



Dec 11/26/26

103, Fifth Avenue,
Mayfair,
Johannesburg.
17th June, 1953.

Dear Mr. Paton,

I notice in last night's "Star" that you are publishing a book about a South African policeman, who brought about the social destruction of his family by offending against the Immorality Act.

In my pursuit for information for a book which I had hoped would be published about him, I came across very unusual features and the horrible suspicion jumped to my mind that it might be my father you were writing about. But, of course, it could not be.

My father's papers I cannot go on because I am crying. I seem to do such a lot of that. I have a little capability but I am getting nowhere as I am worrying about certain matters and just do not know what to do about the book I had in mind. It should be written about a wonderful man, who "Surrendered, Only in Death". Could you not help me with it? If you can, I shall send you some of his papers to go through.

Yours sincerely,

Edith M. Trumble.

Alan Paton Esq.,
Toc H TB Settlement,
Botha's Hill,
NATAL.