Dear Dr. Xuma,

Even since we had a dear little girl here Graham Xuma, your niece in Bophuthatswana - I have followed your career with much interest - from your account of your struggle to obtain your medical qualifications abroad. Your various activities in the town have all aroused in me the deepest admiration for your brave efforts to make a place for Native Medical Men.

How I feel shocked and grieved as if you had been a dear friend when I saw the notice of your great loss in the papers. My deep sympathy goes out to you in your grief - and when I saw your wife's picture in the Bamileke World, my heart was drawn towards her before I realized something so tragic.
My father, Margaret, came out from Scotland in 1867. She lived in missionary work with the old Luja Lupa at Lutaya near Buttembor, later becoming part of the Transkei Welva. In many ways, her life was very fulfilling. My father spent the last 20 years of his life again at Lutaya, where he was buried beside his church. So I have spent most of my life in the Transkei amongst my father's people, trying to keep his memory alive.

I can understand how eager I was to forward to the development of my father's men and women. The training of native medical men had been the keystone desire of my father's life, but he died before this came to pass. I am now returning...
at the age of 41 years I feel sad

Both to my life is work

are near the end. I have

been living here for the last

13 years on a farm making hand

work to all their natural skills.

Rev. Cothlet's father was

my father's first interpreter or
evangelist preacher in the early
day. These were all children.

My sincere good wishes

follow you. May you be

strengthened in your coming

by the never failing, never a miss

"I will never leave thee, I will

never forsake thee." When They

passed through the waters

I will be with thee." — As They

turned true — God hence kept

you in this dark time. May

our little human sympathy

also help you.

With kinder regards, yours

very truly

(Mrs.) A. F. Bidwell

There is something so

beautifully appealing in the expression of

That photo in The Builder World - of these new
Dear Doctor,

I have just lately read in the paper of your very sad bereavement.

Please accept my very sincere condolences, although they may seem so belated. I join with many others in praying that God may sustain your in this time of trial & sorrow.

Believe me to be, dear Doctor,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
My dear Dr Xuma,

I have been meaning to send you this short note for some few days past, and regret that it got overlooked. The news of your wife's death came as a great surprise, and I do want you to know how much I sympathise with you in your great loss. We have ourselves been going through a similar experience in the death of one of our school-boys whom we love very much; I feel therefore all the more able to express to you our heartfelt sympathy. Our prayer is that God may strengthen you in your hold of the certainty of Our Lord's Resurrection, and that you may thereby be comforted. As people pass beyond the veil, and we grow in years, it makes that land of the beyond grow more familiar, and deepens our longing to share in it. May God bless you at this time.

Yours very faithfully,

Alban Winter, C.R.
MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held in the COMMITTEE ROOM of the B.M.S.C. on THURSDAY 17th MAY 1954 at 5 p.m.


APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Messrs J.D.: Rheinallt Jones, A.L. Barrett, I.H. Rathebe, E.W. Xala, and Rev Dr J. Dexter Taylor.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read and passed without alteration.

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed Mr J. Montague Pim (Treasurer) Vice Mr Howard Pim (deceased).

REPORTS:
(a) Mr A.S. Vil-Nkomo read his report on the meeting of The Institute of Race relations which he attended as representative of the B.M.S.C. the report was accepted with thanks.
(b) The report on membership was referred to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

RECORD OF THE late Mr HOWARD PIM'S WORK:
It was agreed to put on record a Minute covering the work of Mr Howard Pim for the Centre, and for the welfare of the Africans generally. The drafting of the record was left to the Chairman and Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE:
The Chairman read a letter from Mr J. Montague Pim accepting the Treasurership also a letter from Mr H.I.E. Dhlomo in which he applied for the use of the Hall to commemorate the Centenary of the emancipation of slaves. It was agreed to allow Mr Dhlomo the Hall free of charge for June 3rd.

