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Alan Paton Esq.,
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Kloos,
Natal,
SOUTH AFRICA

Yes

Dear Mr. Paton,

I hope you will forgive me for writing to you about a book which we will be publishing next year by Father Charles Hooper, the Chaplain at the Convent of St. John the Divine, 348 Loop Street, Pietermaritzburg.

He was the Anglican incumbent at Zeerust for some time, and his book is an account of his experiences there, of the troubles caused by the Pass Laws in the native reserve, and the activities of the authorities in that area. It is, in my view, a most moving book and one which deserves to be read by the public at large and receive the most serious attention.

I wondered if you would consider writing an Introduction to it of anything between 1,200 and 2,000 words? We have only one manuscript in this country which is now revised and ready for press, and I would suggest, if it is possible, that you get in touch with Father Charles Hooper, to whom I have written by the same post and who will be able to supply you with a copy of his m/s. I know that an Introduction by you would be of great assistance in getting the book noticed not only in this country, but also in America.

If you feel that you can undertake it, or indeed if you cannot, I would be most grateful if you would drop me a line.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonham Carter
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23 Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal, South Africa.

29th December, 1959.

Mr. Mark Bonham Carter,
Messrs. Wm. Collins Sons & Co.,
14 St. James's Place,
LONDON SW1.

Dear Mr. Bonham Carter,

The answer to your letter of December 10 is in the affirmative, providing of course that I can get a copy of Father Charles Hooper's MS., but I do not anticipate any difficulty about this.

Yours sincerely,

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6th January, 1960

Alan Paton Esq.,
23 Lynton Road,
Kloos,
Natal,
South Africa.

Dear Mr. Paton,

I could not have been more delighted to receive your letter of the 29th December saying that you are willing to write an introduction to Father Hooper's manuscript. I am sure you will agree with me about its quality.

We are reserving you space for from 1,200 to 2,000 words at the beginning of the book which is going to set, and we look forward to receiving your copy. It really is most good of you to take this trouble.

With my best wishes for 1960,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonham Carter

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Dear Mr Bonham Carter,
Here is the introduction.
It is about 1800 words in
length. You would have had it much
sooner, but I sent it to Hooper for
comments, & then made some changes.
You might be surprised to hear how
long I took over the job. Yours S

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