My dear Matthews - Thevmas, I.K.,

My wife and I would like you to know that we are pleased to know that Rhodes University is bestowing an LL.D. upon you. It will rest upon weighty shoulders. I wish I could be present at the Graduation ceremony, but I’m afraid that cannot be.

I have been thinking about our first Graduation. Was it Dr. Roberts or Professor Dingeman who gave the oration? We still have the cushion upon which you knelt on that occasion - which was used at twenty more Graduations. It is in the oak letter at the other end of my study. It looks rather faded but it's quite respectable.

You have had a long period of discomfort and strain; we hope you will now be left in peace. Frieda must have been very anxious.
We hope she is none the worse for it. She must have been worried about Joseph also. What are the other children doing?

We are deeply grieved about No. bolero. It must be trying to him to hear to it. I can't understand how Dr. Kerr managed to bear it. I could say many things about many other matters, but I'd better not.

Every is celebrating its one hundred and fiftieth birthday this month. The Prime Minister is the Prime Minister! The cathedral is celebrating its jubilee while all the bishops are coming; we shall be invited to the Garden Party at Bishops Lea to meet them. That is on the 25th.

I shall be in harness again at the end of May. Our young minister has accepted a call to Parkhill Church, Dunbar. I shall have to take full charge until we can find another incumbent. (That was always amusing to me.) I still feel long without students about me; I suppose I shall never get out of that.

We send you both our congratulations, kind thoughts & best wishes. Yours sincerely,

David A. Darlow.

P.S.: Please give our regrets to Runcorn.
P.S. My wife says it was Dr. Roberts who came the evening of your graduation. His theme was, "Does the road lead up, hill all the way?" He was prophetic: "Yes, to the very end."

I was glad to see in the Cape Times today a hearty appreciation of your article in Optima. "Well done!" The change of tone in some of the Africans' views recently is some speeches books by leaders in the A.R.P. Church have brought a ray of hope at last.