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Mr P. A. Moore, M.P.,  
House of Assembly  
Cape Town.

Dear Mr Moore,

Thank you for your letter of March 27, 1961 in which you send me your congratulations in connection with the decision of Rhodes University to confer on me the honorary degree of L.H.D. I am naturally very pleased and proud about it all. I look upon this as an honour to the African people who in their association with Rhodes University, both as students and as members of Staff at Fort Hare, at no time brought any discredit or dishonour to Rhodes University. Our happy association which was terminated for non-academic reasons will always be remembered and cherished by those who had the privilege to share in it. My one regret is that Professor Burrows, that doughty fighter for Fort Hare, will not be there in person to share that happy occasion with us, but his spirit will be there!

We are passing through troublous times, but as the poet has reminded us 'Say not the struggle naught awhileth'. I feel confident that South Africa has a great & happy future ahead of it, a future in which all its peoples will find their rightful place in our body politics. May it come sooner than we dare to hope!

With kind regards and best wishes for success  
in all your endeavours for a better South Africa  
Yours sincerely  
J.K. Mestres