NEW MEMBERS:
The following were then elected to membership: Messrs Nsheck N. Nyatlu, Holden Yiba, Mapepe Nkhasi, Obed Makapan, Espin Majombozi, Chief N. J. Molapo, Wilson G. C. Mdlozini, Lazarus Mofokeng, Martin Ehrenreich, David Nkomo, Juda Malea, Zacarina Manong, Ben Moloi, Redvers Andersen, John Motsamai, John Sabatlele, Caswell Matshulu, Nathan Ngwekazi.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

Chairman.
May 20th 1934.

Dear Mr. Xuma,

No words can tell you with what grief and sorrow I heard of your loss some 4 days ago. I was away at the time I did not see the papers. I offer you my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. Xuma's courage and generosity her charm and sincerity will always be an inspiration to me and all who knew her even as slightly as I did. I value her friendship very deeply. Your children will mirror her spirit I know. They will grow to comfort you.

I had knitted a jersey for the little girl, I have been prevented several times when on the point of...
going on to see you. I will send it with affection and respect. I am yours sincerely,

Christabel Edwards.
Dear Dr. Xuma,

I was very sorry to hear, while at Bloemfontein, of Mrs. Xuma's tragic death. I beg you to accept my very sincere sympathy in your great loss, and my prayers that God will grant you His comfort and help at this time of suffering.

Yours sincerely,

Edgar H. Brookes
22nd May, 1934.

Dear Dr. Xuma,

At its last meeting the Joint Council passed unanimously a vote of sympathy to you in your sad bereavement. I have been asked to convey to you the sincere sympathy of the Council which was expressed by all those present rising.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

SECRETARY

ALS/JC
My dear Uncle,

Having heard of mother's death, I felt I had no strength of doing anything. Because when I thought of it and traced it to the fact that it was a drain back on my side. Certainly I found myself an orphan again, for missing such an aunt who had proved to be my mother. I think uncle I told you about the 13/4 for the organ lesson. The time when the Secretary was still Miss Ball and I was never given but now Miss Deack gave it to me and I went to aunt Ricks to join for piano. I was very late and she had already many girls and I had to see Mrs. Stembie about it. But I think I will have the best of it next term. My love to Coocoo, sis & Caipher


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School closes 20th June
R. O. Wilberforce,  
Ebotton, Transvaal.  
23rd May, 1934.

The Chairman of the Board.  
Johannesburg.

Dear Sir,

May we kindly have the honour to disclose to you our attitude towards an event that has (occurred) caused a great alarm amongst us.

We the staff members of Wilberforce Institute that stays within the campus had an assembly on Thursday evening 17th instant, during the absence of our Superintendent, the (embodied) embodiment of the discussion issued from a second event that occurred on Friday night 18th; the realization was that some one has unscrupulously managed to go through into the Secretary's Office, unfortunately was unable to lead into the office of the Superintendent; a pane of the Secretary's office window directly opposite the opening (note) button a hole is cut out to facilitate the opening, and a stone was found inside lying on the floor; the next morning continued.
On the first occasion there was no evident trace of how that some one might have gone in, but the bottom of the drawer that generally keeps the office cash was penetrated in order to rich the cash and part of it was taken away.

Evidently the action door is after money, we therefore humbly bring forth a suggestion to protect as much as possible the Superintendent where ever she may be — in the local village or up at her quarters at the (school) girl's department.

The building has no reliable doors and windows e.g. large windows of large planes and a glass door for the front.

From this circumstances suggestions are therefore given that a safe if possible be provided for the protection of the School Funds; a licence for owning a revolver be obtained for the Superintendent for her due protection.

And lastly that some boys (two) known only by the petitioners be instructed to guard the girl's building by night against an unsuspected attack.

Continued
Hoping that our suggestions will be seriously considered by you Sir.
We are yours humbly,

(i) Samuel J. Molebela
(ii) J. M. Klassen
(iii) G. M. Moloto
(iv) Simon D. Leholi
(v) Bepha L. Leija
Dear Sir,

The Chair and the Committee of the above Association extends to you an hearty invitation to be present at the opening of the Indian Sports Ground (Corner Berea & Durban Streets) Natal Spruit Johannesburg, on THURSDAY 31st May, 1934, by the Mayor of Johannesburg (Councillor D. Pendry Roberts, Esq) at 11 a.m.

