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The Rt. Rev. S. M. Wood,
Bishop of Matabeleland,
Bulawayo

Dear Bishop,

Thank you for your letter of July 19th. I have also had a letter from Mrs. Lessing in which she said that she did not know that Archbishop Clayton was nervous of women. She says that she had got the impression that his attitude towards them was rather like that of St. Paul. I think it very probable that St. Paul was nervous too. I must say that I am now quite baffled by the photograph. The bishop did not like touching or being touched, and I can only suppose it was a miracle. Please tell your wife that I have come to the conclusion that Clayton liked frightening women, and that he could not help it because he was very frightened himself.

I shall just tell you one story. When he was in Chesterfield, his curate ~~Daniel~~ Harris had his sister to stay for a few days in the vicarage. Clayton's greeting to her was "How do you do. When are you going?"

I have reached 1954, but my progress is slow.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Alan Paton