

SWAZI GRADUATES' RECEPTION COMMITTEE

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c/o Lobamba National Offices
P/B Mbabane,
Swaziland.
21st. March, 1956.

Prof. Z. K. Mathews,
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Forthare.

Dear Sir,

On instruction, from my Committee, I venture to write to you to ask whether it would be possible for you to address us here on the occasion of our GRADUATES' RECEPTION at the Swazi National School, Mathapha, on the evening of the 14th. of July, 1956.

We are honouring the very few of our Swazi men who have achieved these laurels which are still very rare in these parts of dark Africa. I am sure it will interest you to know that, of the five men being honoured, four of them graduated at Forthare.

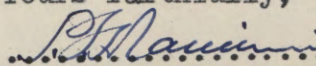
We are purposely not giving you the subject to speak about because, we feel, the occasion will itself suggest a number of subjects which you should choose at will. If anything, I may mention that we would appreciate a talk that will instil more desire on the young Swazi boys and girls to aspire to higher things. His Royal Highness, Sobhuza II and the Resident Commissioner will also speak.

Other Events: The reception will be preceded by the Agricultural Show from the 13th. to the 14th. of July, 1956. Although the date is not yet fixed, it is hoped that "Umhlanga" (girls tribal dance) will take place on or about the 20th. July. I think I should mention also that May-June-July are a hunting season here. If you are interested, we could ask the Swazi King for your participation in this manly sport, too.

Lastly, not least, I must say that we make this request with some apprehension for, to begin with, the journey to here is so long as to make the venture somewhat expensive. Secondly, our country is very small - educationally, economically as well as geographically. It is an interesting anomaly, however, that our very backwardness (or should I say ignorance of our life and country) makes us a hunting ground for anthropologists and/or research workers. It is for this last reason as well as your interest in education generally and the African in particular that makes us feel that our request will appeal to you.

Believe me to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,


Secretary/Reception Committee
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