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Mr. Z.K. Matthews
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Dear Mr. Matthews:

I have received your note of May 5 and the copy of your paper on The Church of the Native in South Africa. I have passed it on to The Movement for World Christianity (formerly Modern Missions Movement) people and hope that they will publish it. If not, I'll try some other group, for the paper is too good to remain unpublished.

Be sure, however, to let me know by return if it has been published in whole or in part elsewhere. Publishers are very insistent on this point of original publication.

We were all glad and proud to find you included in the British Government's Education Commission to East Africa. It is a fine recognition of your ability and of the right of the African's representation in his own affairs. I am deeply impressed by the British Government's attitude towards Africans and African culture. Perhaps the more impressed because I am feeling sore at the moment that while we have a dozen British African officials coming to the University of North Carolina-Yale-Hampton Conference, we can only raise three South African representatives: Messrs. Malcolm, Houghton and Johann Renecke. Perhaps the trouble is due to the Carnegie Corporation requiring me to communicate through the South African Government instead of allowing me to make Dr. Kerr or Mr. Rheinallt Jones the intermediary.

We have had a grand year in the Department of Race Relations. Messrs. Ray Phillips, Reinecke (Hawaii) and Carpenter (Belgian Congo) will receive their Ph.D. this Commencement and Messrs. Mukasa (Uganda), Ross (O.F.S.) and Rogers (China) the M.A. Messrs. McDowell (Johannesburg and Oxford), Roberts (American Negro from Virginia State College) and Ross join with Messrs. Mtinkulu, Bunker, Bridgman, Clark (Tuskegee) and yourself in having only to submit an acceptable dissertation to receive the Ph.D. I think you know that Mr. Dale of New Zealand was the first to get his Ph.D. in Race Relations at Yale. I had always hoped that that distinction would befall an African Native - yourself - but I realize how rushed with work you have been since your return. But don't delay things too long, my friend. Some one else may "steal" your excellent dissertation subject.

These are going to be hard years for my department for the Carnegie Corporation has withdrawn its subsidy. Yale and the Phelps Stokes Fund

* Yesterday the Graduate School faculty passed a resolution that a student must complete his Ph.D. within 7 yrs from time he begins graduate work at Yale. This is to prevent people from

"sitting on" good dissertation topics

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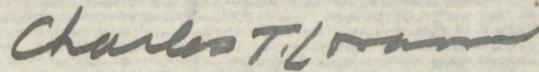
are helping where they can, but they are both short of money and I shall miss the fine support which the Carnegie Corporation has given me so generously these five years. The subject has little more than an academic interest for Americans and I shall miss my foreign students.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of Life not for yourself alone, but for all the old Elis in South Africa. Will you let them see it as they pass through Fort Hare? To Dr. Kerr and the uninitiated you should explain that Life is a popular (even frivolous) magazine and that American college life is not quite the "dolce far niente" it looks. You will see a fine picture of President-elect Seymour, my former class-mate at Kings College, Cambridge and now my "boss".

If I lean heavily on you to guide intending Yale students, take it as the greatest compliment I can pay you.

With cordial greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,



Charles T. Loram.

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