the route of the five months' trip which President and Mrs. Coffman are taking as representatives of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The President is lecturing at various universities in New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines. He will stop at Hong Kong, Shanghai and several Japanese ports before his return in March.

I appreciate your remembering me with this announcement and want to repeat my congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours

Cyrus F. Barnum

Director

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Dr. Alfred B. Xuma
49 Toby Street
Sophiatown, Johannesburg
South Africa

Dear Xuma:

I do not know when I have had anything to please me as much as having a word from you did. Through these last few years I have wondered from time to time, just what your address was in South Africa and what you were doing with yourself.

I must have a long letter from you when you get time and you must tell me all about yourself up until now. I think I lost track of you in a definite way right after you received your degree in medicine in this country. Let's see, you went to Marquette University in Milwaukee at first and finished at Rush Medical in Chicago, or was it the other way around? From then on I heard about you in snatches, nothing very accurate and nothing adequate. You went, as I heard, to Edinburgh and from there to Vienna and then back to Africa. Is that correct? I trust you will tell me many things in your letter.

You have joined the benedicts, I see. I married in the fall of 1929. Perhaps I ought to tell you something of what I have been doing for the last few years. No doubt you recall that my sister, Armeda, died in November, 1927. My aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, died in January, 1928, only a day apart. My uncle had a cerebral hemorrhage on January 5 and died on January 17. My aunt was taken abed on January 15 and died on January 18. That left only Earl and myself. He was working on the railroad then, running between St. Paul, Chicago and Seattle, trying to make up his mind as to what he would do as he had been graduated from Minnesota in June, 1927. After the funeral, we decided to clear out the old house at 906 Gaultier Street and sell it. I went back to Kansas City, Missouri, where I was employed as the news editor of the Kansas City Call, pending some court procedure incident to matters of the estate. In that interval I arranged for Earl to come to Kansas City to

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work on The Call as an advertising solicitor. He came on down in March, 1928 and has been there ever since, doing a remarkably good job. We maintained a bachelor apartment there until the fall of 1929 when I married a girl from St. Louis, Aminda Ann Badeau, who had come to Kansas City in 1928 to do social work with the Kansas City Urban League.

She kept her job and we went on through 1930 and into 1931. Meanwhile Earl married in August, 1930. His wife is Helen Jackson, Marvel Jackson's next younger sister. You remember the Jackson family which lived in Prospect Park, just across the city line between St. Paul and Minneapolis on University Avenue? Well, the Jackson family was broken up by death and other things, also. Mr. Jackson died in June, 1927. Marvel was already in New York. As soon as Helen finished the University she secured a job in the Y.W.C.A. in Trenton, N. J. Mrs. Jackson then decided to take the youngest girl, Zelma, and go to Chicago to live. Marvel later married a New Yorker and they went South to North Carolina, where he was teaching. They took Zelma with them and later all three returned to New York where they now are. Helen and Earl are in Kansas City. Mrs. Jackson remains in Chicago.

In the spring of 1931 I was offered the position of assistant secretary here and accepted, coming to New York last August. My wife joined me in November and we are both liking our new work and better environment. There is not much else to say. We have no children. Earl is expecting to become a father about April. You might drop him a line at 1715 East 18th Street, Kansas City, Mo., c/o Kansas City Call.

Do you remember long, tall Ross who was on the Ag. campus with you? Saw him in Minneapolis in July. He is teaching agriculture at some school in Georgia, and was studying advanced work at the summer session. I do not remember offhand many of the others you knew, but will be glad to tell you what I know of them if you mention them.

Please write and tell me about yourself.

Sincerely,

Roy Wilkins

VALDO TURNER, M. D.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Personal January 11, 1932

Dr. Alfred Betini Xuma

49 Toby Street

Sophiatown, Johannesburg

So. Africa

My dear Doctor:

I was surprised and pleased to get the announcement of your wedding. I have often wondered about you and what you are doing. I should be pleased to have a letter from you and tell me of your work and accompany it with a picture of yourself and wife.

