

On est prié d'adresser les lettres à
M. le Président de la Société des
Missions évangéliques, n° 21, rue
Franklin, à Passy.

Et les Effets et Mandats sur la
Poste, à l'ordre de M. J. SCHULTZ,
Secrétaire du Trésorier de la Société,
rue de Londres, n° 25, à Paris.

Les objets en nature, à l'Agence
de la Société, n° 27, rue de Tivoli.

SOCIÉTÉ DES MISSIONS ÉVANGÉLIQUES

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7 April 1870

My Dear Mr. Cheston,

It is rather long since I last wrote to
you & considering all the trouble and
fatigue you have taken & still take
on our behalf & that of the Basutos,
my silence might be easily construed
into ungratefulness. Say rather despon-
dency. Oh! I have had a dream the
which my soul has long during nearly
forty years! True, I had no right to
have such dreams in a world like
this & in those iron days of cold,
short-sighted, selfish utilitarianism.
My dream was what he beheld, in the name
of God & through the means of the
Gospel, the blessings of the present life

as well as those of the life which is
to come, on a poor people who had
thrown itself, as it were, in my arms
& those of my brethren, when it was
yet unknown not only to Europe, but
even to the Cape Colony. I thought, and
am still persuaded, it would ^{have} been a
 boon not only to the natives, but also
to the colonists. I have toiled, remon-
-strated, tried, by every possible means,
to enlighten the only ^{power} ~~people~~ that
could profitably acknowledge the rights
of that people, encourage its efforts
to attain to civilization. It was but
a dream! Disappointment has followed
Disappointment, ruin has come upon
ruin; memorials, petitions, representa-
-tions, intercessions, all has been of no
avail; hope has now departed from
my heart. A few years more, if so
much, & as easily as the white settlers
has, under the eye of powerful and
clear sighted England, lately seemed to

himself the help of the Basuto country,
as easily will he take the rest. The last
of the Basuto will have sunk discon-
solate in his grave & his people will
be numbered among the things that were
& which are no more. There will be
accomplished the saying of Proverb:
"The black man is destined to disappear
before the white, as the dew under the
rays of the sun."

It shall not be your fault, dear
& esteemed friend, you have done, you
still do all you can & may God
direct & bless your plans for further
efforts.

My dear colleague, Mr. Dummer
proposes to return to South Africa.
What awaits him there. many
scorpions & adversaries may be foreseen,
but he will have the reward of a
good conscience & God is his shield.
Once more, many many thanks to

you & the noble friend who have
stood & still stand on the breast.
I have been of late tried by bo-
-dily indisposition & pressure of
work.

Believe me Yours gratefully
& affectionately.

E. Casalis