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CLAREMONT.

My dear Nell,

I am almost ashamed to write: I have been owing you a reply for so long that if you were not you <sup>now</sup> would have washed your hands of the ingrate by now!

The New Yorker, The Listener & Guardian have been reaching me regularly and I am hard pressed to keep up with them for they are so packed with information that one feels one has to read every page carefully. Thank you very much for them.

And thank you also for the books and the Christmas gift. You see what I mean? not even a note to acknowledge your gifts of love: just a huge monastic silence!

I loved both books. The Greeks always fascinated me - the classical lot, that is; not the cafe-owners we have around here.

There's so much to tell, I don't know where to start. However first, about my articles. The Law Society has finally written to say they have no objection to my serving articles, provided the prohibitions in my banning Order regarding attendance at Court are relaxed. We have written to the Chief Magistrate asking that these prohibitions be relaxed seeing that attending Court is part & parcel of the training of an articled Clerk.

The children all passed but rather poorly. The two elder are doing Form B this year: one of the twins has just passed Dtd VI and is doing Form A at St Agnes, Teyateyaneng where the sister is. The other twin who is more of a socialite than a scholar is doing VI this year, I, too, passed my first year exams but also rather poorly.

This year I MUST pass Latin if I am to do Roman Law next year. And I have to start from scratch, what a pity you're so honest, I could have had you come up to Kimberley and write the exam for me. Of course there is the difficulty of the Reference Book which one has to produce before entering the exam room.

Professor Donal Stuart wrote ~~to~~ me a touching letter from Canada. They so miss Africa ! He would have liked to come to Botswana, but the children do not share his missionary Zeal.

*Another letter following soon.*

Affectionately,

*Robert.*

ROBERT.

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