Many of the people here received your invitation and were pleased to know where you are located. The depression in this country has set us back quite a bit but we hope to overcome it in the near future. With best regards to your wife I remain

Yours very sincerely,

P. S. I have just delivered a baby, a boy to ~~Mr~~ Dipeolo who is a friend of yours. It was born December 28.

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Personal

January 12th, 1932.

My dear Fellow:-

Just a word to congratulate you and to hope Mrs. Xuma a lifetime of happiness and content.

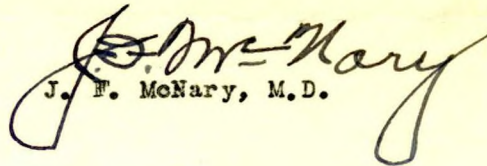
The invitation which you forwarded through this office reached Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hyde the next day. Their present address is 443 S. Waiola, LaGrange, Illinois. Mary Elizabeth has finished the university, and Esther has become much engaged to a young man from Chicago. Daddy Crosby has gone to the other side of Jordan; Mother Crosby is almost as you last saw her. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde have had misfortunes but are still the same staunch, delightful people as you knew them.

My own family is about as it was when you left, except the added years of schooling for all four of the children, and except the fact that Mrs. McNary has not been quite so well during this last year. We hope, however, her disability will be temporary.

Kindly give my kindest regards to Mr. Mason. Say to him, if you will, that I feel his daughter will be more than safe entrusted in your hands.

With my kindest regards to all, I am

Yours very truly,


J. F. McNary, M.D.

JFM•R

Dr. Alfred Bitini Xuma,
49 Toby Street,
Sophiatown, Johannesburg, S.A.

Personal.

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3700 Oakland Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,

31-January-32

My dear brother Xuma:

Upon my return home from the general convention of A.P.A. in Cincinnati I found the announcement of your marriage and I hasten to extend to you & Mrs. Xuma my sincere good wishes for the greatest happiness, success & prosperity. Someday I hope to take the same step.

It might interest you to know that I resigned the Directorship of Educational Activities of Alpha Phi Alpha at the last convention in order to devote more time to my practise. I had developed the department to where our staff numbered 64 men & we were operating in 36 states & D.C., including scholarships & student loan plan etc. The fraternity tried to "draft" me back into service but I could not bear ~~it~~ of it. The convention was quite

well attended considering the depression.

Since you saw me I have entered the practise of law. I left the drug business nearly two years ago. I like it much better. The work is more interesting, the field broader & the future better. I plan, however, to leave here eventually & go where there are more of my own people. I would not be averse to foreign service either.

Sometime when you find it convenient I wish you would drop me a letter & let me know how things are there, how our people are doing, what they do, the opportunities to be had by qualified persons, etc. Someday I hope to be able to visit your country.

I heard you are superintendent of a hospital there. Is that so? If so let me congratulate you again. Incidentally, the Negro doctor in

this country is finding things rather rough financially. The depression is on & as you know the Negro employe is usually the first to loose his job. In the large centers, thousands are unemployed & a large proportion of these are colored. As the Negro professional man (with few exceptions) must in the large centers depend upon Negroes who are laborers, you can see how they are hard hit. Chicago, by reason of political corruption, is twenty millions in debt & the school teachers, police & firemen have not had a pay check since last April. Colored teachers suffer with the rest & as you know, some of the women who teach earn more than their husbands who attempt the professions. Apartments on the south side are becoming vacant because tenants cannot pay rent. No one knows where it will end. Lawyers should do well because every one needs them.

Negro doctors here ^{in Minnesota} are not doing much
except Dr. Wilkerson (A.P.A.) who is
completing work for his Ph.D. then he
will teach at Howard. He finished
Dowa, practised in K.C., Mo. before
coming here on a scholarship -

I have attempted in my
feeble way to make this newsy as I
thought you'd like to hear from
your old stamping ground. I often
think of the little group at Marquette
& am sorry they did not build a
more permanent foundation. Keres
was here this summer to attend
the Nat'l. Urban League Conference
& that of the Nat'l. Conference of
Social Workers. He came again
later on with his wife. He is
stationed in Omaha with the
League there & appears to have
done some very effective work
for the good of our people as
well as the other people.

