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Miss J. M. Petersen,  
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Dear Miss Petersen,

Thank you for your letter of August 24th. I am now writing the last chapter of the book. It has turned out to be a much bigger book than I thought possible, something like 180,000 words.

It is problem of editing that troubles me. When I wrote the life of Hofmeyr I spent several weeks with the editor of the O.U.P., He suggested certain changes to which I agreed, and others to which I did not feel able to agree. Luckily we were friends from young manhood, and the whole thing went off very well. It does trouble me that you are so far away.

I am allowing one more person to read the book, and that is Bishop Cowdry, who was chaplain to the Archbishop for some years. If the present Archbishop of Cape Town wishes to read it, I shall feel obliged to agree. What I do wish, however, is that you or your representative could come to South Africa for a week or so. Is there any hope of that? If you are able to come, then the sooner the better, for your sake and mine, and the book's.

Yours sincerely

A.S.Paton