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TOC H

TOC H (S.A.) (W.O. 400.)

C/o P.O. BOX 922,
DURBAN.

1st September 1960.

Dear Alan,

At our meeting in Pietermaritzburg last Sunday the following motion was put and agreed to unopposed :-

"Toc H Natal Area from its Annual Rally and Council Meeting sends you its hearty congratulations and good wishes upon your receipt of the Freedom Award".

I add my personal congratulations. It is a long way back along the road to the time when we met in the Creamery basement together with A.J., D.V. and Reg Etheridge, all now with the Elder Brethern. The fellowship seemed more joyous and satisfying then. Perhaps advancing age and sophistication do their work.

There were forty-eight present at our rally. My younger son, aged 23, and his friend were the only youths there, and of the remainder anyone was literally old enough to be their father.

I have the idea that hard times will drive men together for fellowship as it did in the depression, and we older ones must therefore keep the Toc H lamp burning.

You must feel rather lonely at times up there on your mountain!!

Yours sincerely,

Cyril Maud

NATAL AREA CHAIRMAN.

*Yours as ever
C.M.*

*Dear Cyril,
Thank you for
your letter of
September 1,
for sending
the message
of congratulations
from the
Natal Area Rally.
I don't think
we must expect to
feel the same emotional
high & satisfaction
that you felt in Toc H when you were young.
It would be against nature!
Yes, I feel a bit lonely up here at times,
but on the whole, I would rather it was that way.
I should really hate to feel at home in
South African society. That has drawbacks of course, & may
even be due to personal defects. But it is the best I am lying on!*

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