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Rev. Dr. H. Booth Coventry,
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CAPE.

Dear Dr. Coventry,

Thank you very much for your letter of 9th May. I was glad to hear that both Mrs. Coventry and yourself are in fair health though feeling the limitations of advanced years, and that you are continuing to play your invaluable part in promoting Bantu welfare by means of your writings.

The causes for which we have at heart are in these days confronted with seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and we can only be sustained by an unshakeable faith in the ultimate triumph of God's righteousness and His loving care for all His people, black and white alike.

In spite of our recent troubles at Fort Hare we are continuing to make fair progress. We have a full complement of students and although it would be unwise to be overoptimistic, I think we have good cause to be satisfied with the way things have gone thus far this year.

I have asked the Registrar to send you some of the information for which you have asked. That will give you some idea of what has been done by our students over the years. As I said to the graduating class at our recent Graduation Ceremony I felt that we can be justly proud of the contribution which our former students are making in various spheres of life in almost every territory in Southern Africa. I made mention of Ellen Ngozwana (now Mrs Kisosonkole in Uganda) who is the first African woman to be a member of the Legislative Council in that country; of Y. Lule who is Minister of Rural Developments in the Uganda Government; of E. Mathu who is a member of the Executive Council in Kenya and of W. M. Chirwa who is a member of the Parliament of the Central African Federation. In the Union itself they are too numerous to mention. We have had our failures and our troubles, but on the whole we can be justly proud of the record of our former students.

Frieda and I are keeping well. Our children are all away from home at various educational institutions or in employment. We see them during their vacations.

With kind regards to Mrs. Coventry and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

J.K.K.