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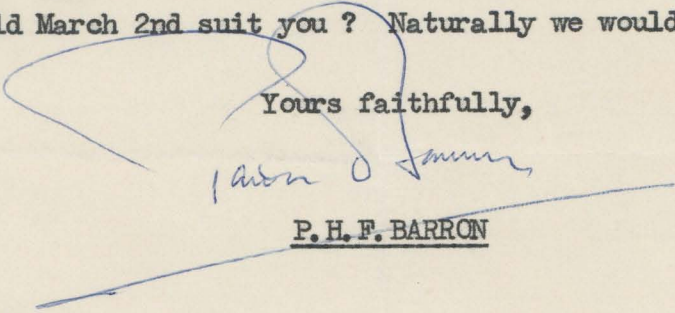
Mr. A. Paton,
P.O. The Kloof,
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Dear Mr. Paton,

I am proposing to have a series of Lenten lectures in the Darragh Hall at 1.10 p.m. for 30 to 40 minutes. The series I want to entitle "Where" (or "Whither") and the course will contain such subjects as "Where are we going in Africa?" (the subject I would like you to do), in International Affairs, Reunion, Johannesburg, Church life, Youth. Obviously I would like the lectures from the Christian angle.

Would March 2nd suit you? Naturally we would pay your expenses.

Yours faithfully,


P. H. F. BARRON

23 Lynton Road,
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25th January, 1960.

Dear Mr. Barron,

Thank you for the invitation to give one of your Lenten lectures in the Darragh Hall on the subject "Where are we going in Africa?" I am glad to accept this, and to deal with the subject in this way:-

The challenges to a Christian in South Africa of racial prejudices, racial loyalties, fear, and the increasing segregation of group from group;

The challenges to white Christians in particular of racial discrimination, and racial privilege, and the questions posed to white Christians by liberatory movements and forthright demands for justice;

The problems confronting the Church in these circumstances, the danger that white Christianity becomes identified with the status quo, while black Christianity becomes identified with justice and change;

The difficulty in meeting the challenges offered by materialism, nationalism, totalitarianism, even the difficulty of meeting the challenges of Islam, when one opposes to all these things a corrupt Christian religion.

I shall try to deal with these subjects from a Christian point of view, but I would not naturally be able to omit political considerations, nor do I think you would ask me to.

Thank you for your offer to pay the expenses. Now that I have decided to go to Johannesburg, I shall do other things as well. Perhaps we could discuss the matter when we meet.

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