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MIRFIELD. YORKS.

My dearest Alan,

It was good beyond words to get your letter - and please tell Donnie how truly grateful I was for hers also: which I think I failed to acknowledge. At the moment I've got a secretary for the 'business mail' so I'm indulging myself in writing at once to you. I was sent your Capricorn article & today I had a very long letter from Cyril Dunn - who is much more sceptical than you are about CAS, in its intentions & in its practice. But then he hasn't got the Paton idealism! I am confused. I don't think I'll sign anything. I'm already too far away to be sure, and I think all your criticisms of me are just, and anyhow I can't answer them from this distance and with the months lengthening between me & Africa. I only still feel that we are in greater danger of losing contact with the inevitable African nationalism than of almost anything else. How do we stop African nationalism turning bitter? Not by passing it by on the other side, I know. That is the way to swift disaster. But I'm awfully conscious of my weakness in condoning faults, truly I am. Thanks a thousand times for your care of the Mariannhill lads. I'm sorry they are so ill-mannered: please tell them such things if you get the chance. I think that too may be my fault. If you can spare a £100 of the £600 would it go to

"my" special Discriminatory fund c/o Mr. O.V. Hole, 74 Meyer St, Sophiasoun
 which helps in innumerable ways? The specific way I would
 much like to use it (if you approve) is to help a European missionary
 + his wife to get a decent holiday after 13 years. I'd prefer to
 keep their names anonymous + if you send the cash to Mr. Hole
 I will write + tell her what to do with it. But I shouldn't be hurt
 if you decide not to. I love your poem: + will transcribe it.
 I do pray for you + Donie, + with much thankfulness, for our friendship.
 And I beg your continued prayers. The ache grows no less. And even
 when it does, this surgery has left me with something tremendously
 missing. I am beginning to believe that it is a case of "If thine eye offend thee..."
 + that it's the only way God can deal with my pride + arrogance. But it's HARD.
 All love T. ch.



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