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Dear Bishop,

I am writing the biography of the late Archbishop Geoffrey Cleyton, and Mrs. Lessing of Sunnyside, Pretoria, has sent me a photograph taken on the occasion of Sylvia Larkin's confirmation, and in which you appear. I am afraid that the snapshot will prove to be too small for publication in the biography, but there is one thing that is very fascinating about it. It is almost certain that the Bishop was afraid of women, but the snapshot seems to show him with one arm round Mrs. Prinsloo and the other arm round Sylvia Larkin, and Mrs. Prinsloo seems to have her hand on the Bishop's shoulder. This confirmation took place in about 1948, but I wonder whether perhaps you can remember anything about this particular occasion. Was the Bishop particularly friendly with this family?

I would be very grateful if you could let me have any information which you think might be of interest for the biography.

Yours sincerely

Alan Paton