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CAPE.

My dear Comrade,

I thank you for your letters, one came direct from Nyasaland, the other came as a pleasant surprise from East London with a strange handwriting.

I am glad to learn that the Nyasaland Government succeeded to help you to pass through Rhodesia.

British colonists have not that usual known fairplay we used to read about in the early days. Even here in South Africa, they give one a certain measure of concern. The name of Cecil Rhodes as represented by Rhodesia is somewhat abused. It was well for South Africa that you decided not to be attracted by the kind offer of Nyasaland to return there to lead them. I think you would have committed a big blunder.

With all the sins of this country South Africa, you were at last blessed by obtaining a very good partner in the person of Mrs. Kadalie. Your work at East London claims your presence. May it be that in latter years you may be free to move about.

I am giving the Editor of Ilanga your story. The Ilanga did publish that statement we made about your proceeding to Nyasaland. I think the Editor will certainly publish this news item which will interest many of our African readers.

I am not sure if I will go to Bloemfontein because I am pulling out of Congress. I have never found a good home in the Congress. I hinted to you sometime early this year that I was thinking of leaving Congress.

I am glad that you appreciated my provision to you and Mrs. Kadalie. I could do no more than that, to show my sense of gratitude to you both. With the ups and downs in our life we are blessed because we still maintain that Comradeship that was established in the year 1925. It was through our Combination that the first history of the African Trade Unionism was written. It was through that Combination that the European rulers recognized the claims of the working classes as a living unit.

We were attacked from all sides. We were damaged and separated, but we have refused to remain separated till the walls of the graves keep us.

Our lives are still dedicated for African liberation.

Yours faithfully,

A.W.G. Champion

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