Well, Xuma, again I congratulate you upon your matrimonial venture. I wish you everything good. But for the fact that the grim reaper claimed my fiancée I should be in the same boat with you.

I would like to keep in touch with you & to hear from you now & then. I always want to hear from my friends & you are one of them.

With best wishes & kindest personal regards to you & Mrs. Xuma,

Sincerely & fraternally,

Raymond W. Cannon

Military matters

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*perhaps white people forget as
years go by that our
for the Empire. The sorrow can
may come as surprise to the young
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*1.600 dead men died at
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Programme.

- 9.55 a.m. The Mamogale Royal Band will lead in
Sesutho Hymn No. 108 Haufe le Morena
Xosa Hymn No. 225 Ndisondeze Kuwe
English Hymn No. 277 Nearer my God to Thee

(For above hymns see back of programme)

10. a.m. Address by THE MAYOR OF JOHANNESBURG.
10.15 a.m. Memorial Service by the Bishop of Johannesburg
10.55 a.m. Account of the Contingent in S. W. and E. Africa.
(Paper by Major T. E. Liefeldt D.S.O., Officer then
commanding) to be read by Mr. Griffith Motsieloa.

COLLECTION BY PATHFINDERS

While the Band renders

The Mendi Song by Mphahlele.

11. a.m. Greeting and some account of the Mendi Disaster
(Paper by Dr. Lewis E Hertslett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Captain
R.A.M.C. attending S.A.N.L. Contingent, M.O. in charge of
trooper H. M. T. Mendi) read by Mr. T. H. Twala.
11. 15 a.m. Account of the Native Labour Contingent in France
by ex-Chaplain Revd. H. D. Hlabangane
11.35 a.m. Account of Africans' contribution to the Great War
by Mr. R. V. Selope Thema
11.55 a.m. DEAD MARCH by Mamogale Royal Band.

TWO MINUTES SILENCE.

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM.

PROCESSION TO THE WAR MEMORIAL.

N.B. The band will lead out of the Grounds followed immediately by the ex-members of the contingent and all (in fours) into Von Wellig Street proceeding northward into Commissioner Street thence due West into Harrison Street to the Cenotaph.

AT THE CENOTAPH.

Hymn: O God' our help in ages past.

Address by H. M. Taberer Esquire.

Placing of wreaths by the members of the contingent and memorial committee

The Last Post by Mamogale Royal Band

Benediction by the Bishop of Johannesburg

GOD SAVE THE KING.

COLLECTION:

The Mendi Memorial Committee intends to perpetuate the memory of our brave dead in some tangible way, and which will bestow lasting benefit to the race. To this end the collection will be taken at the ceremony which will go towards a fund for the establishment of a scholarship and a school of crafts for the general upliftment and enlightenment of the African races Mr. Howard Pim has kindly consented to act as treasurer of the fund and a strong and representative committee will be appointed immediately after the ceremony so that next year every centre in the Union and adjoining Territories may join in the commemoration of the Mendi.

SESUTHO

XOSA

ENGLISH

Haufe le Morena
Haufinyana!
Leha sa tapano
Se ka ntlisa;
Ke ntse ke pheella
Ho ba haufinyana
Le Morena. (bis)

Ndisondeze kuwe,
Tixo wami;
Naxa ndikwelayo
Ngomaqamlezo,
Ndotsho futi aditi
Ndisondeze kuwe,
Tixo wami.

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee;
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer to Thee

Mosepili eloa
Hola ke na;
Ea samileng teje
A robala;
Bosiu a lora
A le haufinyana
Le Morena. (bis)

Naxa ngokuhamba
Nd'hlwelweyo,
Ndingafiki ndawo
Ebusutu,
Ndisondeze kuwe,
Ndikubone, Tixo,
Epupeni.

Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness comes over me,
My rest a stone:
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Mohla ke phahamang
Har'a maru,
Ke sieang lefatse
La mahloko,
Ke tla 'ne ke bine
Ke be ke finyelle
Ho Morena. (bis) Amen.

