

Robben Island Gaol,
P. O. Robben Island.

16th October, 1968.

Mrs K. J. Marquard,
Windrush,
Draiper Street,
Claremont, Cape.

My dear Nell,

Thank you for your letters of 27th July and 12th September. I am sorry I didn't answer the July letter earlier. I can't understand what happened unless I was waiting for the children's visit. Please accept my apologies.

As you now know, Veronica came instead and we had a joyful time together - alone for a while. She brought me the malt you had recommended and some gargling stuff which I have found very useful. She told me also of your letter to her and the birthday present. Thank you a lot.

It is just possible that you will have heard by now that I have been successful in my B.Sc. Econ. exams: I

obtained a Third Class Honours. I have written to register for the B. A. Hon. (English). You'll be able to help me there. I hope I am mistaken and they do not require Latin as a prerequisite. French I may endure, but Latin I can't take at all.

Thank you for your comments on the U.S.A. and Japan. As you observe, it is remarkable how greatness and pettiness, refinement and barbarism graze contentedly on the same pasture. I have always been an ardent supporter of the ecumenical movement. Of late I have gone a step farther: I should like to see an Inter-Religion movement designed to bring together the worshippers of God — be they Jews, Christians or Muslims.

I had the pleasure of meeting Lord Walston when he was out here, and I enjoyed the few minutes we had together. He left me a copy of the address he delivered at the Wits. I thought it was very fine.

The verse in Jeremiah 45: that you refer to is translated thus:

"I will let you escape with your ^{own} life, wherever you must go" (Moffatt Version).

"Your life will I give to you as a (snatched up) prize of war wherever you go." (Amplified Old Testament).

Thank you for the message from Prof. Stuart. It was a pleasure to attend his classes and I am grateful that he was able to serve in Lesotho as well.

When Veronica was out here she picked up Snow's The Masters and enjoyed the opening chapters immensely. She took the book away with her and I am really eager to know what she thought of it.

And how did you enjoy your brief absence from mature Cape Town? And how is Leo's health standing up to the strain of his numerous offices?

Thank you for John Buchan's book: and I hope I thanked you for the Sydney Smith biography by Bullett. I get the Reader's Digest regularly, well, thanks. Benjie pays the annual subscription for that.

My mother tells me you wrote to her. Thank you. Like you, I feel it would be an occasion for celebration if we could meet: not to discuss but just to talk or keep silent

as the mood takes us. I am becoming quite sentimental about you and that gives me hope that I am not an insompatible racist.

Alles van die beste.

Yours affectionately,
Robert

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