



THE VILLAGE BOOK STALL

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Mr. Douglas F. Woolley  
Charles Scribner's Sons  
597 Fifth Avenue  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Woolley:

It has been a stirring experience to read CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY. The rare qualities of this beautifully written story place the book, by itself, in the highest niche among current novels. There is great simplicity and yet suspense in Alan Paton's writing. When an author can portray, so beautifully, compassion, tolerance, love and courage and make the reader feel so intensely about his characters; in my opinion, he has reached the supreme test of real writing. Although the character studies (especially of the old parson) appealed to me the most the book contains many other outstanding features. The African setting is delightfully described and I think it is also a very timely social study.

I think Charles Scribner's Sons are fortunate to be publishing such an unusual book and I hope they will appropriate a large sum to advertise it. I will do everything I can on this end.

Thank you for the privilege of reading the advance sheets.

Sincerely yours,

*Frances W. Pinkham*

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