Nditi, adakuvuka,
Ndikubonge,
Ndilimis'ilitye
Le Betele,
Ndikunjuzwe lilo
Ungakumi futi,
Tixo wami. Amen.

Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise
Out of my stony griets
Beth'el I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer to Thee. Amen.

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne
Thy Saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.
Amen.

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February 10, 1932

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Dear Dr Xuma:

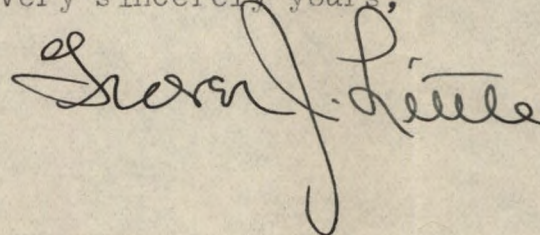
I was pleased indeed to have at Christmas time the announcement of your marriage, and want to take this opportunity to wish for you a very happy married life.

I wish it were possible to hear from you more often. I would like to know what progress you are making in your profession, and to hear something about your cooperation with Max Yergan, our YMCA secretary in Africa, and what you think of his project.

We are undergoing in this country a terrific depression. The foundation walls of many very solid structures are beginning to tremble. We have never had anything like it in the history of our country. Some of the friends that helped you most in this country are feeling the crimp of it at this time.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with best wishes to you and Mrs Xuma, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



Dr A B Xuma
49 Toby Street
Sophiatown
Johannesburg, South Africa

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阿達尊者

Personal

Canton, China

Feb. 12, 1932.



Dear Dr. Inuma:

It is a long time since October 29th (although I hope that it has not seemed so to you) but only yesterday did I receive your much travelled wedding announcement.

We all unite in congratulations and wishes for many happy years of life in your new partnership.

As you may have surmised, I am on sabbatic leave and am spending the time in China, chiefly at Lingnan University here in Canton. I expect to be here until about May 1st, when I shall go to North China.

Mrs. Riley and Alice are well and are greatly enjoying the trip. We wish that we could include South Africa in our itinerary and pay you a visit.

With sincere best wishes and greetings from all of us,

Yours truly,

Wm. A. Riley

THE UNION,
FORT HARE,
ALICE, CAPE.

P.O. BOX 7.

TELEPHONE NO. 55.

Personal

February 22nd 1932.

Dr. & Mrs. A. B. Xuma,
104, End Street,
JOHANNESBURG.

My dear Friends,

Upon my return a few days ago from Cape Town, I found your letter of February 4th which I am very glad indeed to have for it serves to put us in touch with each other again.

I am so pleased to hear of the delightful time which you had at Engcobo and which you have continued to enjoy since your arrival on the Reef. All of this has, I am sure, helped to make possible for Mrs. Xuma an introduction to South Africa, which will mean a great deal as time moves on, and will constitute a most pleasant memory for both of you.

What you say
I appreciate ever so much about the advantages that would obtain if Mrs. Xuma, Mrs. Maxeke and my wife could be living close together. They have so many ideas in common and could do so many things together that I regret that they do not have the benefit of exchanging and pooling their ideas and at the same time being stimulated one by the other. Perhaps something may develop in the future.

My wife is still very tired and in need of a change. This is very difficult to provide in view of the baby and the fact that my wife insists on teaching the children with no break in their school period. This situation is giving me real concern and I fear I shall simply have to insist on making possible some sort of change for her.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to us. I shall like very much to have my wife visit Johannesburg, and it may be possible sometime soon. I myself am planning to come there in March. I had hoped to be there earlier but had to change my plans because of new situations which arose.

My work is going encouragingly and I find myself unable to cope with it satisfactorily. This will continue to be the case until I have some help for, as I pointed out to you/.....

out to you in our discussion here, it is neither possible nor advisable to count on sincere cooperation from a large number of people on the outside. My plan for training workers is moving forward, and I shall give you fresh details of this when I see you.

The children are very well, the baby being in exceptionally good health. They often speak of you and Mrs. Xuma, for they enjoyed your stay with us ever so much. I hope they too may be able to see you soon.

