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P.W.D. H/Q,
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Dear Pintasilgo,

I received your letter some few days ago, just this week, and I am very much obliged to you both for your good wishes and, also, for the keen interest you have shown in the life and problems of the African University Students.

I am really sorry that your letter delayed so long, but, since this was due to the fact that I was away for Christmas holidays at the time you wrote, I hope you will not be discouraged by that.

Your questions are very good and they go far to show that you are interested in our African problems. In reply to your questions I would like to tell you that

despite the fact ^{that} there are organized groups of catholic students in most of the universities in Africa, yet, such organizations are not very many, because these universities are few in comparison to the huge size of the African continent. The universities are really isolated. They are usually separated by hundreds of miles, whilst they are very young on the other hand.

The catholic groups in these university colleges are full of zeal for the success of their apostolic work. This is shown in the fact that, in spite of, their being few in number, the catholic students are usually organized for the purpose of doing their apostolic work. Unfortunately, apart from the Union of South Africa where there is a Federation affiliated to Pax Romana, the groups in the universities outside South Africa are not united. I may even say that they know little

about each other. For example, before I read the "African Newsletter" last year, I did not know that there existed organized Catholic students groups in the universities in West Africa, and for that matter in central and north Africa.

This should not surprise you because ~~on~~ a great number of our universities are very young. For instance, Makerere University College here in East Africa did not receive university status until 1950.

We are however quite aware of the big task before us and we hope that we shall soon organize ourselves into a Federation which should be affiliated to Pax Romana. In fact, last year, when I was the head of St. Ferdinand's Society of the Engineering school, we held many meetings with members of St. Augustine Society of Makerere University College and we discussed the possibility of forming a Federation in East Africa.

I shall send you the name of a Catholic university woman later when I find out the head. I am sorry for not knowing French.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Charles Kile.

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