

978, 17th Avenue,  
Clermont Township,  
P.O. Cleonaills.

26th January 1960.

Dear Mr. Paton,

Fate and circumstances have not allowed me to honour my word. You helped me out of a difficulty that might have had rather frustrating results on me. For this I sincerely thank you. Nevertheless, it troubles me to realize that with the lapse of time it has possibly come to a time when you can justifiably conclude that most Africans cannot honour their promises. But to that, sir, I may only say that we sometimes fall so much victims of circumstances that we even forget to do the right thing at the right time. Mostly, we are to blame though.

I've been out of work for the last five months to date. All my trials have so far been in vain. Although I'm at a point of despair I still believe that God doesn't settle all His accounts on the first day of October. It is <sup>that you know</sup> my request, sir, <sup>my</sup> that although you must <sup>be</sup> gravely disappointed you have in me one who will one day definitely meet his responsibility. It sounds incredible but depend upon it, sir, I mean it.

It has been a long spell of hoping against hope that has kept me quiet for so long. It never occurred to me that things could be as grim as I'm finding them.

Thank you.

I am, sir,

Andries Blose.

172  
23 Lynton Road,  
KLOOF.

16th February, 1960.

Dear Mr. Blose,

I am glad that you wrote to me about your difficulties. I shall not try and push you at all, but I shall believe in your word.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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