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Dear Professor Matthews,

I am today typing your letter because I happen to have with me a machine which I have borrowed from the office for cutting stencils. Your recent letter was indeed very interesting and I shared the jokes therein with my wife and sisie Rix.

Life here is very quiet from the point of view of anything sensational happening, but at the same time there are several laughable aspects of our environment. In the senate we are like a bunch of quarrelling puppies except that relations have not reached breaking point. Our young lecturers have quarrelled with some highly placed person whose name I shall only disclose to you when you come. The issue was Politics and Fort Hare, I suppose. And of course the N.C.A.W.-Zenzele cum Y.W.C.A. groups are continually falling in and out of each other; just now I understand they have fallen out into several cliques which are however not open. All this is, I suppose, a case of the cats being away and the mice bobbing around. I am referring to the absence of a Principal and the senior members of the Senate.

I understand that Professor J.P. Duminy of Pretoria Technical College has just been appointed Principal of Cape Town university. I understand that our committee will meet about next Monday to consider the question of the Principalship.

I am just now going through the passport application formalities; I am not speculating too much about the end result of all this. All I know now is that if the passport were to come I would not have enough money to pay all my debts before I leave. When I was in Port Elizabeth with a group of students - we had gone down to see factories - I met Prince Yusuf and we conversed much at George Molife's place. I was unavoidably confronted with the man. He told me that he had just come back from Cape Town where he had gone to see the Government. He says he is very anxious to save you. I will tell you all the amusing things he was saying when we meet.

We shall really look out for Professor Murray's evidence. Who are the other experts? Don still sticks to his lordly routine and the girls are more and more taping him off. Muriell is not at all pleased with the arrangement. Apart from declining to write the article on university education I see that he has declined the chairmanship of the Oxford University scholarship, a position he had cooked with Kirkwood.

What is wrong with the Gold Coast Professors?

Greetings from us all!

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