With kindest good wishes to both of you,

Yours very sincerely,

Mr Yergan

MY/EJT

Personal

1833 S Street, N. W.,
 Washington, D. C.,
 March 1, 1932.

My dear sweet Amanda:

I am sure you are going to be glad to get this long delayed letter. I have not been able to write any friendly letters for so long a time that I do not remember when, or to whom I wrote the last letter. One thing I do know; I wrote to you about the last letter I wrote to any one. I have had so many changes in my life, and so many hardships that I scarcely look like the same person. I had to sell my home on 17th. Street, to straighten up some pressing obligations; and soon after I did that the balance of the money with which I had intended buying another home for Evangeline and myself, got tied up in the investment house through which I was dealing, and I had to move back to Portsmouth in my house there. But I was not able physically to stay there. I could not stand the going up and down stairs. I grew weak and thin, and had to look for a place where I would not have to go up and down stairs. I could not find a place in Portsmouth that would do, therefore I came back to Washington and got a small apartment. Of course, dear, since I have always had a home this is not what I would choose; but I am perfectly content, since I know that my Father is leading the way. One thing, I never worry about my lot; and am able to keep happy, although there are times when my dear Evangeline looks like she will not be able to stay with me longer. At those times, I do not worry, but am naturally very anxious. I am now just recovering from a very severe attack of "Grippe", and cannot write much at a time. I just leave this letter on the typewriter and write a few lines at a time. I guess I have told you quite enough about myself, for I have something much more interesting to me about which I want to write.

You could never imagine how very glad I was to receive your letter last month. I did want to know about you so very badly. I did not know where you were, as I wrote to Sierra Leone, then I wrote and addressed the letter to Arthington, and I could not hear anything from you. Just before I left for the Quadrennial, Dr. Young, the pastor at Portsmouth told me he had received a letter from you, and that you were going to get married. Well, that was no news: I knew that already. He did not seem to know where you were, nor when you were to be married. I was then so very weak that I could not stand without something to support me. I did not tell my Physician that I was going to St. Louis, for I feared he would forbid my going; and I felt that I must go, as I knew I could not keep the office of Contingent Treasurer any longer, and wanted to go and take the books and all of the belongings of the office to have them audited and turn them over to the person who should succeed me. O, my, my, I have written a whole lot about myself, and I surely did not intend to do that. Well, to write a word or two about the thing which made me so happy. I am so glad that you are married and have such a fine husband, and that the people made it

so very pleasant for you. You deserve all that they did. I do so much wish that it had been possible for me to have been there.

I have told Evangeline most of it, and she enjoyed it so much. You remember that I have to write every word of whatever I tell her. I write it in her hand, as she cannot hear at all now. I will finish it when I am strong enough.

I suppose you have heard about the Quadrennial. It was a very nice meeting, only the dear women put too much politics in it. They were worse than the men are at General Conference. I did not join in that part at all: I was only able to attend to the work connected with the office of Contingent treasurer. Of course, you know that "Mother Handy" declined to accept the nomination for President, and they elected Mrs. Christine Smith President. Mrs. Clarke was defeated for the Secretary's place, and Mrs. Clara Harris was elected in her place. But, I am sure I do not need to be writing all this, as you most likely have heard all of it before now.

There is much more that I desire to write, but since this letter has been in the writing since the first of this month, I think I had better just send what I have written along, and leave the rest for another time.

Evangeline is fairly good now, but she has had a very severe spell since this letter was started. She sends lots of love to you. She is very happy that you are so happily married.

Give my love to your husband, but keep a great big share for your sweet self.

With my sincere prayers for success to you and your dear husband, As always,

Your devoted "Mother",

J. M. Hunter.

March 17, 1932.

You did not put Dr. Xuma's Christian name in your letter, so I am addressing this in your maiden name.

J. M. H.

Political - General

5925 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

U. S. A.

March 14, 1932

Dr. A. B. Xuma
Johannesburg
Transvaal, S. A.

Dear Doctor:

I wish to extend to both of you my sincere congratulations. I have just read from South African papers an account of your happy union.

No doubt, this will come to you as a surprise. You do not know me, and I doubt if you have even heard of me. However, I am a fellow -

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