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The Bishop of Stepney,
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Dear Trevor,

Thank you for your letter of March 1st. I have had a letter from Dorothy Maud answering the questions you asked her, for which I thank you.

She says "may I beg" that no mention is made of Ned Patterson "he is still alive and I think it would hurt him, which I should hate". I do not like leaving Ned Patterson's name out, and I do not think that the hurt to him would be intolerably great. The story itself is very important because it shows that Geoffrey thought very highly of Dorothy Maud's work, and this gave him the chance to prove it, because as you know, he was not given much to private praise. I have three choices: I can either tell the story as I know it, I can tell it omitting the name of Ned Patterson, or I can omit it altogether, and I have written to Dorothy Maud to tell her that I am willing to abide by your decision as umpire.

In a certain book called "Nought For Your Comfort" of which you may or may not have heard, there is on page 211 a mention of a Miss K. whose letter to "The Star" led to the African Children's Feeding Scheme. I don't know why the author of this somewhat obscure work referred to her by her initial because apparently her letter to "The Star" appeared over her own name. Is there any reason why the name should not be mentioned, and if there is not, would you please let me know what it was?

I have reached 1945 and Chapter 19. It has been read by Paddy Goldie and a University lecturer in English, Tony Morphet, and their suggestions have been very helpful. Now did you ever get the first half dozen chapters from the S.P.C.K.? I told them that I wanted you to see them. They are not priceless because I have other copies, and in any event they do not represent the final version. If you get time and you can write me your reflections of your time with Ambrose and why Geoffrey and Ambrose could never get on, it would be helpful to me.

One last and big question. Was there ever any speculation in England in 1945 that Clayton might become Archbishop of Canterbury? Yes and French-Beytogh tell me that he received a cable from Times asking if he had been approached.

Yours ever