We beg to Remain,

(Sgd) Rev. E. E. Sigamoney

Willie Ernest

K. Naransamy.

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

Dear Dr. Xuma,

Since I happened to be writing Bishop Simms, I thought I would drop you a line also, especially since I just finished chatting with Jesse Gibson. He is well and just recovering his new Chrysler which was stolen and stripped of accessories. It was covered by insurance so he is none the worse off other than for inconvenience.

We had a story the other day about Mr. Insull and his benefactions, but I could not place my fingers on the details of your educational experiences at the moment and so did not include you. He has fallen on evil days for which we are all sorry.

Tell us something of your experiences sometime and we will make a story from it.

It might not be a bad idea for you to send us a cut and fifty mats, or to have us make them over here for you. The cost here would be about four pounds.

Such a story syndicated, telling of your life and career and what you are accomplishing in South Africa, should truly be inspirational.

I was down at Tuskegee for Founder's Day. You may know that I have been elected to the Trustee board. It is marvelous there now. Three or four great new buildings over on the old parade ground and new landscaping makes it
beautiful indeed.

Perhaps sometime you may wish to make them some gift of African objects, or even a donation. If so, I would be proud to have it come through me. I know it would arouse intense interest among the students and officials from Dr. Moton on down to know that a former student from so far away remembered them.

With every good wish, I remain,

sincerely yours,

C. A. Barnett
ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS
May 28, 1934

Dr. A.B. Xuma
49 Toby Street,
Sophiatown.

Dear Doctor Xuma:

I hope you are well. This leaves us doing very nicely. Careve is much improved.

I received your letter at Bloemfontein and was very anxious to come to Johannesburg at that time but it was absolutely impossible. My own personal affairs as well as official interests demanded my immediate return to Cape Town. However, I will be soon coming to Johannesburg.

I plan to have a session of the Trustee Board Monday evening, June 11th at the Bantu Social Center. Kindly secure the Center for that purpose for me.

Please get ready all the things which you desire to come before the Trustee Board. W shall want, of course, a report from the Committee which supervised the repairing of the buildings at Wilberforce and a report from the Teacher's Committee. I hope to be in Johannesburg June 5th. Sister joins me in love to you.

Yours faithfully,
Dear Mr. Xuma,

1. Programme. I am glad to be able to send you the full programme of the Conference meetings at Johannesburg. Although it is subject to alteration the programme may be regarded as official, having been arranged by the Conference organisers.

You will notice that I have arranged for the African Education Section to commence on Monday, July 16th, while the other sections do not start until the next day. As the Conference has been advertised to commence on July 16th, members will be in Johannesburg on that day.

You will also see that in certain instances it has been arranged that the African Education Section will not be in session, to enable the members to hear addresses in other sections likely to be of special interest to workers in Native education.

The programme is a full one, but it is hoped by efficient organisation to secure adequate consideration for all the topics to be presented.

2. Papers. I shall be very grateful for your help in the following ways:-

(a) Synopsis. Will you please send me at once a synopsis of your paper so that I may have copies made for circulation among those attending the section. This will make it easier for the audience to follow your argument and help in discussion. As there are to be over forty papers in this section alone at Johannesburg, and as I leave Johannesburg for the Cape on June 23rd and shall not return before July 16th, I am anxious to have the copying done before I leave Johannesburg.

(b) Time. You will be allowed twenty minutes for the reading of, or speaking to, your paper. If your paper is longer than this will you please mark those passages that need not be read out, or if you propose to speak instead of reading, will you please make sure that you get the essential points made in the time allowed. I must count on your co-operation in this matter for I know that the time given is not liberal. I think however you will find that the more crisp the presentation, the better will the following discussion be. As most of those who will be attending the section will have been directly engaged in Native education, you can assume considerable previous knowledge of the topics. The Conference aims at a greater appreciation of the factors operating to create - problems -
problems in Native education and a wider vision of the possibilities of the adjustment of Africans to modern conditions. Too great attention to details should therefore be avoided and thought directed to new and helpful suggestions.

