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My dear Warden

Samuel Moroka the son of the chief  
of the Baralongs came to St. Augustine's  
with Jeremiah the son of the great  
Basuto chief Moshek, whom he  
always treated with respect as the son  
of his Father's "over-lord". They  
were accompanied also by two Kafirs  
(They <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ not themselves strictly  
speaking Kafirs), who were finer men,

but not so high in rank, being sons  
of Cornellors and 1st Chiefs. The  
four had been at the Bishop of  
Cape Town's College at Rondebloem  
near Cape Town. The two Kafir  
it was thought would be clergymen. <sup>unordained</sup> ~~But~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~so~~, and Ikar, Velere, conducted him-  
self well. Edward died. <sup>Jeremiah</sup>  
And Samuel were not educated with  
a view to being clergymen, but of father  
carefulness among their people.

We were told that Samuel would succeed  
his Father. And I believe that he would  
have done so, as he was his Father's favorite,



and also popular. But his marriage  
was unfruitful. And he was urged  
to marry to take another wife, that  
he might have a son, as they were  
not likely to be content with a sonless  
chief. This however he refused to  
do, as he is a Christian. So far as  
I know, he has been in a most trying  
position, as his worldly interests were  
opposed to the dictates of his Christian  
conscience.

All this I am giving from memory on <sup>the subject</sup>  
of what I can recollect of the letters of  
George Mitchell. He was Samuel's great  
friend in College, and went as Missionary

to his country where he was for many years.  
But he left some time ago, and is  
somewhere in the Diocese of Bloemfontein.  
He is a correspondent of Mrs Cartledge,  
and has made one admirable newspaper  
article of his containing the account  
of the disappointment of Samuel's  
hopes about the chieftaincy is printed  
in the Occasional Paper, but I cannot  
lay my hand on them at present to send  
out with.

Samuel was always well conducted in College.  
And not merely that. He had the manners  
and feelings of a gentleman.

If he comes to Canterbury, I should like to see  
him here. I have written a short note to  
him, which you can read; and then close  
up and forward if you please.

I am your sincere  
G. R. Ormer.