(c) **Publication.** It is likely that all the papers and the essential points in the discussions will be published in the printed report of the Conference. Your paper should therefore be in a form suitable for publication and handed to me at the close of the discussion upon it. May I ask that,

(i) Your paper be neatly typed (double spacing) or legibly written on one side only of the paper;

(ii) that it bear on it your name (with your degree - if any) and the correct designation of the post you occupy; and

(iii) if at all possible, two copies of your paper should be handed in.

As Editor of the African Education section of the Conference Report, I shall greatly appreciate your co-operation in these directions.

(d) **Discussion.** I am arranging for one or two of the overseas speakers to open the discussion after the reading of the papers on certain topics. Will you please let me know the topics on which you would like to be called upon to speak in the discussion. It is likely that lists will be kept of persons wishing to speak in the discussions so that they may be called upon first and without delay. Should there be a general desire to continue any discussion beyond the time allotted, a special session will be arranged during an afternoon period.

(e) **Chairman of Section.** On the urgent request of the Conference organisers, I have agreed to act as Chairman of the African Education section, both at Cape Town and Johannesburg. I have undertaken this onerous task in the belief that you and others will readily co-operate in the smooth working of the section.

(f) **Secretary of the Section.** Mr. A.L. Saffery, B.A. of the staff of the South African Institute of Race Relations, has agreed to act as Secretary of the section in Johannesburg and the secretarial work of the section will be conducted in the offices of the Institute which are located at Room 4, Eastern Basement, Central Block, University Buildings, Milner Park, Johannesburg (Telephone 44-3781).

(g) **Accommodation.** Please communicate with Mr. Saffery or myself if you are in any doubt or difficulty regarding your accommodation arrangements for the Johannesburg meeting.

(h) **Article in "New Era in Education".** I am sending you a copy of an article on Native Education which appeared in a recent issue of the journal of the New Education Fellowship.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

CHAIRMAN
African Education Section

Enclosure.
Dear Dr Xuma,

Would you come and have supper with us at the Priory at any early date? We should be delighted to see you. I do not name any particular day, as I know how busy you are, but leave you free to choose your own day. I am, as you know, being transferred to Penhalonga after this term, and would very much like to meet you before then. Do try and come if you are able. Supper is at 7.

Yours very faithfully,

[Signature]
Wilberforce Institute Institute

Budget for year June 1, 1933 to May 31, 1934.

 Accounts in arrear

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I. Salaries in arrear 1930
1. Salaries in arrear 1930 to January 1, 1932.

II. Salaries
1. Administration.
   a. Principal ------- 300.
   b. Secretary ------- 70.
   c. Matron -------- 60

2. Teaching ------- 1068.

III. Repairs and improvements.
   a. Coppin Hall --- 33.
   b. School Chapel 7.
   c. Gregg Hall -- 15.
   d. Carpentry Shop 15.
   e. Printing shop 6.
   f. Principals cottage 8--10.
   g. Miscellaneous 15.

IV. Supplies General.
1. Principal's Office
   1 steel file-- 6.
   1 Small safe----- 5.
   1 heater-------- 2.
   Advertising------ 6.
   Stationery------ 3--10.
   Stamps and telegrams-------- 5.
   P.T office 1.
   Secretary office 2.
   Miscellaneous--12.

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2. Science Division.
   b. Home Economics 12.

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I. Student fees
   a. Boarders                                                    | 500   |
   (on basis of 80 students and 50% collection = 40)             |       |
   b. Day pupils                                                  | 5     |
   (On basis of 50% = 40)                                         |       |

II. Conference of A.M.E. Church in South Africa                   | 900   |

III. Donations
     I                                                                 | 100   |
     IV. A.M.E. Missionary Department                                 | 400   |
     (America)                                                      |       |
     V. Govt. grant on teachers salary                               | 264   |
     VI. To be provided from other sources                           | 785   |
